

CLIFTON SCHOOL

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"Where the Eagles Soar"

March



February was an exciting month for our readers! Congratulations to all our students for achieving their Olympic-themed reading goal of 4,000 minutes. Their hard work, dedication, and love of reading earned them the Gold Medal in our school-wide challenge! We are so proud of their teamwork and perseverance. Thank you to families and staff for cheering them on—your encouragement helps build lifelong readers.

As we move into March, we have two important events that continue to strengthen our sense of community and support student learning:

- PAC Family Game Night – March 11

Join us for an evening of fun, laughter, and friendly competition. Family Game Night is a wonderful opportunity to build community, meet other parents and caregivers, and enjoy time together in the school.

- Parent-Teacher Interviews – March 19 & 20

These conversations are essential to helping students thrive. Parent-Teacher Interviews give families and teachers the chance to celebrate progress, share insights, and plan next steps together. We encourage all families to book a time—your involvement truly makes a difference.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership as we celebrate achievements and work together for student success.

Susan Drysdale
Principal, Clifton School



Rm. 10 Mrs. Lagadi

Nursery & Kindergarten

I always think that the previous months have been so busy but February REALLY was so busy! In the Nursery/Kindergarten classroom we were learning about friends, kindness, pets, dinosaurs and Paper!! We had so much fun going on our first field trip to the Children's Museum to learn how to make paper. Thank you very much to all the parent/grandparent volunteers who were able to come along with us!



It was also I Love to Read month and we did many activities around reading. There were many guest readers, and our students loved meeting Desiree Scott! That was so awesome!



Guest Reader
- Ms. Desiree Scott



In March, we will be learning about many new things. In Math, we will be learning to name two more and two less on a number line. In English Language Arts the kindergarten students will be beginning to read some simple pattern books. We will also be exploring the theme of "Space"!

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Parent/Teacher conferences later this month!

Mrs. Lagadi 😊



Rm. 7 Ms. Eleno/Ms. Regier

Grades 1 and 2

Hello Clifton Families!

In February, Room 7 celebrated both our **Love of Reading** and our care for one another. Throughout the month, we focused on improving our reading habits while also practicing kindness, friendship, and teamwork. Students showed great excitement for books and thoughtful ways of showing appreciation to our friends and families.

For **ELA**, we continued strengthening our phonics skills, building students' reading confidence through the UFLI Foundations program. We applied our learning in **independent reading and Book Buddy sessions with Room 6**. In **MATH**, we explored addition and subtraction strategies. Students practiced making 10 pairs, using part-whole strategies, and learning doubles facts to deepen our understanding of number relationships. We used **CUISENAIRE RODS, songs, and hands-on activities** to guide our understanding of these ideas. Room 7 also started developing **estimation skills** by looking at visual prompts and object collections. At the midpoint of winter, **snow was the focus** of our **SCIENCE INQUIRY**. Using the senses, learners examined snow and asked questions about its changes. This hands-on learning encouraged curiosity and inspired thoughtful conversations. For **SOCIAL STUDIES**, we created **simple maps** that show important places in our community together. It was exciting to see each student's perspective on what makes a community special.

February was also full of memorable celebrations! Our **100th Day of School** included math games and creative art activities. We enjoyed Pajama Day and Buddy Reading with the whole school, celebrated Valentine's Day together, took part in the **"I LOVE to Read"** logo-making CONTEST, and dressed up as our **Favorite BOOK Characters**.

Room 7 continues to grow as a caring and supportive classroom. We are proud of all the effort and progress this month. We look forward to the month ahead!

Ms. Eleno

I Love to Read Favourite Book Character





RM. 7 Social Studies - Our Community



100 Days of School



Rm. 9 Ms. Langille

Grades 1 and 2

February has been a busy and creative month in our classroom! We began new writing **JOURNALS** and have been working on organizing our made-up stories into a clear beginning, middle, and end. Students are using "spelling-ISH" to get their ideas onto paper quickly, while continuing to build accurate spelling skills during literacy centres.

