



RAPID CITY SCHOOL

Principal's Message

I hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable Spring Break! It always amazes me how quickly the last few months of school fly by! We have a busy few months ahead, and summer break will be here before we know it!

Our Grade 5-8s have been busy with badminton intramurals, and our Jr. High students are gearing up for the RRSB Badminton tournament on April 20. Next up is Track and Field. We will be having a school track meet (date TBD) ahead of the RRSB divisional track meet on Monday, May 29.

Our school Therapy Dog, Waylon, had his first day of work before the break! He spent the day getting to know students with lots of snuggles. Waylon will be working in our school a few times each month. I think there will be lots of smiles and happy people in our school on 'Waylon days!'

Our Parent Council will be hosting the local meat draw on Friday, April 21. They are fundraising to replace our swing sets, as they are well past their lifetime and need replacing soon. They are graciously asking for donations for prizes. If you are wanting to donate to their fundraiser, contact the Parent Council/Mary Phillips by April 14.

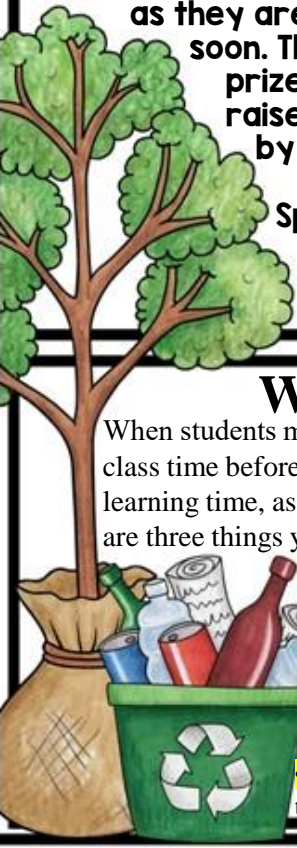
Our playground gets nice and mucky in the Springtime. Please ensure your child has proper footwear for the muck and mud they'll be in during recess times. - Ms. Hofer



WHEN STUDENTS MISS SCHOOL, THEY MISS A LOT

When students miss just one day a week of school, they'll have missed more than two and a half years of class time before graduation! Even missing one day a month quickly adds up. Frequent absences result in lost learning time, as well as class discussions and demonstrations in critical subjects like math and reading. Here are three things you can do to help your child get to school on time:

- **Prep the night before.** Teach your child to pack a lunch, lay out clothing and leave items needed for school by the door in the evenings. Being prepared will help your child be ready to leave on time.
- **Enforce a sensible bedtime.** Your child needs sleep to stay healthy and learn. Occasionally staying up late to finish an assignment isn't a crisis, but it shouldn't become a habit.
- **Stick to a morning routine.** Have your child wake up at the same time each day, so there is enough time to get ready without rushing





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Mental Health and Wellness - Ms. Hofer

Anxious feelings might be a reminder to...

- Turn off the screen
- Focus on what is within your control
- Remember that not all thoughts are true
- Deal with something you have been avoiding
- Take a few (or many) slow, deep, and focused breaths
- Get more sleep
- Exercise (this helps to burn off the stress hormone 'cortisol')
- Treat yourself with gentle, loving kindness
 - Check in and listen to your wise voice within
 - Simply notice that you are feeling anxious, without judgement or shame



Kindergarten - Mrs. Belisle

Spring has sprung and we are ready for the last stretch of the school year.

In March we participated in many St. Patrick's Day activities. We enjoyed having St. Patrick's themed math centers in our class. We also did writing and crafts around St. Patrick's Day. Thank you to Mrs. Rempel and the grade ½ class for the fun St. Patrick's Day centers. We always enjoy our activities with the ½ class. In April we will do Easter centers with them.

The Kindergarten and grade ½ class were visited by a pesky little leprechaun again this year. The leprechaun made a big mess in the classrooms. The Kindergarten students went on a hunt to find his treasure. They followed all the clues carefully and found his treasure. It was very exciting!

