

# Grade 4 Newsletter Blueberry School

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### Autumn Edition

We have really been enjoying our time with your children and it was a pleasure to see most of you at our first set of Parent/Teacher Interviews. We look forward to continuing the journey of learning with you and your child.



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**We have had a wonderful start to the school year. We want to continue to use this newsletter as a means to keep you informed of the learning that is occurring.**

### LANGUAGE ARTS:

We have been working through our weekly spelling lists. The children are given 5 common grade 4 words. We have the children in one of three groups. Some groups are given 5 extra words which gives them a total of 10 words. If your child only has 5 words, it means they must review all of the words from the previous lists in their planner. We will be picking words 6 - 10 from these for the spelling test.

### Daily 5

The grade 4 classes are well underway with the Daily 5 centres we use

for Language Arts.

These include;

- 1) Read to Self
- 2) Read to Someone
- 3) Listen to Reading
- 4) Word Work
- 5) Work on Writing
- 6) Meet with Teacher

The students rotate through these centres based on their interests and needs.

### MATHEMATICS:

In math, we have been learning about increasing and decreasing patterns. We are also working on developing number sense.

- *Represent and describe* whole numbers to 10 000
- *Compare and order* numbers to 10 000
- *Addition* of numbers with answers to 10 000 and their corresponding *subtractions*.
- *Personal strategies* for adding and subtracting
- *Estimating*
- *Solving problems*

We focus on basic facts daily. As you know, this is the year where your child is required to know his/her multiplication facts up to 81.

On our classroom website, in the math section you will find that

there are practice activities that might help you with motivating your child to put these facts to memory.

They should work on these facts for 5 - 10 minutes on a regular basis; however, if they want to do it for a longer period, go for it.



Besides practicing this online, another strategy that we would recommend is the use of idle time to practice. While doing simple tedious household chores, or driving to town, ask randomized multiplication questions for the 2's. We are presently working on the 4 timetables, which will be followed by the 8s.



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### SCIENCE:

In Science we are delving into our unit of, 'Plants and their Growth'. Students have been demonstrating knowledge and skills for the study, interpretation, spread and the development of plant growth.

The children will have the opportunity to use the internet for a portion of this unit. They are quite enjoying this unit and are learning a lot.

We have also had the opportunity to use the Discovery Learning website and others for videos and a variety of resources to enhance student learning.

### Grade 4 Team

**Mrs. Matheson - 4C**

**Mrs. Newby - 4A**

**Mr. Schellenberg - 4B**

**Grade 4 Student Teachers**

**Mrs. Mineault - 4A**

**Miss Kulyck - 4B**

**Educational Assistant:**

**Mrs. Pollock**

### SOCIAL STUDIES :

In Social Studies we are wrapping up our study of the mapping unit. The children have had the opportunity to see how Alberta



fits geographically into the world. Mapping skills have also been studied.

After this unit they will be learning about the geographic regions of Alberta through a project-based approach.



### HEALTH:

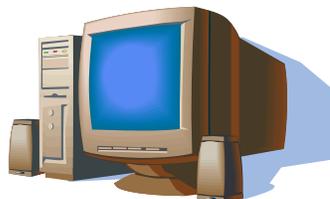
Grade 4 Health will explore topics such as wellness choices (healthy eating, physical health), relationship choices and lifelong learning choices.

In the month of October, students participated in a program called "I'm not a Bully" led by Mrs. Weisenburger. Students discussed making positive choices, and how to be responsible, courageous, and cooperative citizens.

### GRADE 4 WEBSITE

Please feel free to spend some quality family time surfing our website.

<http://4blueberry.wikispaces.com>



### STUDENT TEACHERS IN GRADE 4

Hello!

My name is Kristen Mineault, and I am a student teacher from the University of Alberta, I am so pleased to be teaching in 4A (Mrs. Newby's class). I am looking forward to working with your children and I know that the experiences in their classroom will be a valuable asset to me as an educator. Teaching has always been a passion for me; I am dedicated to inclusion and language, as I have a minor in Cree. I look forward to gaining perspective and inspiration from the students, as well as incorporating my educational experiences into the classroom. I have really enjoyed my time so



far in 4A, and I am looking forward to working with each student and understanding their unique learning style and preferences. I feel very privileged to be at Blueberry school, and I am looking forward to the great experiences I will have in Mrs. Newby's class.

My name is Chelsea Kulych and I am the student teacher in Mr. Schellenberg's 4B classroom. I will be in the classroom for the next nine weeks taking over the majority of the teaching. In University I have had the opportunity to learn new activities and strategies in all subjects that I hope to pass onto the students. I am having a fantastic time so far getting to know the students quite well. Hopefully throughout these next nine weeks I will get the chance to meet you.

