

March News from Mrs. Dykstra's Class

SOME PROGRAM NOTES...

In Language, we are working on summaries while also exploring captivating stories related to Black History Month. Writing summaries is a key skill, not just for Grade 8, but is also a requirement of the OSSLT that students need to pass in Grade 10. We will also be wrapping up work with punctuation, spelling, etc. that will allow students to compose presentation-quality written pieces.

In Math, we are finishing up work with percentages. Next we will move into the world of Data Management. Happily, we can double-down in our efforts with all of the fun data management tools we use in the study of Human Geography. For example, we have already performed percentage calculations that led us to the construction of circle graphs. We are calculating population density and creating cholopleth maps. Upcoming will be population pyramids and other fun graphic representations of geographic study.

In Science, we are finishing up the Water unit. There will be a test scheduled for late next week. Check the Remind app for the actual date.

We are taking advantage of our gym periods by using this time for dance! Students are forming groups; they will choreograph and perform a dance. The criteria include a series of 8 moves repeated 4 times, a definite opening stance, a defined closing, high-medium-low, full use of the stage, and excellent use of practice time. This project is set up so that even students with little dance experience can achieve success.

I was overwhelmed with the efforts and enthusiasm students put forth in our DREAM cooking project. We look forward to the finals on Friday, March 2nd at the Minga. Join us at 7:00 for this amazing community event! The students did great work learning about healing ourselves and our planet with food.

I send home updates and reminders several times a week on the Remind app. It makes it easier to receive this information if your app is set to let you know when new messages arrive. I bet you have a child in your house who knows how to make this magic happen. ;)

You should have received an accounting of your child's Wanakita earnings and payments last week. If you did not, please ask your child about this. Please let me know if the numbers don't look quite right.

