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March 2024 Newsletter



Students of Wolseley School



Principal's message...

Dear Wolseley School Parents and Caregivers,

Happy March everyone!

Thank you to our patrols who have been braving the colder temperatures to keep our students safe when crossing the streets. To keep our patrols safe, **please do not stop or park between the signs on Clifton Street or in the parking lot.** Some cars have been stopping, and some turning around in that area, which creates an unsafe situation for our patrols. Please help us in keeping them safe. **Suggestion: Let the students out on Wolseley Avenue and let them walk to the school.**

Report cards will be going home to parents and caregivers on **March 13th**. Please take the time to review the report card with your child.

Student Led Conferences will take place on the evening of March 14th and the morning of March 15th. We will do the interviews in person again like in the fall. This conference provides the opportunity for students to share their work and progress with their parents/care givers and to have conversation together with their teachers. We look forward to seeing you at our Student Led Conferences!

Wolseley School will be hosting our clinical support team (Reading Clinician and Speech and Language Pathologist) on **March 20**. They will be teaching our classes about **Neurodiversity and Augmented Awareness in Communication**. Students will learn about how different brains work and how some students may communicate. This is a wonderful learning opportunity for us to explore being inclusive and show understanding.

It's hard to believe that **Spring Break** is just around the corner. The last day of classes is Friday, March 22nd with a return date of Monday, April 1st. We wish everyone a sunny, warm, and safe Spring Break.

Have a magnificent March!

Brian Rogowsky

Parent Council News...

Happy March from Wolseley Parent Council.

Unfortunately, due to the lack of volunteer availability, there will be no winter event this year. Funds dedicated to this event will be allocated to other needs within the school community and will be voted on at our next AGM, so be sure to attend if you would like to be involved in that discussion.

Sock Hop and the next PC meeting dates are still TBD. Pizza lunch will be March 22nd so watch your emails for all of these things!

As always, Peace Garden, Staff Appreciation, Glenea Plant fundraiser, and Grade 6 grad committees are looking for volunteers. Please contact us at wolseley.parents@gmail.com if you'd like to help out and we will get you in touch with the appropriate leads.

Both parent Council co-chair positions are still open and urgently need to be filled to keep things like lunch program, fundraisers and community events running smoothly. The executive team is happy to start working with you now to make the transition as smooth as possible so that we parents can better serve our school community. Please spread the word and reach out to us via email if you, or anyone you know might be interested.

Lastly, thanks to the families who ordered Wolseley Wear and a friendly reminder that Glenlea orders are due April 15.

Thank you parents!

Room 1 Grade 1/2...

The students have been working on research about PEI and have been making comparisons between PEI and Nunavut.

Our class has been skip counting by 2,5,10 and learning our 3's.

We have been doing art studies on Henri Matisse, Kenojuak Ashevac and Alma Thomas.

Students are learning about Fairy tales and writing some of our own.



Room 2 Grade 1/2 ...

Ready for a break!

I am excited to say that hard work pays off as each individual has shown much to this point of the year. In Math the room 2 learners are beginning equalities, carrying on in addition and borrowing for subtraction. Reading and writing is a strength of these room 2 students and so we will continue building on that. In Science we are having fun focusing on solids, liquids and gases. In Social Studies we are studying needs and wants of our community and other communities. We continue to discuss our Health including our social emotional well-being. And in Art the students are learning new techniques in drawing and sketching to create artwork.

Worth Remembering:

- Be reminded that the best way to contact me is by email at peantifaiff@wsdl.org. I strive to attend to my emails frequently throughout the day. If you require an immediate respond please call the office for assistance.
- Be on the lookout for your child's Report Card mid-month and Student Led appointments.
- A weather reminder! Please assist your child in choosing the most appropriate clothing and footwear as necessary.
- At the end of every month we celebrate our classroom success with a special day. I will email parents and guardians the last week of the month to elaborate on the celebration for that month.

Room 3 Grade 2/3 ...

Room 3 is growing a garden in our classroom! We were generously borrowed an AeroGarden by a family from our classroom. We planted a bunch of different types of lettuce and one herb, basil. This was a learning experience for all of us and one that we have really enjoyed. Students have taken responsibility for the care of the garden, reading the instructions, adding the water and nutrients. There was so much excitement when our plants started to sprout! We have had lots of rich discussions about what has been happening in our classroom garden, for instance what is making them grow and lots of talk about the intricate system of roots in the bottom. Most of the room 3 students also ate a leaf off of our basil plant, and said it was really yummy! We are now planning and preparing to harvest our lettuce and discussing ways we can eat it! The growing of our garden happens to go really well with our plant unit we are currently working on!



