**March 29, 2018**

**Did You Know . . .**

. . . the Gr. 2's have been starting to dabble in coding?

. . .that all the science activities in Mme. Thibodeau's class are inquiry-based and hands-on? What that means is that learning starts by asking a question or presenting a problem rather than giving students the information first. It is about triggering curiosity and engaging students so that they can come up with their own conclusions and answers. The best part is that the students in Mme. Thibodeau's class are using the scientific method to investigate their inquiry-based questions.

. . . that Mme Beers's class has been doing first nations art? The class did a bead painting and painted a landscape with an Inukshuk to represent the style of painter Ted Harrison.

. . . that students in Mr. Yaychuk and Mrs. O'Keefe's P.E classes have been using 'Plagnets' for goal-setting and assessment purposes? These small chips have QR Code technology which not only guides students through various Physical Activity Challenges, but it is also an interactive assessment tool that can capture your child's progress with various skills!

. . . that both grade 4 classes get together for Art class once a week?

. . . that Mrs. Wall’s Gr. 2's have just completed a collective book entitled "The Book With No Pictures"?  They are very proud of what they accomplished with her and the literacy lead, Mrs. Killam.

. . . that the kindergarten classes recently went to a LHHS production of a Little Mermaid at the playhouse? The students were very respectful during the play and had a wonderful time. They represented NMS very well, way to go! :)

. . . that Mrs. Hunt's kindergarten class has been working on adding a feeling (emotion) in their writing during writer's workshop?

. . . that Grade 4Edney has been working on PowerPoint biographies? They have chosen and interviewed partners in our class and have been working hard to create presentations that will be given to the class. Everyone is motivated and engaged in the project. Presentations will be starting Tuesday, April 3rd!

. . . that Mrs. Lyons grade 1Eng and Mme. LeClerc's grade 1FI classes are starting an Animal Enrichment Study in April? Students will learn about animal groups and their environment through a variety of cross curricular activities that focus on individualized learning styles. They will research and complete an independent project on a chosen animal and will showcase their learning with a Celebration in June.

. . . that Mrs. Carr's grade 3 class recently went to the York Care Center, read to the residents and made a craft for them?

. . . that Mrs. MacArthur's Grade 2 class was learning about 2D shapes and 3D objects in math?  We liked it so much that we also expanded this concept to our art curriculum.  Last week our class colored some 2D pictures and with the help of technology we made those 2D pages turn into 3D virtual shapes where we could make them move, turn them and we even had our photo taken with them!