

Grade 4 Newsletter Blueberry School



Dates to Remember

December 4th- Christmas Concert –
12:30 and 7pm

December 5th- Report cards sent
home

December 19th-Christmas Craft Day
(morning only)

December 19th-Last day of class

January 5th-First day back after
Christmas break

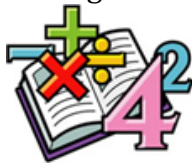


Mathematics

We would like to thank- you for working with your children on their problem solving skills. All the students are showing improvement in this area.

A regular routine the students do in math class are their Basic Facts. We are currently working on multiplication combining the 2's and 4's basic facts and will soon be starting the 8's. Students have been showing progress and confidence in their basic facts and we encourage you to quiz them often.

All classes are wrapping up mental math and estimation of sums. We are now moving onto adding and subtracting of 3 & 4 digit numbers.



A Message from the Student Teachers

We are so very grateful for the opportunity we have had during our student teaching time at Blueberry School. The students in our classrooms have been both supportive and respectful towards us and we feel it's been a great learning experience for the students as well as us. Our last two weeks with the students will continue to be engaging, interesting and hopefully a little fun as well. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us through Mrs. Newby (4A) or Mr. Schellenberg (4B).

Miss Mineault (4A) and Miss Kulych (4B)

Physical Education

The 4A, 4B and 4C classes will soon be done their Dance unit. Students have been moving and grooving while learning about rhythm, and tempo. They have learned the steps to the line dances Cadillac Ranch and Continental Drift, also the Folk Dance called the Butterfly. A huge hit with the students were our dance offs.

We had a guest presenter, James Jones a traditional hoop and break-dancer. He is a First Nation Cree and began his career as a dancer with a hiphop group in Edmonton called Red Power Squad. He was a contestant on So You Think You Can Dance, Canada and is internationally known. He travels all over the world with A Tribe Called Red, an electronic dance group who blends First Nations music with hip hop. He had so much fun teaching the students First Nation dance and performing hoop dance for them.

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Science

All classes are currently on the Light and Shadows unit. The students are having fun with the learning activities that are engaging and motivating them to learn more about lights and shadows. The topics that we have completed include: the exploration of shadows by observing differences in size and shape due to the placement of light sources. Students have differentiated between natural and artificial light. We have discussed the color spectrum with prisms, while also examining transparent, translucent, opaque, reflective and refractive materials. The learning has occurred in and out of the classroom. We have had experiments where the classes came together. It is great to see all the grade 4 classes' work so well together.

Social Studies

All grade four classes have started on their Alberta Regions Project. For this project the students will work with a partner and together they will focus on one of the five regions found in Alberta (Parkland, Grasslands, Rocky Mountains, Foothills or Boreal Forest regions). Students have been working very hard on researching and gathering information about their Regions.



Ask your child what Region they are working on. They would love to share what they know!

This is one of a number of projects the grade 4's will be using the program Google Presentation. With this program students are able to work on their projects from home and their partners are able to see and edit each other's work.

Language Arts

Grade fours have been working with the Daily Five Routine. With Daily Five students have the option to - read to self

- read to partner
- listen to reading (Raz-Kids on the computer)
- work on writing
- word work

Also time is set aside for reading to the teacher. We have also been able to do some guided reading with the students. It has been very informative.

During writing time the students also wrote about their favorite and least favorite toys.

The steps for good writing include:

- planning
- organizing
- composing a draft
- reviewing and editing
- writing a final copy

The students have become very responsible writers. It is inspiring to see their skills develop.

Christmas Concert (Kids come to their classrooms at 6:45 pm please)

It is that time of year again.

When it's 'All About Christmas', and your child's Christmas Concert! They will be performing, **December 4, 2014 at 12:30 & 7 p.m.**

4A will be acting out a Snowball scene to "Brahm's Hungarian Dance"

4B will be singing "You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch"

4C will be singing "Jingle Bell Dash"

All three classes will come together and sing "Jingle Bells"