In Other News....

Just a friendly reminder to parents;

When picking up or dropping off your child(ren), please do not park in the staff lot or double park on Clifton Street. Also, parents please do not park in the lane by the bus loop. It is very hard for our bus drivers to get in to the bus loop to safely pick up our students.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in this manner.

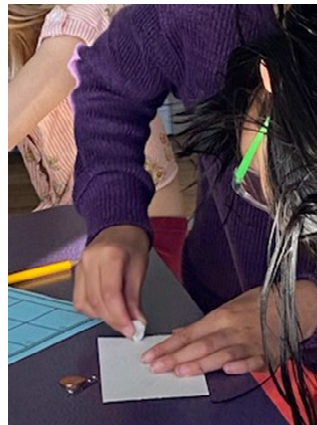


Room 8 Grade 3/4 ...

Greetings from Room 8!

For a short month, we accomplished a lot! For I Love to Read month, we had a break from Graphic Novels and read Novels. We challenged ourselves to read novels that Janet hand picked for us. For the most part she did a good job choosing books for the students. We did a fraction of our Math learning, understanding fractions and have begun to tackle multiplication and division. We are in the process of creating sugar crystals in our study of rocks to see how they are formed and the shapes they create. Once we have completed this scientific inquiry, we will eat them! In Social Studies we are studying Ancient Civilizations. It is amazing how many things we have today that began in Ancient Times! We will be demonstrating our learning through the creation of an artifact and a dramatization. This curious group of learners continues to thrive and strive!

Janet and The Students of Room 8!



Room 10 Grade 3/4 ...

Students are busy building structures related to our study of Ancient Egypt. The dioramas depict the everyday life of a farmer, a villa that could have been owned by a wealthy merchant, different boats as well as a pyramid, tomb with a mummy, and temple. We dehydrated apples, to observe how removing water from fruit preserves it. Students also made a cartouche with their own name written in hieroglyphics. We are excited to celebrate our learning by holding Shops' Day, Ancient Egyptian style, at the end of March.



Room 9 Grade 5/6 ...

This month has been a busy one in Room 9. Students have been building electrical circuits using wires, batteries and a variety of different outputs. We've spent a few weeks talking about a bunch of different topics involving electricity and now the students are putting all their knowledge to good use. We've also spent time learning about World War I, early immigration to Canada and the 1919 General Strike.

Our class has been reading *Hidden on the Highwire* by Kathy Kacer and just finished the book as February ended. Students have also been participating in book clubs where they read and discuss different books to work on their ability to read between the lines and talk about their reading. It's been an I Love to Read month full of a lot of reading.

In math we have focused on everyone's favourite skill, long division. We have now moved into talking about positive and negative integers and will be using all of the skills we've learned so far this year when we start using the order of operations.

There was lots going on during February with I Love to Read month and Black history and futures month. March is looking like another busy month as we head towards spring break. If you'd like to follow along with what we are doing in Room 9 you can check out @wolseley9 on Instagram. Looking forward to a March full of learning!



Room 13 Grade 5/6 ...

This month in room 13 was GREAT! We began writing our dnd dungeons. First, we wrote them on paper, then typed them out. Our plan is to play each others awesome dungeons. That was a neat way for each student to share their creative ideas through storytelling! That's what we did for E.L.A this month.

Secondly, science. We started our new unit for science about electricity and circuits. We started off by learning about static electricity and how electricity can be in thermal, sound, light, static and current form. It was pretty cool to learn how electricity can power our daily needs! Plus, we learned how you can create power in innovative ways, and we learned how to deal with electricity safely.

Now for social studies! In our interactive notebooks we unfortunately missed two weeks because of Valentines day, Louis Riel day and an in-service day. But that doesn't mean we didn't do it at all, we learned about WW1 and WW2. Some of our room 13 students made a short film of the events that occurred in WW1!

This time in math we started long division and we had a math TEST. Our Grade 7 math book people continued their kangaroo math and we got good at our mental math strategies. Plus our stressful speed math tests. But that has quite pushed our math skills to be better and we have definitely improved in our multiplication facts.

As we should all know it was black history month, plus "I love to read month!" Sean has been reading a book to the class called, *Maya and the Rise of Dark*. This book is amazing! It's about African mythology! It's really good! This book is by a black author named Rena Barron.

Finally, VALENTINES DAY!! This Valentines day we had a super fun game day! We got to bring games in and a few kind students made treats and we ate them in the library. *DELICIOUS!*

We had an awesome time in room 13 this month!!