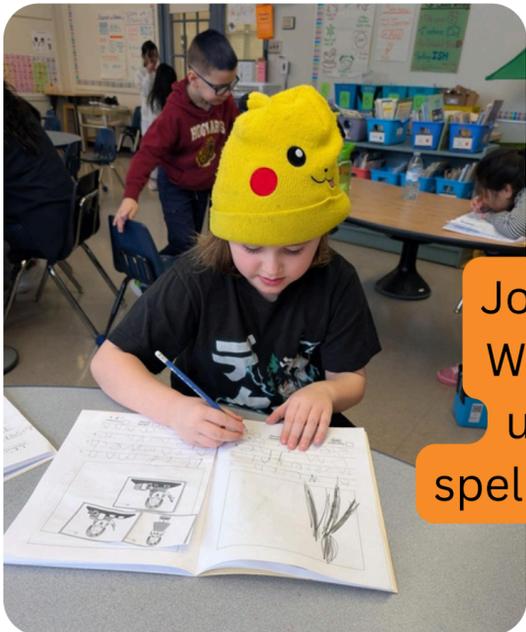
In our **READING** rotations, we practice phonemic awareness (hearing sounds in words), phonics (matching letters to sounds), "heart words" that must be memorized, and applying these skills in our reading and writing.

In **MATH**, we have been developing our estimating skills, helping students build a strong sense of how numbers "feel" and strengthening their mental math strategies.

In **SCIENCE**, we explored different materials around the classroom and identified their characteristics by describing how they look, feel, and sound.

Students also showed wonderful creativity by designing their own **VALENTINE'S characters**, going far beyond the original sample. To celebrate **I Love to Read Month**, students have been exploring **Duolingo ABC**, an engaging literacy app that supports spelling patterns, sentence reading, and proper letter formation. It has been a joyful and productive month of learning!

Stacy Langille



Journal Writing using spelling-ISH

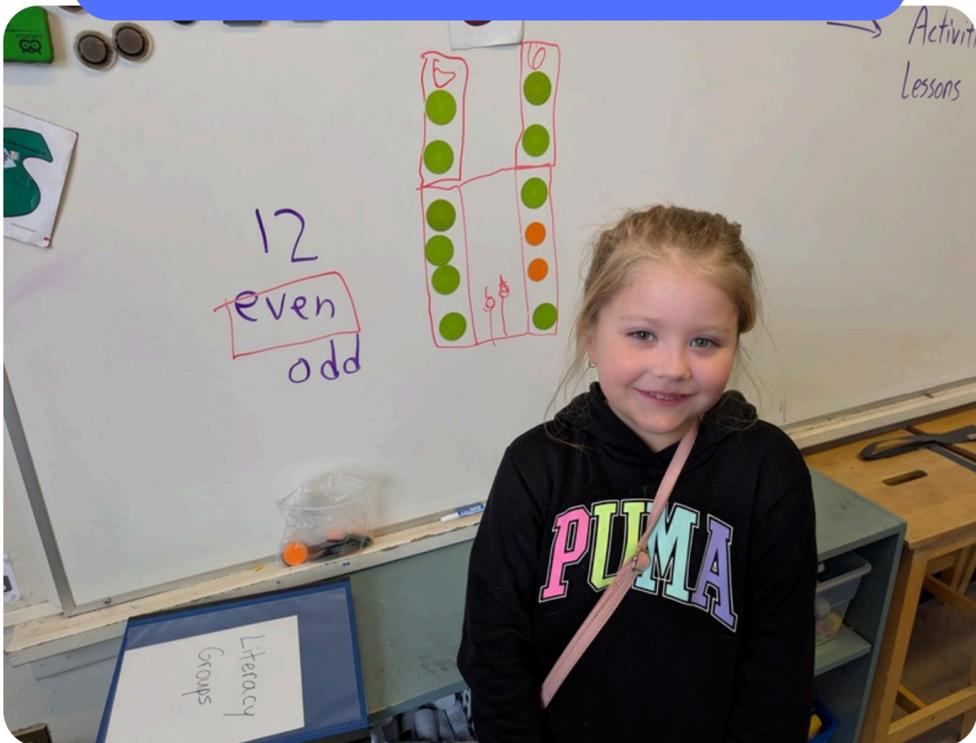


Valentine Characters



HeART words

Math - Estimating



HeART words





Rm. 4 Mrs. Bedard

Grades 3 & 4

This February, our Grade 3/4 class has been busy mixing math, creativity, and presentation skills in a very sweet way!

