








May 2024

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PLEASE SEND A NOTE OR CALL THE SCHOOL BEFORE 1:30P.M. IF THERE ARE CHANGES IN YOUR CHILD'S AFTERSCHOOL PLANS.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		30 Pancakes	 1 Chicken Fingers	2 Spaghetti	 3 PD DAY	4
5	 6 PD DAY	7 Pancakes	8 Chicken Fingers	 9 Spaghetti	 10 Pizza	11
12	13	14 Pancakes	15 Chicken Fingers	 16 Spaghetti	17 Pizza	18
19	 20 HOLIDAY	21 Pancakes	22 Chicken Fingers	23 Spaghetti	24 Pizza	25
26	27	28 Pancakes	29 Chicken Fingers	30 Spaghetti	31 Pizza	

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR NES STAFF?

#1— One of our staff members was once in the same choir as Shania Twain (though not at the same time). Can you guess who it is ?

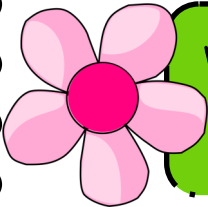
Answer from the March newsletter:

#1 - Mrs. Burns and Mrs. Frazee are both having babies in 2024!

NORTON ELEMENTARY NEWS

PRINCIPAL'S POST!

The other day I was visiting the classes, stopping in to see what each grade was doing before I went to teach. What struck me as I did my rounds was the variety of learning activities that were going on here at NES. 100 Day projects were still proudly displayed in the hallways, allowing children to use imaginations and creativity to see how big or how small 100 can be. It is a tactile way to show small children a number that is often beyond their grasp. Another class was using our outdoor classroom, talking about math and the many ways the playground can be divided into various fractions, while another class wandered about the grounds looking for signs of spring and the many ways the earth is changing right before our eyes. Indeed, it was science and math at their finest and most meaningful. Mrs. Willett's class was taking turns at their classroom garden centre, where a variety of plants in various stages of growth were being studied and written about, preparing for their 'Salad-bration' where they will have the opportunity to sample food they have grown themselves. Whole class, small group, and individual instruction were evident in all of the classes. Teaching and reaching all our students, regardless of their learning styles has changed so much since I began teaching and it is so rewarding to see the staff of Norton Elementary keeping pace with the evolution of education. The classroom with its desks and chairs is a beautiful place to learn but if we limit ourselves to thinking it is the sole area of education than we are short-changing our children and ourselves to the opportunities that surround us each day. Where will your learning take you today?



WE HAVE LOTS GOING ON FROM NOW UNTIL THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR. IT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER TO CHECK YOUR CHILD'S HOMEBOOK BOOKS FOR NOTES AND NOTICES.



PROVINCIAL ASSESSMENTS

Grade 4 (reading and science) and Grade 5 (mathematics) Provincial Assessments will take place during the week of May 13 to May 17, 2024. Parents can help their children be better prepared by ensuring that they have early, consistent bedtimes; healthy, nutritious breakfasts; and are well-hydrated. Please try to avoid students missing time on and leading up to testing dates.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Students will be participating in our annual Jump Rope for Heart event on May 16, 2024 from 1:00p.m. to 1:50p.m. Donation envelopes will be sent home on May 10, and will be due back on the day of the event (May 16).

SPECIAL THANKS

Special thanks to our NES neighbours, Roger and Brenda Keller, as well as Life Builders, for their generous donations to our school in April.