

February 2023



Guests take time to enjoy some comfy bean bags and the reading station at Family Literacy Night.

Literacy Family Night

Our most successful family night so far this year took place in January, with hundreds of patrons showing up to take part in some great literacy stations such as scavenger hunts, board games, and the super-popular book swap! Our next family night is Healthy Family Night, which will be held on February 23rd. Planned activities include fitness, wellness and mindfulness stations, and a healthy smoothie for all participants!

Global Play Day

A staple in the school for several years prior to Covid, students were excited to have the return of Global Play Day on February 1st. Each classroom had different activities set up including painting, chess, reading, drawing, clay, as well as the ever-popular box-building in the gym. Students were free to move from class to class for unstructured play during the afternoon. Thank you to families who donated boxes and to the students who helped to clean it all up at the end of the day.



Grades 4-6 Vista Ridge Visits

Grades 4-6 were super lucky to have two excellent days of skiing in January! Mild temps meant lots of smiling faces, especially since this was the first ski trip in three years. Many students have already returned to the ski hill on their own, having discovered a new passion. Thank you to the parent volunteers who helped out!

Students participate in Global Play Day



Upcoming Dates

- February 15th and 16th: Parent-teacher conferences
- February 17th: PLF no school for students
- February 20th: Family Day no school
- February 22nd: Pink Shirt Day
- February 22nd: Virtual School Council Meeting (7:30 pm)
- February 23rd: Healthy Family Night
- February 24th: Popcorn day
- February 27th-March 3rd: Convention Week (No School)



KG students enjoying a visit to the Discovery Center in February

New Chromecart Arrives!

CG has been growing a lot this year, and with the addition of more students, our technology needs have also increased. Thanks to the tireless efforts and generous contributions of our CG Parent Fundraising Association, we have purchased an additional chrome cart for grades 5s and 6s. This beauty will be hitting the halls soon, and the students and staff are very appreciative of this new tool!

STEM Quest Club

Stem Quest is a new, after-school club at CG, run by two grade 12 students from Westwood High School. Stem stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. The club, for grades 5 and 6, meets once every two weeks on Mondays. At Stem Quest meetings students learn Stem topics like Binary code and Divisibility.



Leader In Me Highlight

Habit 2 means to Begin With the End in Mind. This means setting short and long-term goals, and then planning ahead to reach those goals. At CG, students are encouraged to set goals that have meaning for themselves and their home, community or school. We recognize that everyone has things they can get better at, like focusing on our work in class, brushing our teeth at night, or being nicer to our siblings. Pick one thing you need to do better. Start doing it, and you will see the results!



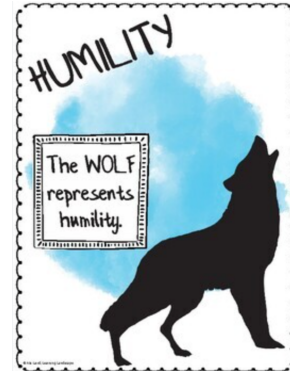
Smencil Fundraiser

The Smencils (or smelly pencils) are a fundraiser that the Inclusion Advisory Committee is doing to raise money to purchase more gross motor equipment such as swings, chairs, balance balls and more. Over 650 pencils were ordered, raising over \$500 for new equipment. The pencils will be delivered to classes the week of Valentines Day.



Dene Hand Games

February was an exciting month at Mac Island as the Arctic Winter Games were in town. As part of the activities, select students from grades 4-6 were able to travel downtown to watch the Dene Hand games. Led by Mrs. Moore, this group of students hopes to form an extracurricular club and partake in more events this year.



7 Sacred Teachings

The Humility Teaching tells us that all living beings are equal, with no one being better than another. While we can be proud of ourselves and our accomplishments, it is important to not think of ourselves as better than another person.

The wolf also teaches us to be humble, and to think about others. When we think of just ourselves, we are selfish. Being humble doesn't mean thinking less about yourself, it means thinking about others more.

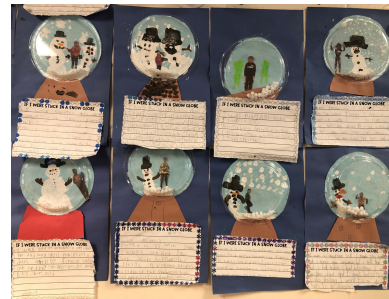
In the Seven Sacred Teachings, wolves represent humility because they live in packs and depend upon each other for survival.



Grade 3 students made these Wolf art pieces as they learned about the wolf teachings this past month.

Leadership Spotlight: Library Leaders

A new year means a new Leadership Group! We have recently started the Library Leaders group. This fantastic group of student volunteers from grades 3 and 4 meet once a week at lunchtime to help tidy shelves and replace books so that there are always plenty available for when classes come by! Library leaders will be a rotating group, with two more sets of students set to take up the shelves before the end of the year!



These ELA/Art integrated projects were on display in Grade 2 this month. What would you do if you were stuck in a snow globe?

Student Led Parent Teacher Interviews

Our second round of parent-teacher conferences will be taking place on February 15th and 16th, many of which will feature a student-led feature. Use the following link to sign up for your spot today!
<https://christinagordon.fmpsdschools.ca/bookings>



2023-2024 ECDP OPEN HOUSE DATES

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM OPEN HOUSE

CHILDREN MUST BE 3 YEARS OLD ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2022 TO ENTER THE PROGRAM IN SEPTEMBER

MARCH 22, 2023 5:00 - 7:00 PM	MARCH 23, 2023 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
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- École Dickinsfield Public School (F)
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BOOK FAIR

DATE / TIME

FEBRUARY 15 - 5:00 - 7:45 P.M.
FEBRUARY 16 - 4:00 - 6:45 P.M.

Newsletter Leaders

Thank you to the following students for the contributions to this month's newsletter!

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