By: Halle and Falco

Room 17am Nursery/Kindergarten...

I think I blinked and February was over! I'm glad I take so many pictures to capture the learning each month!

Room 17 has been working a lot with words - finding them within text, writing them by sounds, building them with magnetic letters, etc. Our "We Can Read" board is coming along! Thank you for continuing to send them labels in. Students are practicing reading some of the labels like Hot Wheels, Bear Paws, and Tim Hortons. We also started Home Reading this month, and I hope students are enjoying it. Reminder that book bags come back every Monday for book swap. We will continue to build our letter and word bank. On Valentine's Day we had a fun scavenger hunt where students had to find heart halves, and find it's matching uppercase or lowercase partner and they had a blast, especially when they realized that someone else already had their matching half! We also enjoyed some I Love to Read activities with our Learning Buddies, including making book marks.

Students have also taken ownership of the daily question in regards to number sense. Each day, one student will come up to the board and point to each name in the columns for the rest of the class to count. Then they write the corresponding numbers, and circle the larger one. We are also building our number skills through the daily counting collections. New collections get added frequently to keep everyone engaged.

We used our critical thinking skills with a fun science experiment and made decisions about whether candy hearts would float or sink in regular tap water, and carbonated water. Of course we got to eat some too!

Our Sources of Strength lessons have included writing down our Aha moments (trying/accomplishing something new or difficult), and Affirmations (appreciations for others) on a paper chain. It is continually growing! We will see how long it is by the end of the year!

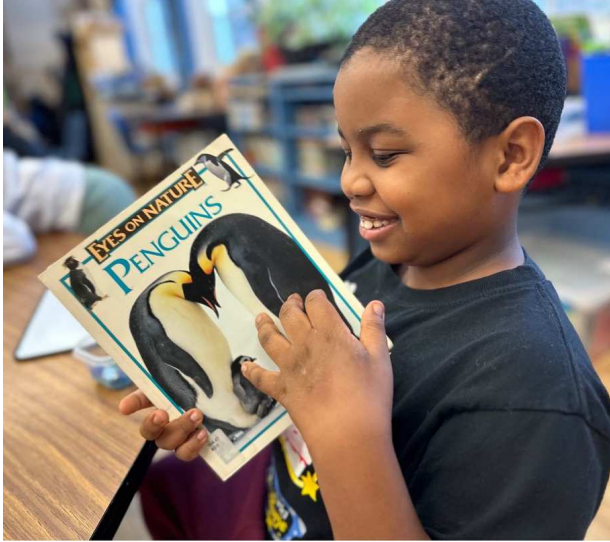


Room 17pm Nursery/Kindergarten...