Turning Math into a Bakery



To strengthen our understanding of multiplication facts, we transformed our classroom into a Math Bakery. Instead of simply memorizing facts, students used baking pans as arrays to model multiplication. By arranging “treats” into equal rows and columns, we could clearly see how multiplication represents equal groups.

For example, students showed 4×6 by building an array with 4 rows of 6 treats. This hands-on approach helped deepen our understanding of repeated addition and how multiplication works. **It was a fun (and memorable!) way to build fluency with our facts.**

From Math to Mouthwatering Writing

Our bakery theme didn't stop in math — it inspired our writing as well!

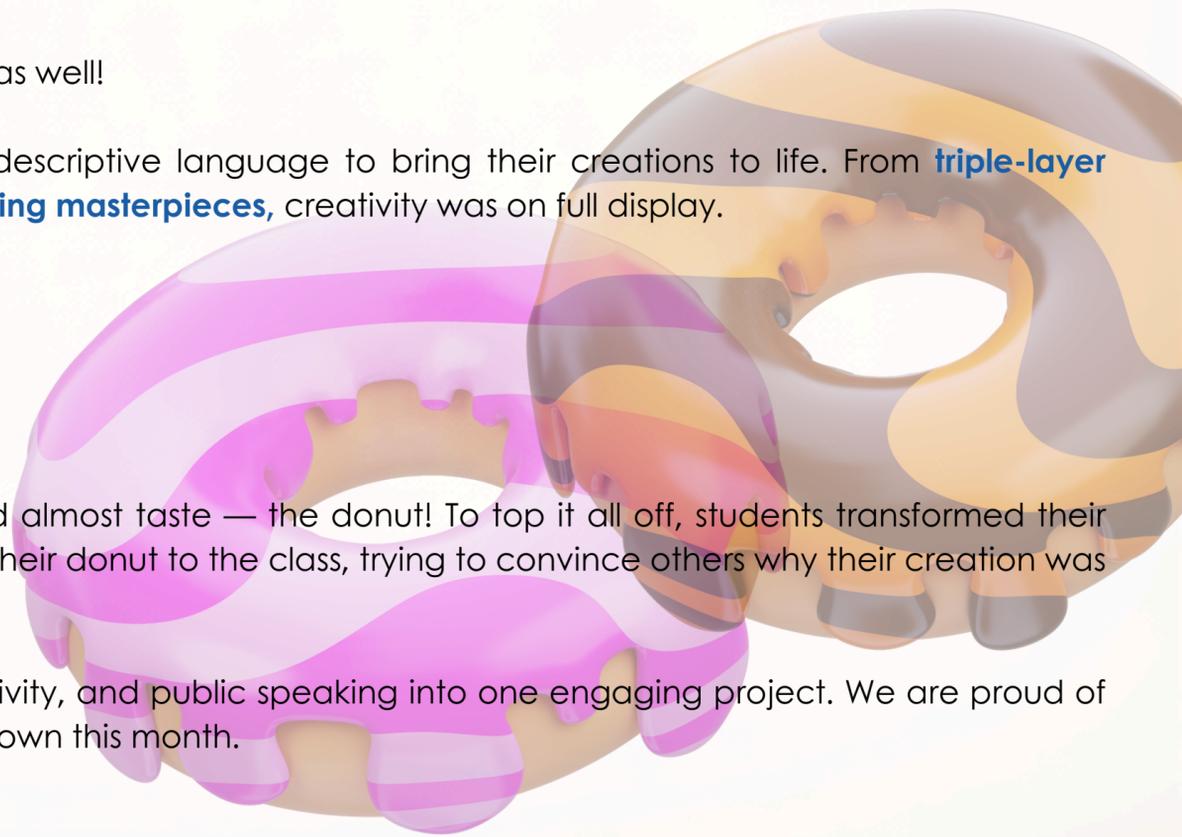
Students designed their own unique donuts and used rich, descriptive language to bring their creations to life. From **triple-layer galaxy-glazed donuts to marshmallow-stuffed, sprinkle-exploding masterpieces**, creativity was on full display.

