

GLADSTONE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

MAY 2025

IMPORTANT DATES

May 5 – Family Library Night
(3:30 pm - 5:00 pm)

May 9 – NO CLASSES (Non-Instructional Day)

May 15 – Indigenous Sky
Planetarium in gym

May 19 – NO CLASSES
(Victoria Day)

May 25 – Family Library Night
(3:30 pm - 5:00 pm)

June 4 – Fun Run

June 9 – Family Library Night
(3:30 pm - 5:00 pm)

June 23 – Family Library Night
(3:30 pm - 5:00 pm)

June 19 – Kindergarten Farewell

June 20 - NO CLASSES (Non-Instructional Day)

June 25 – Grade 6 Farewell

June 26 – Report Cards Home

June 27 – Last Day of School

Dear Gladstone Families,

I was shocked when I noticed that the two months at a glance calendar in my kitchen is for May and June! Once again, the year is flying by, and, on May 9th, we are taking some time to stop and reflect and then make plans for the next school year. One area that we have been doing some excellent learning in is Numeracy. The Canadian data on math performance is quite alarming and WSD has been working hard to address this. Administrators have been engaging in conversations and participating in professional learning from several experts in numeracy. One of these experts is John Mighton, whom you may recognize as the creator of the JUMP Math program. His passion is to provide a clear pathway for all students to foster their intellectual potential through learning math. In his recent book, Mighton states:

A growing body of evidence suggest that the vast majority of children are born with the potential to learn anything, particularly if they are taught by methods that have been shown to be effective.

All Things Being Equal – John Mighton

The staff at Gladstone have been taking this quote to heart. We have been working hard to design our programming to achieve maximum impact for all students. This has included a daily focused 15-minute lesson targeting the foundational skills that are key to unlocking future math concepts and ideas. It is being done at all grade levels and we have seen significant growth – particularly in number sense. Our goal is to move students forward in their understanding of how numbers work, not just what steps to take to get an answer. I'm sure you have heard someone say, "I'm just not good at math". Maybe you have said that yourself. Mighton would argue that everyone has the potential to not only be good, but great at math. He argues that the deciding factor is not some genetic math ability but the instructional methods used by their teachers. We are taking up this challenge at Gladstone with the belief that all students have the potential to become confident and competent mathematicians. If this is something you are interested in learning more about, I encourage you to pick up Mighton's book. It is a very interesting, illuminating and inspiring read!

Sincerely,

Mr. Nikkel



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May



Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
				1	2	3
4	5 Day 4 LIBRARY NIGHT (3:30-5:00 pm)	6 Day 5	7 Day 6	8 Day 1	9 Day 2 NO CLASSES (Non-Instructional Day)	10
11	12 Day 3	13 Day 4	14 Day 5	15 Day 6 Indigenous Sky Planetarium in gym	16 Day 1	17
18	19 Day 2 NO CLASSES (Victoria Day)	20 Day 3	21 Day 4	22 Day 5	23 Day 6	24
25	26 Day 1 LIBRARY NIGHT (3:30-5:00 pm)	27 Day 2	28 Day 3 Rooftop Photo	29 Day 4	30 Day 5	31

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AROUND THE SCHOOL

RM 7



The kindergarten students and the adults in Room 7 enjoyed going for a community walk together in nature. They observed flowers (Dandelions, Tulips and Bluebells), Trees (Elm, Pine and Cedar), Animals (Squirrels, Dogs and Birds), the Sun and Clouds.

- Our intent was to engage with nature, learn about the environment, and appreciate the beauty and diversity of the nature world.
- Nature walks can improve physical health, reduce stress, and foster a deeper appreciation for nature.



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