

January 2024



Grade 3 students enjoy their trip to ther Discovery Center

Discovery Center Trips

Several classes have been making trips to the Discovery Center over the last few weeks, including Kindergarten, some Grade 5s, Grade 3s and Grade 4s.

The exhibit hall is always a favourite, where kids can learn about the oil sands through the different displays, especially the different examples of how viscous bitumen is, and getting up close to some of the equipment like the heavy hauler truck. The guided programs align with our science program where kids complete experiments in topics such as chemistry or Simple Machines.

The Grade 3s and 4s had the opportunity to use K'Nex to build complex machines that move, learning about the simple machines included in each of their builds. The cost of these programs was covered by the support of our Parent Fundraising Council.

Vista Ridge Visit

Although we lost our Vista Ridge days for grades 5 and 6 due to the extreme cold temperatures in early January, the grade 4s were able to enjoy their ski trip to Vista Ridge on Jan 24th. Students had a great time with their friends as many tried skiing for the first time ever.

Thank you to our parent volunteers for helping to chaperone this event.

Next up will be the grade 3s who have their tubing trip in March!



Upcoming Dates

Feb 1 - hot lunch orders open for March
Feb 2 - PD day
Feb 7 - popcorn orders due
Feb 9 - popcorn day
Feb 14 - pink shirt day
Feb 16 - PLF
Feb 19 - no school for Family Day
Feb 20 - Student-led conferences 5-8
Feb 20 - hot lunch order close
Feb 21 - Habit 4 assembly
Feb 22 - Student-led conferences 4-7
Feb 26-Mar 1 - GETCA

Leader In Me Highlight

Habit 3 is known as "Put First Things First." Individuals who practice this habit prioritize important tasks both in the short and long term and take action accordingly. They engage in weekly planning and take daily action to avoid constantly operating in a state of last-minute urgency.

When you put first things first, you effectively manage your time by focusing on the most significant tasks (referred to as the BIG rocks) and eliminating unnecessary distractions. For students, this means considering their essential responsibilities, such as studying, assisting with household chores, and making time for extracurricular activities. However, it's important to remember that Habit 3 is not solely about work. It also emphasizes the significance of making time for self-care and spending quality moments with friends and family. It's essential to prioritize these aspects as well.

Basketball Season Begins

Basketball season is kicking off at CG, with both girls and boys teams from 5 and 6 forming teams this month. They are busy practicing for tournaments coming up in February and March. Stay tuned for tournament dates and details!



Indoor recess leaders running games during the cold snap

Literacy Night

Our first family event of the 2024 took place last week. It was a huge success, with many families coming to join in on the fun. We had a bunch of exciting literacy activities, like scavenger hunts, board games, and the super popular book swap! Every student attendee received a door prize, and we had draws for several large prizes including board games, posters and, of course, books! Thank you to the Family Night leaders who helped to run the stations at the event. Our next family night in March will feature Alien Inline Skating. Details to be released soon, so keep an eye out!



Students come dressed to honor Ribbon Skirt Day in January

#CGCares - Food Bank

You may remember that we had several drives for the Food Bank during December. We collected non-perishables during our Christmas concerts, as well as during our Spirit Week for the last week of school. Additionally, the grade 1 classes picked the Food Bank at their #CGCares initiative for December and also collected in their classes. When it was all totalled, our CG families had donated a whopping 722 pounds of food. Thank you for being a part of teaching our students what good citizenship and helping hands look like!



Students enjoy reading in a blanket fort during Literacy Spirit Week

Leadership Spotlight: Morning Helpers

Morning Helpers are some of the earliest risers at CG! Consisting of students from Div 2, these students come to school early each day and help out in a variety of areas, Focusing in the early learning classrooms, they help to set up stations and put out toys for our young students. They also help these students get to their hooks, hang their outdoor clothes and unpack their things when they arrive at school. Additionally, these leaders often help staff members with tasks like setting up for events, cutting, laminating, and sorting papers.



7 Sacred Teachings

The Seven Sacred Teachings tells the story from long ago about a giant named Kitch-Sabe, who walked among the people. They say that Kitch-Sabe protected the land and appeared whenever the Earth was being treated wrongly.

Kitch-Sabe was very tall and close to the creator above. They walked among the people to remind them to follow the rules of the creator and to be honest with each other. Kitch-Sabe showed that being honest makes you feel proud and allows you to stand tall and confident.

Being honest means taking responsibility for your actions and doing what you know is right, even when nobody is watching. Listen to your conscience and do what you know is the right thing to do. Keep a clear heart and mind, feel proud of yourself, and stand tall like Kitch-Sabe!



Winter themed art in our div 1 hallway