



Horse Lake Elementary School Newsletter March 2023

Math Consultant Carole Fullerton Returns To Work With Intermediate Teaching Staff

Teacher Leader and Educational Consultant, Carole Fullerton, joined some of our intermediate teachers, Education Assistants, and visiting teachers to collaborate on the planning and teaching of Big Math Ideas through problem solving using manipulatives.



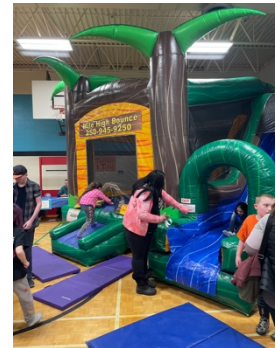
After planning the lesson together, the intermediate teachers and Ms. McKinnon's grade 5/6 students joined Carole as she demonstrated a lesson teaching concepts involving equivalent fractions using manipulatives. After the lesson, the teachers debriefed with Carole and determined how future lessons could unfold. It is the second time this year that Ms. Fullerton has worked with teachers in our school, and we were very fortunate to



have someone of her stature sharing her ideas and approaches with our students and educators again.

Return of Family Fun Night Packs In The Crowds

The school gym was a busy place on the night of Friday, February 24th, as Family Fun Night returned to the school, organized by the Horse Lake PAC, with booths sponsored and run by the teachers of every classroom in the school. The Bouncy Castle was the obvious highlight of the evening, but other booths kept kids and parents alike busy throughout the evening fishing at the fish pond, shooting nerf guns and hockey pucks, tossing rings, flying airplanes, and playing Plinko, all the while eating cotton candy or dining at the Grade 7 Wild Horse Café. The event was a fundraiser for the Parent Advisory Council, who then provides classrooms with funding to assist with their year-end activities and field trips. We thank the PAC and the Horse Lake Community for their overwhelming support of a very fun evening!



Basketball Season Wraps Up With Interschool Tournaments and Staff - Student Games

After two months of twice-a-week noon hour practices, our grade six and seven boys and girls played in their respective tournaments last week. On Thursday, our grade seven boys travelled to Mile 108 Elementary to compete against other south end school teams and came home with the first place trophy.

Our school played host to the grade seven girls tournament, and our host girls lost a close final game against Williams Lake's Columneetza girls team to finish a close second.





On Friday, our grade six boys travelled to Mile 108 for their tournament, finishing in second place, while the grade six girls used home court advantage to secure a first place win in their tournament. The season wrapped up this week with staff – teacher games at lunch featuring the two grade seven teams.

At their respective tournaments, all of our teams showed excellent sportsmanship and did our school proud with their effort. Big thank yous go out to Mr. Davidson and Ms. Sankey for coaching the boys teams, with similar thanks going out to Ms. Hopson and Ms. Masterson for their coaching of the girls.

100 Mile Softball Presents an Introduction To Softball To Intermediate Students



Early this week, volunteers from 100 Mile Softball visited our school to introduce our students to softball and run them through a variety of stations to teach them the requisite skills involved in the game. Five classes spent an hour each in the gym having fun while learning the ins and outs of softball in advance of the Association's sign up. Thanks to the organizers for treating our students to a day of fun and fitness.



Kindergarten Registration Continues Through March and April

Parents wanting to enrol their child(ren) in kindergarten are advised that registration is open. In order to register, parents need to produce the child's Birth Certificate and Care Card, as well as two pieces of identification that demonstrate residence within the Horse Lake Elementary catchment area. Schools of Choice information and registration packages are available at the school office.

School Bus Registration for the 2023 – 2024 School Year

If your child rides the school bus, you **MUST** register before April 15, 2023 for the school year starting in September 2023. This applies to ALL bus students and not just new bus students. Parents can visit the school district website to find printable bus registration forms that are downloadable, or you can access the registration form by scanning this QR code with your cell phone.



Second Term Report Cards Go Home Today

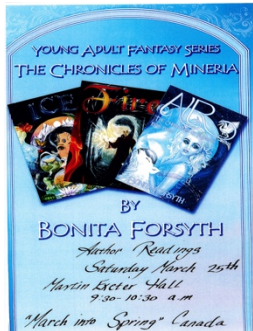
Your child(ren) will be bringing their second term report card home from school today. Attached to this newsletter is a Ministry Of Education document designed to help parents understand the assessment and reporting process and how the report card informs you about your child's learning. **We would ask that you return the envelope containing your child's report card this Thursday or Friday before we head off to Spring Break.**

Safer Schools Presentation Provides Valuable Resources For Parents to Protect Children On-Line

Last week, Peter Skene Ogden Secondary School hosted a parent presentation on all things digital as it relates to teen cell phone ownership. The session covered recommendations for family rules, parental controls, family tech plans, as well as suggestions for monitoring your tween/teen's digital life. If you missed the session, this link will provide you with some valuable resources on the topic.

<https://saferschoolstogether.com/resources/parent-resources/>

Local Children's Author Presents Readings of Her Book Over Spring Break



Local author, Bonita Forsyth, will be reading from her children's books, *The Chronicles of Mineria*, and *The Huckleberry Hollow* at the Martin Exeter Hall on Saturday, March 25th from 9:30 – 10:30 am. As part of the March Into Spring Canada series.



Horse Lake School Offering Collection Of Old Cross Country Skis to Parents and Students

Our school has accumulated a collection of cross country skis and boots it has inherited from other schools in the district that have closed. The skis are by no means new, but there is an opportunity for parents to pick up something that will likely fit your family if you want to look them over.

The skis and boots are the old 'three pin' binding system which has since been replaced by a new and easier binding system. They will be on display and free for the taking by the sheds on the south side of the school until Friday afternoon, after which they will be disposed of.

Spring Break!

Horse Lake Elementary and all other schools in the district will be on a two week hiatus for Spring Break beginning this Friday at the 2:25 school bell. Hopefully we will return from the break to a much less snowy landscape and that hints of Spring will be in the air. Have a safe, enjoyable, and relaxing break!

Respectfully,

Murray Helmer, Principal
Horse Lake Elementary

