

# Grade 4 News June 2019

We did it! We made it to June, we can see the light at the end of the tunnel. What a fantastic year we have had. A quick recap... Fall-Terry Fox walk and Orange Shirt day, a trip to the Norfolk Fair, Cross Country Meet, Halloween Parade and Monster Mash Winter – Volleyball, Aladdin, Apps Mill, Christmas Concert, we said Goodbye to Mrs. Marry and Hello to Mr. Nurse, Snow days, Basketball, Skating trips, Hoops for Heart, Valentine's Day, Spring – trip to Bell Homestead, Goal Setting, Lacrosse Presentation, the Bunny Hop, and track and field, Scientist in the School and much more to come!!

## **Curriculum Update**

In Language the students have completed two very big projects; A Poetry Anthology and Book Club. The kids worked very hard creating a poetry anthology of their own poems, partner poems and poems written by their favourtie authors. They have been laminated and bound and look fantastic. Each student even included an About the Author page that tell the reader a little bit about themselves. I'm very pleased with the effort, enthusiasm and creativity each child put into this project. We have completed our second book club. Students completed weekly work and then met on Fridays to discuss their work and thoughts about the book. Each group participated in very rich discussions providing evidence and insights to the novel they read. We are just beginning a unit on Media Literacy. Students will learn to identify the purpose of various media forms, create media texts and think critically about media messages.

In math we are working on Area and Perimeter. We will be learning that figures with equal perimeters can have different areas and that figures with equal areas can have different perimeters. Measurement provides a strong connection between what students learn in math and their life experiences. Measurement allows students to apply math they have learned in other contexts.

In science we are learning all about Rocks and Minerals. We had a real live geologist visit our classroom and present the scientist in the school workshop. Students learned all about fossils, testing and identifying rocks and minerals and we learned a little about mining by "mining" the chocolate chips out of a cookie. There students were well engaged and learned a lot from Geologist Jeff.

### Play Day and Family Picnic

On Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup> we will have our Play Day. Students will spend the morning rotating through a variety of fun activities run by the older students. Parents are invited to join us on the playground for a picnic lunch with your student/s. Bring a picnic lunch and a blanket to enjoy some time outside with your child for lunch.

#### **Fun Fair**

The James Hillier Fun Fair, on June 10<sup>th</sup>, is fast approaching. Our class has been asked to donate all things "Reading" to create a gift basket for the raffle table. Please send in donations to the school.

#### **Dates to Remember**

June 3 and 4 – 8:30am Ball Hockey Try Outs

June 5 – Regional Track and Field Meet

June 7 – PA Day

June 10 – Medieval Times Trip

June 20 – Play Day

June 27 – Last Day of School