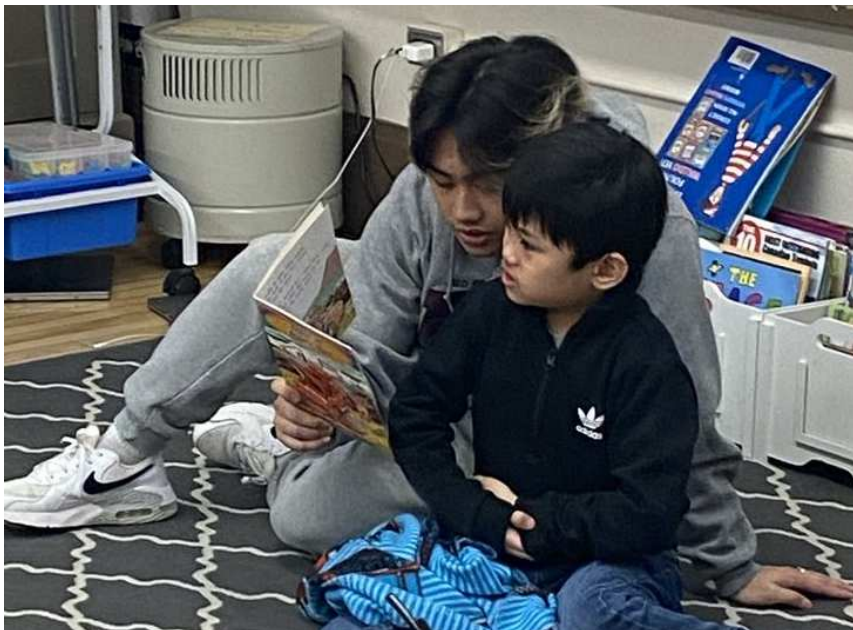
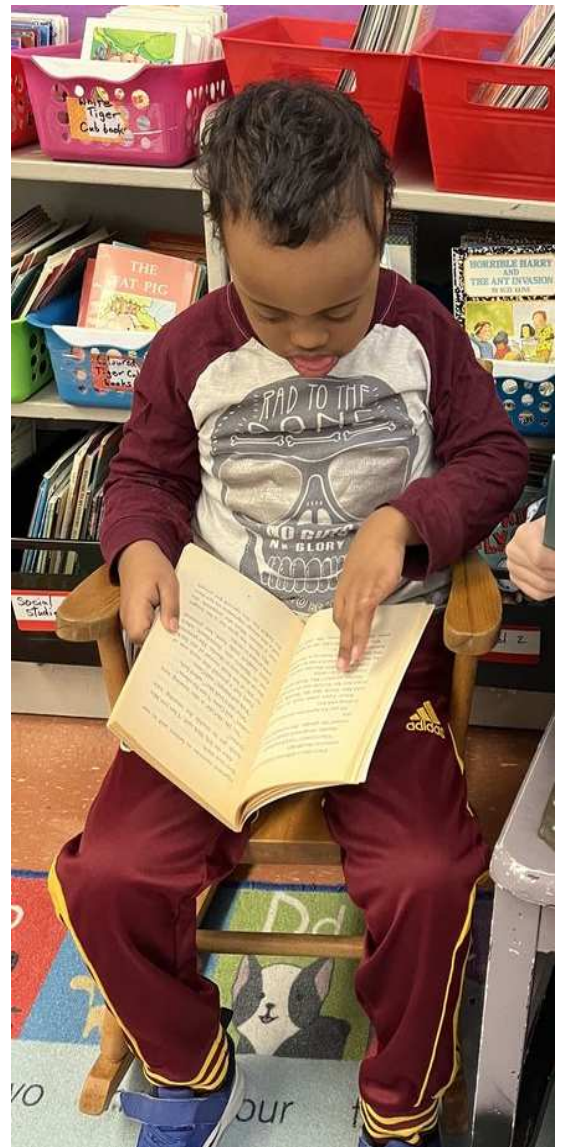
This month has been all about hearts, love, learning about rabbits, and preparing for our pretend trip to Costa Rica for the month of March!




Room 21 Adapted Skills...



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Read



March 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 day 3
4 day 4	5 day 5	6 day 6	7 day 1	8 day 2 Gr 5/6 Basketball at Greenway School pm
11 day 3	12 day 4 Spring Photos and classroom pictures	13 day 5 Report cards sent home	14 day 6 Student Led 4:30 – 7:30	15 day 1 Student Led 9:00 – 11:30 No Classes
18 day 2	19 day 3	20 day 4 DI Tournament Neurodiversity Day	21 day 5	22 day 6 Pizza Day 
25	26	27	28	29
Spring Break				

April at a glance...

April 8 – 12 Spring Musical Week

April 19 – Non-Instructional No Classes

April 26 – Pizza Day

Spirit Month

Monday March 4th - Career Day - Get ready to showcase your aspirations and ambitions by dressing as your dream career. Whether you're envisioning yourself as a doctor, engineer, artist, or entrepreneur, let your outfit reflect your passion

Friday March 8th - Samesie day - Get ready to step into someone else's shoes (or rather, wardrobe)! Whether you're mimicking the style of your friend or channeling the fashion sense of your teacher, it's all about celebrating each other's uniqueness.

Monday March 11th - Minion Monday! - Get ready to go bananas on Minion Monday! It's a day to unleash your inner minion and dress up in vibrant yellow and blue attire. Whether you're rocking overalls, goggles, or just sporting the colors, let's spread joy and laughter throughout the day.

Thursday March 14th - Rainbow Rally - Each class shines with its own color on Rainbow Rally day! Wear your class color proudly and join the rally in the Gym as we play class vs teachers dodgeball in a colorful display of unity and spirit.

Rm 1 - Pink

Rm 2 - Blue

Rm 3 - Green

Rm 8 - Purple

Rm 9 - Black

Rm 10 - Red

Rm 13 - White

NK - Rainbow

Monday March 18th - Character Day - Step into the world of your favorite characters on Character Day! Whether it's a superhero, a beloved book character, or an iconic movie figure, unleash your creativity and dress up as your fictional alter ego. Let's transform the school into a stage for imagination and adventure as we celebrate the characters that inspire us.

Friday March 22nd - PJ/Movie Day - It's Movie Day! Slip into your coziest PJs and grab your favorite snack because we're watching a movie! Get ready to relax and enjoy the show with your classmates. It's a day to unwind and laugh before heading into spring break.