Writers focused on:

- Strong adjectives and vivid word choice
- Sensory details (taste, smell, texture, appearance)

The goal was to make readers feel like they could see — and almost taste — the donut! To top it all off, students transformed their writing into persuasive presentations. Each student presented their donut to the class, trying to convince others why their creation was the one worth buying.

It was wonderful to see students combine math, writing, creativity, and public speaking into one engaging project. We are proud of the hard work and enthusiasm our Grade 3/4 students have shown this month.



Mrs. Bedard





'I Love to Read' Month Newsletter'

Hi, this is Harmony and Maya from Room 3 and we are writing about some of the fun things that we did in February.

For 'I Love to Read' month we did lots of fun things. For example, the guest readers we had included Desiree Scott, a firefighter, Selena Starling and Adrian Sala. The guest readers have been really fun and they read us a bunch of books.

Also Room 4 made a flame to track how long we've been reading for. Right now we are very close to our goal of 4000 minutes. As we write this newsletter we are just past 3,500 minutes. That's a lot of reading!

We did a mascot design challenge for a Clifton School Olympic mascot and every single class made their own character and like the 75th anniversary mascot we are voting for the winning Olympic mascot.

Also for one of our special events we could dress like our favorite book character which was really fun because everyone was a different person. For Valentine's day, we had pjs and stuffies and lots and lots of candy and cards from others. Everyone was so helpful for Valentine's Day to make it a good day with lots of learning, stuffies and having fun. Our class had lots and lots of fun. We ended our day reading with our learning buddies in the gym.

Thanks for reading the newsletter. We love to write it and we love to read it!

Written by: Maya and Harmony (on behalf of Room 3)





Rm. 6 Mrs. Schultz

Grades 5 & 6

February was an exciting and energetic month in our classroom!

We had so much fun cheering on Team Canada during the Winter Olympics. The students loved following the events and celebrating the athletes' dedication and perseverance. We brought that Olympic spirit right into our learning by designing our own **Olympic Games through STEAM learning**. Students worked collaboratively to create events, apply problem-solving skills, and think creatively about design and structure.

In **MATH**, we made meaningful connections to the Winter Olympics by exploring data, measurement, and comparisons. Students analyzed results, worked with numbers in real-world contexts, and strengthened their critical thinking skills while connecting learning to current events.

Our curiosity also took flight as we **researched the history of flight**. Students learned about early inventors and innovations that shaped air travel. They applied their knowledge by building model airplanes, testing designs, and collaborating to improve their creations. It was wonderful to see the teamwork, creativity, and perseverance in action!

February was also **I Love to Read Month**, and our classroom was filled with stories and smiles. We enjoyed special reading activities, dressed up as our favourite book characters, wore cozy pajamas for reading time, and partnered with our book buddies to share stories together. It was a joyful celebration of literacy and a reminder of the power of reading to connect us all.

Overall, February was a month full of collaboration, creativity, and meaningful learning experiences. We are so proud of the way students worked together, encouraged one another, and embraced every opportunity to learn.

Thank you for your continued support!

