

April News from Room 201

Spring has arrived! (??? Well, maybe...)

Here are some program notes for you...



LANGUAGE: We will be learning about literary devices such as similes, metaphors, personification and onomatopoeia, as well as why the use of these tools makes writing so much more captivating to the reader. This focus will be in reading, as well as in writing.

MATH: We will be working with surface area and volume of cylinders. This is a great opportunity to blend hands-on learning with the students' excellent application of formula-based solutions!

SCIENCE: Our next unit is Fluids. Students will learn about the properties of a variety of fluids and how they are used in various technologies.

GEOGRAPHY: We will continue to explore factors that influence population patterns. We get a chance to double-down with a lot of our Geography, as there is so much graphing and data management that we can count it for both Geography marks and Math (Data Management) assignments.

VISUAL ARTS: We will be returning to Visual Arts. Our first project will be sculpture.



In other news, ...

I have had many questions about **Graduation**. We will be sending home all of the information and \$\$\$ requirements/options at once so you are able to plan without any surprises. You should see it arrive in your child's backpack on or about Monday, April 16th.

The last **fundraiser** for camp has started! Wally Parr is a well-known, locally-made product and the price point is the same as you would spend at the grocery store. We will finalize the number of students attending camp on May 18th which will allow us to give you the final price. We anticipate the final cost to be somewhere between \$285-300.

Mrs. Kelly is planning a wonderful day for later in April. On the 25th, we will have a **Career Day** at the Creek. There will be a wide variety of jobs represented. More details will be coming soon. On the topic of looking ahead to the future, the intermediates will be going to an excellent **trade fair** in Toronto on April 12th. The students will have many opportunities for hands-on experience, such as cutting tile, virtually painting a car door, and building a metal toolbox. Look for forms to come home shortly.



SAVE THE DATE! On Friday, May 11th, we will be spending the day at Dunnville Secondary School for **Integration Day**. This is a really fun day of games and opportunities to get to know other Dunnville Grade 8 students. The Guidance team at DSS always books a fantastic speaker for the day, and I know the students will really enjoy that part of the day as well. There is no cost attached to this day, and it usually includes a free BBQ lunch!