



Horse Lake Elementary School Newsletter May 2023

Cross-Country Runners Bring Home The ‘Golden Shoe’ From The Cross-Country Running Meet

Horse Lake’s contingent of cross-country athletes took on the representatives from all of our other south-end elementary schools last Friday at Forest Grove School in the annual cross-country running meet. Runners from grades two through seven. Our youngest athletes raced around the 1 kilometer course, our grade 4s and 5s ran 1.5 kilometers, and the 6s and 7s raced a full 2.5 kilometers. The air quality at race time was improved over the previous days and the heat from sun added another layer of difficulty to the course. The top 20 runners in each category garnered points for their school, and when the dust settled Horse Lake



athletes captured first place in the meet and took home the “Golden Shoe”. When the bus arrived back at the school, our racers were welcomed back by the remainder of the student body, cheering our champions as they departed the bus. A giant ‘Thank You’ goes out to our staff who helped our students train during the lunch hour over the past two months; Mr. Davidson, Ms. Hopson, Ms. Sankey, Ms. Conway and Ms. Langton!

“Welcome To Kindergarten” Event Attracts a Big Crowd

Last week, all of next year’s kindergarten students and their parents were invited to our “Welcome to Kindergarten session at the school. While the students became familiar with their kindergarten classroom environment, parents were briefed all the relevant aspects of the kindergarten year ahead, from appropriate clothing, school supplies and bell routines, to the School Code of Conduct and other expectations.

Families later reunited for a tour of the school, and then the students got their first introduction to the school bus. In all, 15 students and 19 parents attended the session, while the other 7 students who have registered for next year will be briefed when they move into the area. A big thanks goes out to Mr. Foote and Ms. Jones, our StrongStart Educator for all their work in making the day a big success and memorable occasion for our students.



Grade Seven Leadership Group Sponsors Tropical-Themed Dance & Food Bank Fund-Raiser



In another popular event sponsored by our Grade 7 Leadership Team, a Tropical Daze Dance was held just in time to usher in our early summer weather. Students dressed up in their best beach-wear and donated food and money to the 100 Mile House Food Bank to enter the gym and dance the lunch hour away. Thanks to the grade seven students under the direction of Mrs. Pugh for the fun break from spring time weather.

Cottonwood Canoe Begins To Take Shape During Ongoing Construction Project

The grade seven class, under the direction of their teacher Mrs. Pugh, continue in their quest to carve a traditional indigenous canoe in partnership with the students at Eliza Archie School at Canim Lake. The process of hollowing out the log is a combination of using an adze to chip away the wood, while burning out sections of the wood to make removal of the material easier.



However, the project suffered a setback when the burn went right through the entire log, necessitating a restart of the carving process. A new log was quickly in place, and the event turned into a learning opportunity for the students, who welcomed the student from Eliza Archie to help with the carving last week. Our students are set to pay a return visit to Canim Lake later this week. If all goes well, the canoes will be launched at Ruth Lake near the end of June.

A big thank you goes out to Jason and Jessica Hinsche of 93 Mile Aggregates who located and delivered both of our logs, and to Matt and Stacey Ounpuu of Nordika Log Homes who cut the top of the log to help expedite the carving process.



100 Mile House Festival of the Arts



On April 25th, three of our classes performed at this year's Festival of the Arts. Mrs. MacKinnon's grade 5/6 class, Mr. Davidson's grade 4/5 class, and Mrs. Hopson's grade 1/2 class prepared presentations for the festival under the direction of our Teacher/Librarian Mrs. Hunt. The classes performed for our students at an assembly, where Mr. Davidson's class was presented with the Platinum Award of Excellence.

Busy Month Ahead With Field Trips and Other Events to Finish Out The School Year

May 24th – Scout Island (Foote)
May 26th – Eliza Archie (Pugh)
June 8-9th – W.L. and Barkerville (Langton, McKinnon)
June 20th – Hat Creek (Masterson, Davidson)
June 22nd – Ruth Lake (Pugh)
June 26th – Bowling/Centennial Park (Hopson, Stenerson)
June 27th – Lake of the Trees (Davidson, Ramsay)
June 28th – Lake of the Trees (Pugh)

May 25th – Jump Rope For Heart
June 1st – Intermediate Track and Field
June 13th – PSO Rugby Visit
June 15th – Interschool Track and Field
June 16th – Air Band
June 21st – Aboriginal Feast
June 23rd – Grade 7 Grad in the School
June 28th – Primary Fun Day

*****Bannock Bags For Sale Daily For \$10 - Proceeds Go Toward Aboriginal Feast on June 21st*****

Respectfully submitted,

Murray Helmer, Principal