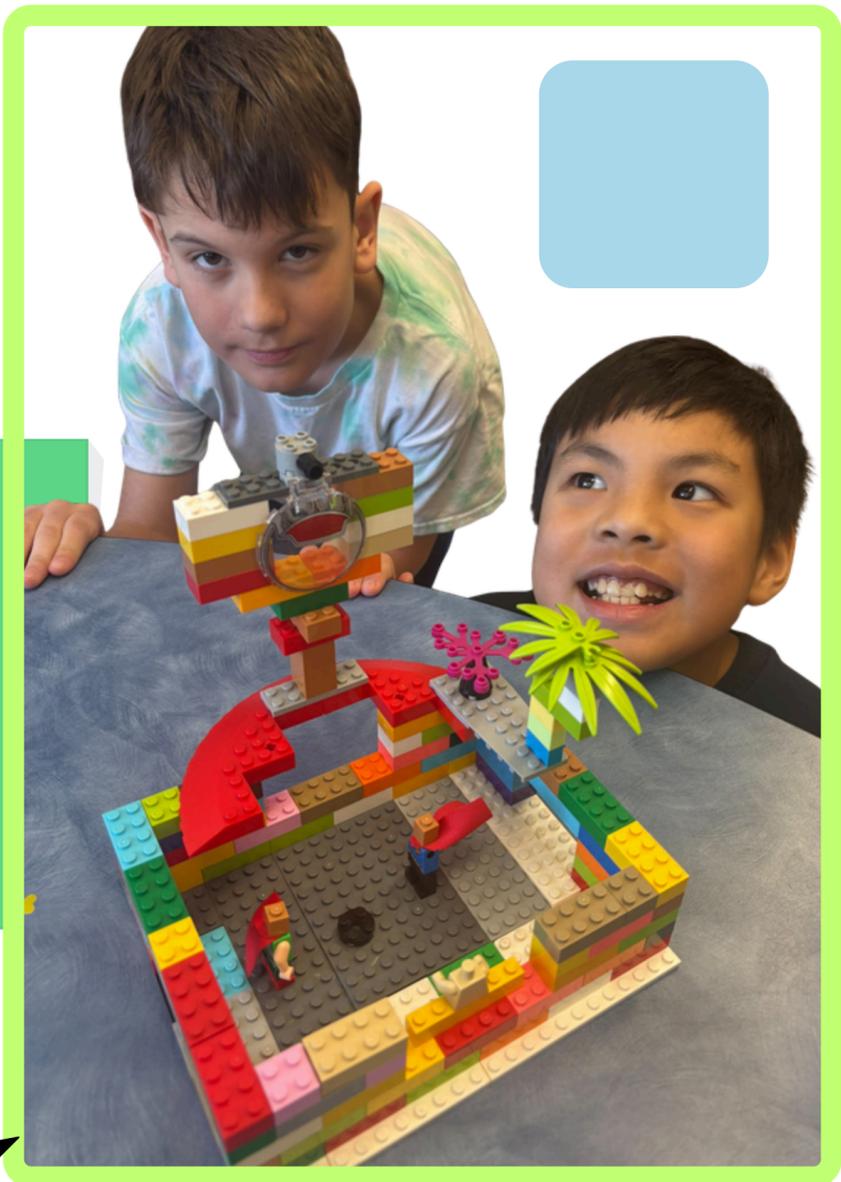
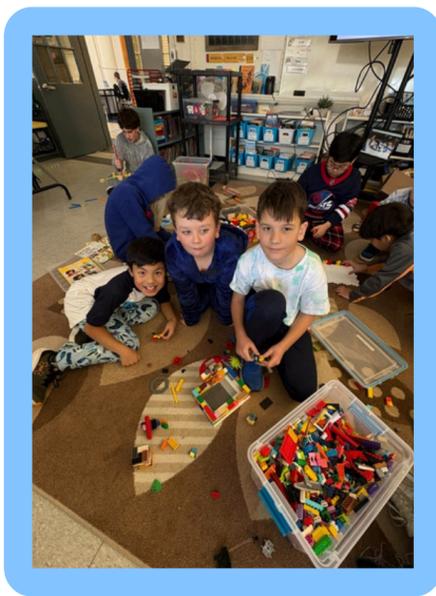
Mrs. Schultz



Flight



Guests



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Rm. 6



Music and Arts

Mrs. Robinson

Here are the latest Music room activities:

Rm. 7 and 9 – They have learned all about the **Jazz singer Ella Fitzgerald** and how she used her voice to imitate and improvise instrument sounds.

Room 4 studied the musical language **Staccato and Legato** using the song “Hens and Roosters” composed by **Camille Saint Saens**.

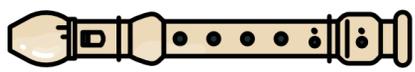
Rm. 3 and Rm 6 – Many students have become experts in the playing *Mary had a Little Lamb and Hot Cross Buns* on **their recorders**.

