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Summitview Eagles Newsletter



SEA OF PINK

Summitview School was a sea of pink on November 20th as students, staff and community members celebrated International Stand Up Day! The day was a great way to highlight the importance of standing up for each other in the school and out in the community. Pink cookies were distributed and the Positive Ticketing program was introduced, along

with guest speaker Keith Pattinson who spoke about the 40 Developmental Assets. They say it takes a community to raise a child, and Grande Cache continues to strive to be the best place it can be for all its citizens.

Thanks to Amanda MacDougall and the Positive Youth Development Team for leading this terrific day!

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HIGH EDUCATION STANDARDS ARE MET AND ARE RESPONSIVE TO EACH STUDENT'S NEEDS

Students in Grade 6 have recently had the opportunity to design and create parachutes as part of their study of Flight. Working with partners, students were given the challenge of designing a parachute that would remain in the air longer than those of their peers. A multitude of materials for canopies, shroud lines and weights were chosen. Students tested their chutes, retested them and made alterations, while considering variables. A competition was held to determine whose parachute soared longest. This cooperative activity allowed students to play an active role in their learning and to acquire hands on experience in terms of design, alteration and variable control.

POSITIVE SOCIAL SKILLS, CITIZENSHIP AND SELF WORTH ARE PROMOTED- STAFF AND STUDENTS DEMONSTRATE ACCEPTANCE RATHER THAN TOLERANCE

Summitview School celebrated Stand Up Day on November 20 in fine style as almost the entire school was decked out in pink! Now our RCMP officers are developing relationships with our students by participating in floor hockey...I bet they make great defencemen!



STUDENTS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN A VARIETY OF COMPLEMENTARY EXPERIENCES



In both grades 7 and 8, students have choices about which Complementary Courses (Modules) they would like to take. Courses include: French, Drama where they will be performing a play, Photography where some instructions are obtained via video conference from the Cleveland School of Arts, fine arts where they are involved in drawing, mask making and paper mache and technology. As the year progresses, there will be changes to which modules are offered and taught.

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STUDENTS ACQUIRE THE SKILLS NEEDED TO ADAPT TO A CHANGING SOCIETY



As the students and staff of Summitview School forge our way into the future, we need to learn how to communicate effectively and employ technology to assist us to express our important messages. For the last two years, grade four students in Mrs. Wilson's and Mr. Price's classes have been targeting writing as an area of great importance. Pursuing our target, both classes have taken training in Betty Wiebe, Style and structure in Writing, which presents students with literary methods to engage their audience. Currently

Summitview is upgrading our computer labs to the latest and most current PC capabilities. Having access to this new technology exposes and allows students to learn and adapt to changes that are happening and will continue to transform as we progress into the future. Along with other advances, such as our regular 3-V Video conferencing field trips, that pertain to the varying curriculums and have delivery sites and experts that span the globe, we feel confident students are exposed to the educational opportunities that will prepare them for the changing learning and work world of the future.

COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS ARE FORMED WITH THE COMMUNITY IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE A POSITIVE, OPEN AND INNOVATIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL

The grade five classes are busily collecting 4L milk jugs to recycle and earn money towards their year end class trip to camp YoWoChAs Outdoor Education Center. We would also like to thank **Conoco Philips** and the **Ice Breakers** organization, for their generous donations toward our field trip. Having the support of community members to help provide educational opportunities such as this is amazing!

Thank you again for your support! The grade fives will continue to collect lidless and washed 4L milk jugs to help us in fundraising for project.



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To complement our study on Alberta's fossil heritage, students in 4W viewed two short films on dinosaurs at the Grande Cache Tourist Center on November 30. Thank you to Cindy who helped arrange our visit, and who provided us with hot chocolate. Thanks also go out to Mrs. Alwood, and Mrs. Bonnett for accompanying us on our trip.

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Special Events

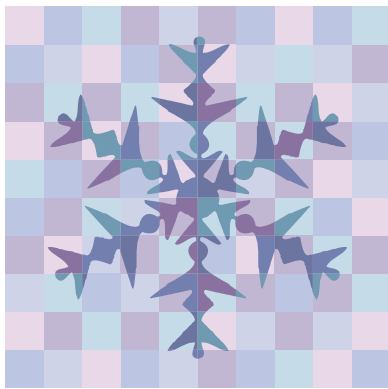
Eagle Awards

Congratulations to all of our Eagle Award Winners from Term 1!



Swimming

On December 16, from 2-3 p.m. both grade four classes will be going swimming



Holiday Sock Hop

On Friday, December 18th, students will have the opportunity to participate in a Holiday Sock Hop!

Students can dance into the winter break during the last hour of the day!



HAVE A SAFE AND WONDERFUL HOLIDAY!

Classes resume on Jan. 4, 2010.

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