

April 2024



*Our annual Volunteer Appreciation event was on April 27th.*

## Volunteer Appreciation

On May 27th we held our annual volunteer appreciation event. This year, we hosted a drive-thru with coffee/tea, muffins and fruit cups. We gladly served and chatted with many of our volunteers. You do so much for our school and it was our pleasure to serve you for once!

Remember, we are always looking for volunteers for our fundraising committee, members of our parent council, and even classroom volunteers. You can find out more by contacting our office.



## Family Night

Our next family night is May 8th, as we celebrate Multiculturalism at CG. This year's event will host the ever-popular potluck and cultural performances. We are also having a multicultural day at school, with a number of activity stations and a flag parade in the gym.

## Upcomming Dates

May 3 - PLF  
May 8 - multicultural day/night  
May 10 - Popcorn Day  
May 17 - no school day in lieu  
May 20 - hot lunch orders close  
May 24 - Popcorn Day  
May 24 - Spirit Day - anything but a backpack



*Students in Outdoor education made nature art before the snow dried up*

## Leader In Me Spotlight

Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood involves listening to the ideas and emotions of others. It entails attempting to understand their perspectives and listening without interruptions. At CG, we embody this habit through whole-body listening, using our eyes, ears, and heart. We focus on listening rather than just preparing a response. This practice can extend beyond work to school and the community, where we can confidently express our thoughts through leadership and engagement.



## 7 Sacred Teachings

In the 7 Sacred Teachings, the Beaver represents Wisdom. According to the Wisdom Teaching, each individual possesses a unique set of talents. The Beaver symbolizes Wisdom as it utilizes its knowledge to aid its family and others.

Our wisdom develops through life experiences related to our gifts, and it is essential to demonstrate this wisdom by sharing our talents with others. For instance, if you excel in a school subject, you can utilize your skills and knowledge to assist classmates who require help. Just like the Beaver, when we wisely use our gifts, it contributes to a happier community and world.



*Students in 3/4 B taste test some dates as part of Ramadan/Eid observances*



*Students in 2R enjoyed making leprechaun traps for St Patrick's Day*



*Congrats to grade 4 student Kira Doshi who was one of this year's Words in Motion poetry contest winners at the WBRL!*



## Roots of Empathy

Christina Gordon is the only school in Fort McMurray hosting Roots Of Empathy this year. ROE is a program about emotional literacy, growth mindset, self-esteem, kindness and friendship. We learn about ourselves and others by watching our Tiny Teachers!

Baby Flora and her Mommy Lonna come to Ms Drover's class. Baby Beau and his Mommy Chelsea come to Ms Hackett's class. During Family Visits, the babies delight and captivate us as we see them grow and learn. The mommies field ALL of our questions, and Baby Flora and Baby Beau demonstrate their personalities as they hit the milestones of their first year.

Students get to know the mommies and their babies as they watch the relationship between them. We get to see how Love Grows Brains!





## Sensory Stimulator

Did you know that April is Autism Awareness month? The Inclusion Leaders club used this as an opportunity to create a Sensory Stimulator, which allowed classes to try out activities that challenge the 5 senses (sight, sound, touch, taste and smell) to help teach students about having different sensory needs.



*Boys and girls badminton teams have been hard at work over the past few weeks, with many practices and multiple showings in local tournaments.*

## KidSport Wood Buffalo

With many sports teams gearing up for the summer, a reminder that KidSport Wood Buffalo has funding to provide resources to families who may need support to enroll their children in various activities.

Key information:

Applications are online and are approved based on a confidential financial needs assessment up to \$600 per year, per child.

The qualifying household financial cut-offs are as follows:

1 kid per family \$66,6500

2 kids per family \$79,800

3 kids per family \$91,875

Additional 5% added to the highest threshold for every additional child



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