Hand Bell Club has now come to a close. These students learned to play a few simple songs and how heavy some of these bells are.

On February 3rd **Rooms 3, 4 and 6** got to experience a mini-Concert entitled **Toy Symphony from the Manitoba Chamber Orchestra** at Tec Voc High school. A String ensemble played us a few tunes by themselves then they were joined on the stage by students from other schools in the division. Some of these students played us a few tunes on their violins, others joined in with the string ensemble with percussion instruments. It was a fun afternoon!



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Room 3, 4 & 6



‘Toy Symphony’ from the MB Chamber Orchestra



Hand Bell CLUB

Room 3, 4 and 6



Bus Ride 2 Tech Voc to see the MB Chamber Orchestra





Physical Education News

Mrs. Lyon-Anderson

February was another fun month. Students improved their basketball skills, enjoyed some new quirky warm up activities and took part in an Olympic-like day.

The gym continues to be a very sweaty and active learning place, and March is no exception. This month students can look forward to the following activities:

Grades 1-3: Outdoor winter activities, parachute play and other low organized games.

Grades 4-6: Cross-country skiing, snow shoeing and other low organized games.

Winter Celebration Day:

We have booked the Valour Community Centre - Clifton Site located at 1315 Strathcona Street on Friday, March 13 from 9:30-2:30 p.m. Grade 1-6 classes will be participating in this fun event, which includes skating! More information to follow soon.

Intramural Schedule (LUNCH time activities in the GYM from 12:20-12:50 PM):

Date	Grade
Tuesday, March 3	1
Thursday, March 5	2
Monday, March 9	3
Wednesday, March 11	4
Friday, March 13 9:30-2:30 PM	Special School Winter Fun Day at Valour Community Centre - Clifton Site
Monday, March 16	6
Tuesday, March 17	5
Thursday, March 19	1
Monday, March 23	2
Wednesday, March 25	3
Friday, March 27	4



Basketball (Grade 5/6) Practices and Tournaments:

Date	Activity
Tuesday, March 3	Basketball practice 3:30-4:30
Thursday, March 5	Basketball practice 3:30-4:30
Friday, March 6	Girls' Grade 5/6 Basketball Tournament at Sargent Park School
Wednesday, March 18	Boys' Grade 5/6 Basketball Tournament at Sargent Park School



Stay active!

Mrs. Lyon-Anderson



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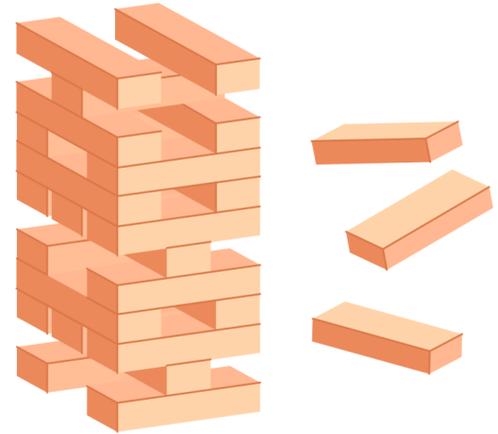
Hello Clifton School families!

We're looking forward to a busy and fun March! Here's what's coming up:

Family Board Game Night – March 11

Join us for a fun evening of games and community connection!

Date: Wednesday, March 11th 6:00 - 8:00 PM
Location: Clifton School
Format: Come and go



We'll have a wide selection of board games available — this is a free event. Juice, popcorn and candy are available for purchase.

Please note: All children should have a parent/guardian present with them.