Now that we have finished Jolly Phonics, we are working on our literacy centers. In math we continue to do calendar time daily, and we also do math centers. We will be learning about 3D shapes after the break. The Kinders are finishing their science unit on colours. To finish up, we will be experimenting with mixing colours to make new colours.

Reminder that we have show and tell the first Kindergarten day of each month. The April show and tell will be on Tuesday, April 4th. With the warmer weather, please be sure to send extra mitts. Check your child's bag to make sure they have extra clothes.

Kindergarten graduation will be held on Wednesday, June 28th in the afternoon.

Library - Mrs. Dufault

I hope everyone had a wonderful Spring Break!

It is crazy how there is only 3 months left of school!

This month we are focusing on Spring, and Easter books as well as showcasing a couple of Authors to help inspire the kids to try new genres that might be fun. One of the authors showcased is Frances Hodgson Burnett who wrote "The Secret Garden".

Please continue to remind your kiddos to return their books on time and look after them when they are at home, so they don't come back damaged.



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Grade 3/4 - Mrs. Hrymak

Spring break is behind us and we are looking forward to the last 3 months of the 22/23 school year. Our math focus for the month of April will be fractions and measurement. It's important to keep basic facts fresh. Practice addition, subtraction, multiplication and division facts as often as possible. We will be finishing up our look at Canada's North in April. Did you know that from March until September, the sun never drops below the horizon? This is why the north is called the Land of the Midnight Sun. In Science, we will wrap up a unit on Sound and share the musical instruments we designed and made. These instruments are due on April 4th. In ELA, we are practicing our reading every day and we are doing well adding details to make our writing better. With Spring arriving, please keep an eye on the weather in the morning. Sometimes we still need our winter clothes for recesses.

Happy Easter everyone!

Grade 1/2 - Mrs. Rempel

Welcome Spring!

Thank you for coming to parent/teacher conferences. It was wonderful to share and discuss your child's learning with you.

On the Friday prior to spring break our class felt it was important to do some spring cleaning in our classroom. We cleaned out our desks and mailboxes. I encouraged the students to take home their completed work as well as any activities they had in their mailboxes. Please keep these activities at home as they are no longer needed at school.

I have also sent home your child's shoes for you to look over and ensure they still fit well.

Returning to school after the break will be the start of our new units. During the month of April, we will be exploring Plants and the Environment in Science, our Families and Traditions in Social Studies, and we will learn our months of the year and days of the week in French.

In Math class we are going to begin our Shape and Space unit. This unit consists of learning how to measure in a variety of ways (e.g. time, height, weight, graphing) and understanding various 2D and 3D shapes.

As we look forward to the beautiful sunshine and warm weather please remember to dress for the wet season. Our playground becomes very wet and muddy during the Spring months. I encourage students to wear rubber boots, splash pants, spring jackets and to keep an extra pair of clothing in their backpacks *just in case*.

Grade 5/6 - Mrs. Walker

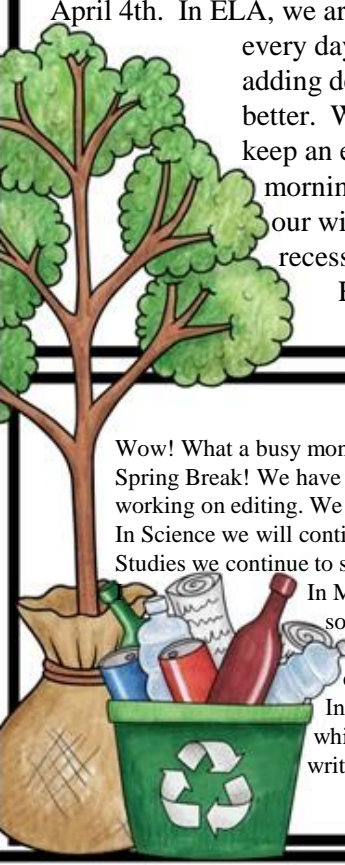
Wow! What a busy month it has been! March flew right by! We are sure looking forward to spring and all that comes with it, especially Spring Break! We have had many things on the go that will continue into April. In ELA, we have been doing some creative writing and working on editing. We have also focused on many discussions and predictions in our read-aloud.

