

# Grade 4 Newsletter

## Blueberry School

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## May/June 2015

### Important Upcoming Events in May & June:

#### May

12th - Class Picture Day  
14th - Teacher's Pet in school field trip

#### June

1st - Stony Plain Library Author Visit Field Trip  
4th - Grade 4 – 6 Competitive Track Meet at Woodhaven (selected students)  
9&10th - Music Production by Jr. High (tentative)  
11th - Field Trip to Edmonton Waste and Management Centre  
26th –Grade 4-6 Field trip to Pool (tentative)  
26th -Last day of school for students

#### **LANGUAGE ARTS:**

Please continue to read with your child and track their reading progress.

4B students have been working on the Novel 'Owls in the Family'.

4A & 4C students have been working on the Novel 'Because of Winn Dixie'. They are really enjoying the story. At the end of the unit they will be watching the movie and discussing the similarities and differences between the two.

At the beginning of June the grade 4 students will be starting on the Readers Workshop unit. When they finish reading a book they will be required to write a book response. The response will not be written in the traditional pen and paper sense. They will be writing a response, based on particular criteria, in

an online blog format. Here they will all have easy access to each others responses, and see if they might be interested in reading a book that someone else has recommended. We look forward to seeing them enjoying this reading and writing format.

#### **MATHEMATICS:**

The 4B &4C class are finishing the Measurement Unit which includes the topic of Time and class 4A is working on the Math unit, fractions and decimals. Some topics that are covered in this unit are;

- Model and name fractions of a whole and set.
- Relate tenths and hundredths as decimals and fractions.
- Equivalent fractions.
- Add and subtract decimals with money

This unit will be followed by the geometry and multiplying and dividing by larger numbers units.

Basic fact review has helped the students become successful the past couple units. Please continue doing basic facts at home with your child, as it is a important skill needed for future grades. There are many ways to change it up and make it fun like using a



deck of cards, or like we do in class. Ask your child of a new way they would like to practice! Please note that before the end of the year, we will be working on division basic facts. This will include numbers divisible by 2 and 3. Then we will continue on to 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9. In doing this we are making a strong connection between multiplication and division. We have found this connection to be very helpful.

**Grade 4 Teachers**  
**Mrs. Newby - 4A**  
**Mr. Schellenberg - 4B**  
**Mrs. Matheson – 4C**

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**SOCIAL STUDIES :**

**In Social Studies, all classes have used**



**the inquiry approach to examine First Nations communities in Alberta. We have begun investigating ‘The**

**Amazing Race’ which covers roles of stories, history, and culture of Alberta’s past. This unit takes the students through challenges and celebrations that Alberta faces as a province.**

**They are searching the internet finding about the many unique and interesting places in Alberta.**



**Feel free to explore this project with your child as it can be found in the Social Studies sections of the grade 4 website.**

**FRENCH:**

Grade 4 French classes have been having a lot of fun learning the play, “Les Trois Petits Cochons”! Students have learned actions to accompany the words which makes memorizing parts a lot easier! We are hoping to present these plays (either in acting or puppet presentations) in June to students in some younger grades! We have also been learning about members of the family and can identify most people in French whether they are aunts, step-mothers, half-brothers, grandfathers, etc! Always eager to have some fun, the Gr.4s have enjoyed singing “Français! Français!” with the singer “Étienne” as well as the pop version of “Les Trois Petits Cochons à la Lady Gaga”. In the last few weeks of this school year, we will be learning more weather expressions as well as the months of the year we haven’t learned yet. It is always fun to “parler français” together in Gr.4!

**SCIENCE:**

**The students are getting ready to begin the Waste in Our World unit, where they will be learning about who creates waste and alternatives for the responsible use and disposal of materials.**

**On May 14th we will be having an in school field trip with Teachers Pet called Waste in Our World. Each of the classes will be involved in a presentation by a guest speaker then rotate through 4 hands-on centers related to recycling.**

**The students will also be heading on a field trip to the Edmonton Waste and Management Centre with a stop at Rundle Park afterwards on June 11th. We thank you for all the offers, however due to the limited space, parent volunteers are not needed for this trip.**



**HEALTH:**

**In 4A, 4B & 4C the children have been learning about ‘Life Learning Choices’. The focus has been learning strategies, life roles and volunteerism. The last unit of focus this year will be about ‘Personal Health’. We will be exploring among physical activity, body changes, emotional wellness and social wellness.**



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