

MAY 2019 NEWS FROM THE GRADE 4/5 CLASS

Dear Parents & Students:

I can't believe it is May already! Time sure flies! I only wish the weather felt more like spring. As usual, we have been very busy learning lots of stuff and having lots of fun in the grade 4/5 classroom. Here are some of the highlights of the activities in our class....

Language Arts

Read Alouds: We are continuing our Read-Aloud unit. Currently we are focusing on *Social Justice* picture books. Ask your child about the important people and issues they have been learning about.

Personal Journal: Our May Journal is the last one for the year. Please encourage your child to pay attention to the Next Steps section from their previous entries to help them brainstorm, create a rough draft, edit/revise, and create a final copy to submit.

Holocaust Literature Circles: Students are working on their culminating tasks for this unit. Following the *Literature Circles* unit we will complete a short unit on *Legends*. Students will be reading a variety of legends in class and creating their own Legend Story.

Math

We just finished our *Operations with Whole Numbers* unit. Our new unit is *Algebra*. Students are encouraged to review their math concepts regularly. In addition, students are reminded to take advantage of extra support as needed. Our Algebra unit is not part of Nelson Math. But for other units that follow, here again is the link for Nelson math (substitute math4):

www.math5.nelson.com/studentcentre/studtryout.html

Dance

Students have been working very hard on our class dance, *Uptown Funk*, for Dancefest!!! Our Dancefest date is **Friday, May 10 at St. Mary's High School** from **10 am until 12 noon**. Parents are welcome to attend!! For those unable to attend that day, we are having a **Dancefest Showcase at St. Jude's on Thursday, May 9th at 1:00 pm** in the gym. Parents are invited.

Science

We are beginning our final unit of the year, *The Human Body*. In this unit we will be learning about the various body systems and how they function.

Social Studies

We are continuing our unit, *Living and Working in Ontario*. Our next quiz in this unit will be on **Tuesday, May 7th**. A review sheet will be given out the week before. Our next focus will be the 3 levels of government in Canada.

Grade 5 Faith Day at St. Mary's High School

The Grade 5 students are visiting St. Mary's High School on **Thursday May 2nd** to celebrate their faith, have fun, and meet new people. Mrs. McCormack will be accompanying the Grade 5 students and I will be staying back at school with the Grade 4 students.

Evaluation Duotangs

These were sent home today; please review all the new evaluations/tests, then sign and return to school as soon as possible.

Other Dates to Remember:

May 1 - School Track & Field (Grades 4-8) rain date May 3

May 6-10 - Education Week

May 8 - Book orders due to the teacher

May 20 - Victoria Day (no school)

May 24 - Sports Jersey Day

May 25 - School Council Trivia Night

May 28 - LDCSB Track & Field Meet

Please contact me with any questions or concerns. Have a great month!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Paula Baasner