In Science we will continue working on with electricity and have many hands-on activities to demonstrate our learning. In Social Studies we continue to study the many important people and events that shaped Canada in the early years.

In Math, grade 6s are working on measuring and drawing angles. Grade 5s are working on estimation and problem solving using multiplication and division.

In health, we have been working on creating posters and powerpoint presentations to discuss the harmful effects that some lifestyle choices have on teen and pre-teen oral health.

In French, we have started a new unit, "Les Vetements" (Clothing). The final project will be a fashion show which we will be starting after spring break. The students will have an opportunity to practice their reading, writing and speaking in French!





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Resource - Mrs. Pilling

Want a fun way to incorporate vocabulary and parts of speech into your writing?

Mad Libs is a word game where one player prompts another for a list of words to substitute for blanks in a story; these word substitutions have a humorous effect when the resulting story is then read aloud.

Search the internet to find mad libs on almost every topic imaginable!

Parts of speech: noun – person, place, thing
verb – a doing word – usually ends with -ing (talking, running)

adjective – a describing word

What Happens When a Unicorn Poops?



Unicorns aren't like other _____ (plural noun); they're _____ (adjective). They look like _____ (plural noun; animals), with _____ (plural noun) for feet and a _____ (adjective) mane of hair. But unicorns are _____ (adjective) and have a _____ (color) _____ (adjective) _____ (noun) on their heads. Some _____ (plural noun) don't believe unicorns are _____ (adjective) but I believe in them. I would love to _____ (verb) a unicorn to faraway _____ (plural noun). One thing I've always _____ (verb-ed) about is whether unicorns _____ (verb) rainbows, or is their _____ (noun) _____ (adjective) like any other animal's?



Grade 7/8 - Mrs. Bootsman

I hope everyone enjoyed their change in routine for spring break week. The grade 7/8's will be starting fresh new math units now as they finished up their equations units just before the break. In science we are continuing on fluids and exploring ancient Egypt in social studies.

It seems everyone had a blast at skiing, with some commenting that it was the best day ever. It's amazing to watch the skiing skills progress from the morning through the afternoon. It's well worth the early morning and sun burnt faces!

We are in the swing of badminton season with a few more practices before the afternoon tournament on April 20th. As of now, the boys play in Minnedosa and the girls will play in Forrest. The tournament generally starts at 1 P.M. and often continues through some of the evening. Once the dust has settled on badminton, it will be full swing into track and field.

The next few months generally fly by as the weather is bound to get better.

Enjoy your spring.

Phys. Ed - Mr. Edwards

April will be another busy month in the gym at Rapid City Elementary. We will be competing at badminton divisionals on April 20th then start right into track and baseball which will be our main focus in class for grades 5- 8. Mrs. Bootsman will be coaching the badminton team.

I will continue to run intramurals for grades 5-8 on even days at lunch where badminton will continue to be the focus for April. We will be doing Jump Rope for Heart in April.



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Day 3 03	Day 4 04	Day 5 05	Day 6 06	07
		Shop/Home Ec		Good Friday NO SCHOOL
Day 1 10	Day 2 11	Day 3 12	Day 4 13	Day 5 14
	Hot Dog Orders DUE! 🌭		Hot Dog Day! 🌭	Shop/Home Ec Immunizations- Gr.5-8
Day 6 17	Day 1 18	Day 2 19	Day 3 20	21
		Band Festival – location/time-TBA 🎷	Jr. High Badminton tournament	Inservice NO SCHOOL
Day 4 24	Day 5 25	Day 6 26	Day 1 27	Day 2 28
Spring Concert- 7pm Elton 🌸	Shop/Home Ec			Parent Council Hot Lunch 🍷