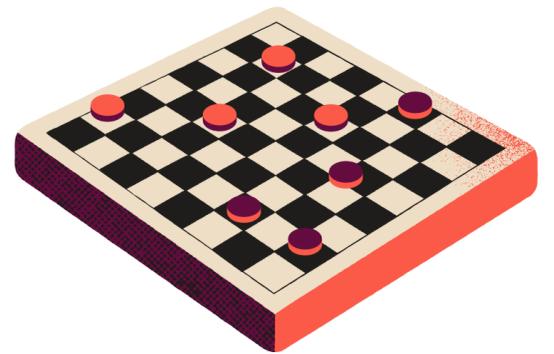
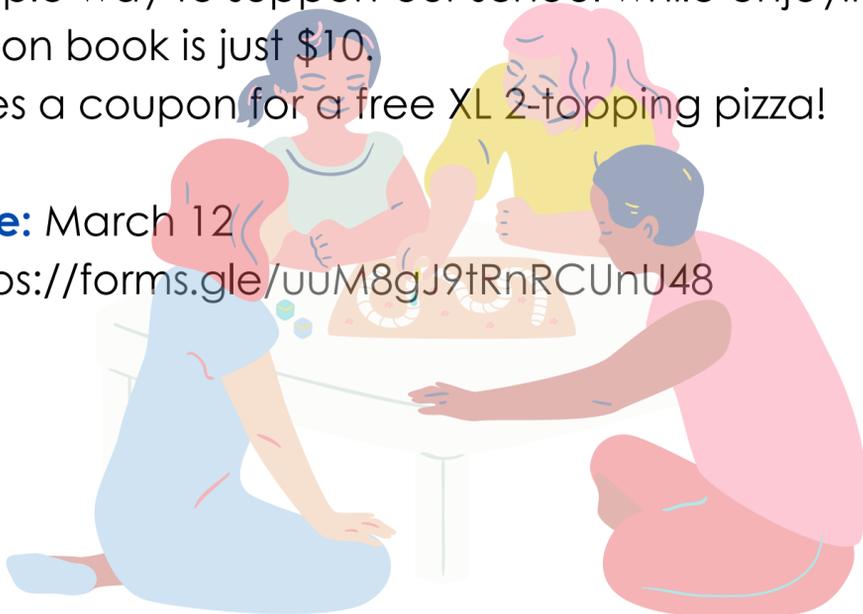
Pizza Hotline Fundraiser – Don't Miss Out!

Our Pizza Hotline Fundraiser is underway!

- This is a simple way to support our school while enjoying a meal with your family.
- Each coupon book is just \$10.
- This includes a coupon for a free XL 2-topping pizza!

Order deadline: March 12

Order link: <https://forms.gle/uUM8gJ9tRnRCUnU48>

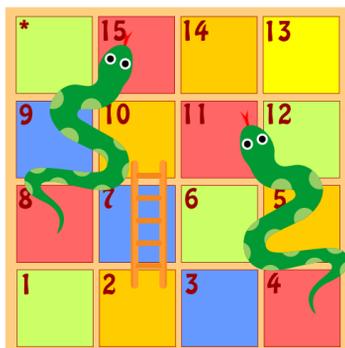


NEXT PAC MEETING

Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at 6:00 PM,
in the Clifton School Library

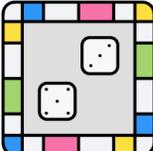
AS ALWAYS, BABYSITTING SERVICES

will be provided during the meeting



MARCH 2026

 = Intramurals
12:20 - 12:50

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Day 2	3  Day 3  Basketball Practice 3:30 - 4:30	4 Day 4	5  Day 5  Basketball Practice 3:30 - 4:30	6  Day 6 Girls Tournament SARGENT PARK
9  Day 1	10 Day 2	11  Day 3 Parent Council's FAMILY BOARD GAME NIGHT 	12  Day 4 Parent Council's Pizza HOTLINE Order Deadline	13  Day 5 Winter FUN at Valour Community Centre 9:30 - 2:30 with Ms. LA
16  Day 6	17  Day 1	18  Day 2 Boys Tournament SARGENT PARK	19  Day 3 Parent Teacher Interviews 4 - 7 PM	20 Day 4 9 - Noon Parent Teacher Interviews No SCHOOL
23  Day 3	24 Day 4	25  Day 5  PAC Meeting 6:00 PM	26 Day 5	27  Day 1
30 SPRING BREAK STARTS	31	1 APRIL	2 APRIL	3 APRIL Good Friday SPRING BREAK ENDS
6 APRIL Day 4 School Reopens	7 APRIL Day 5	8 APRIL Day 6	9 APRIL Day 1	10 APRIL Day 2 No SCHOOL