

# Grade 4 Newsletter

## Blueberry Community School

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April is quickly approaching and with it will come better weather! Students will be springing forward in their learning in the coming weeks.

### IMPORTANT DATES:

Feb. 29— Oil Kings game  
(Hockey Hooky)

March 4—PD Day (no school)

March 18—Report Cards go home.

April 11 to 15—grade 2 and 4 swimming lessons at the TLC.

March 21—Choir to Choral Celebration

March 22 & 23—Parent Teacher Interviews

March 24 - Imagination Academy will be here to do a print-making project for Art.

### SPRING BREAK

Friday, March 24th will be the last day of school before Spring Break. All students will return to school on Monday, April 4th. Enjoy!

February/March 2016

### LANGUAGE ARTS

The Grade 4 classes have been working on a variety of reading and writing activities. We continue with our spelling program. Ask your child to log in to [www.spellingcity.com](http://www.spellingcity.com) so that you can see some of his/her work. This year, both classrooms have started the process of using Google Classroom extensively. Google classroom allows us to hand out work to students, which they complete in a variety of ways and then hand back in for us to assess. We look for-

ward to showing you some of this at Parent/Teacher Interviews.



For Language Arts, in Google Classroom, your child can show you a variety of LA assignments including: recording reading from Fluency Tutor. Weekly spelling assignments, and Spellingcity assignments just to name a

few. We continue to work with our Daily 5 program to provide practice and review of reading and writing strategies.



### MATH

Our students have been working on Fractions and Decimals. They are learning about Fractions of a Whole as well as Fractions of a Set. They are also comparing and ordering fractions with the same denominator. In decimals we are exploring tenths, hundredths, equivalent decimals and adding and subtracting deci-

mals to tenths and hundredths, and multiplication facts.

Some examples are;

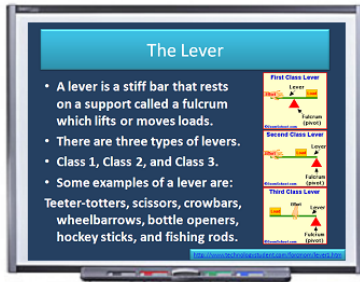
$$4.2 + 1.6 =$$

$$9.5 - 4.8 =$$

The children are really enjoying the Math Challenge between the two classes! Presently we have just completed the 3 timetables and are going on to the 6's. Please continue to sup-

port your child with putting these to memory. It is a pleasure to see the smiles on their faces when they are able to use this learning in other areas of their learning.





### SLEEP AND ACTIVITY IN GRADE 4

The Grade 4 classes have been asked to take part in a sleep/activity project that will involve the students wearing an “accelerometer” over a 7 day period and record his/her sleep and activity each day. There will be more information to follow in the coming weeks.

### [Trip to Austin Texas - Mr. Schellenberg](#)

I had the opportunity to attend a week long technology conference in Austin, Texas. It was an amazing conference. I learned a lot about how we can use technology as a tool to continue to support children in their learning in a variety of ways. I had the opportunity to do a couple of Google Hangouts with the 4B class while in Austin. The children and enjoyed connecting in that way.

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### SCIENCE

Both classes have begun a new and exciting unit on Wheels and Levers. The students will be learning about many different Simple Machines that are used to make our lives easier. Students will learn about the different classes of levers. Did you know that a hockey stick is a 3rd Class Lever? The students will continue to learn fun and



### FRENCH

The Grade 4s are getting ready to read! We have been practicing a play “Le Chat et La Lune” as a class and we will be now reading in partners and small groups. We will then be presenting the play in the month of May.

I encourage all students to practice their French by accessing the play, vocabulary slides, music and games through Google Classroom. Student have already joined the grade 4 classes I had set up for them. This excellent tool will help students work on their French and use the materials that are part of class. -Ms. MacLeod

exciting things as this unit progresses!



### SOCIAL STUDIES

The Grade 4's have been learning about the many different communities in Alberta in the past few weeks. The students practiced their research skills by completing a Google

Slide presentation with a partner on a community of Alberta. They will be presenting their learning through an oral presentation with his/her partner. After this project is completed, they will be continuing to learn about our province through an online activity called “The Amazing Race”.



### GRADE 4 WEBSITE

<http://4blueberry.wikispac.es.com/>

### CHROMEBOOKS

A big thank-you to those families who have purchased Chromebooks for their children. They are making good use of them each and every day in their learning.

