



February ISSUE 2016

CELEBRATE WITH US!

- Junior Curling Season has started with practices Mondays and games on Wednesdays.
- Milo School won a recent school curling game 5-2! YAY!
- Marine Biology bake sale raised \$242.30, the bottle drive was very successful and is currently being tallied. Next up is the Sweetheart Supper and Spring Flower Fundraiser. Thanks to everyone for your continued support.

Principal Message: Skating, Literacy, and Exams!

January has now come on gone, with bitter cold days and some almost like summer! Along with it we have been busy with ice skating, studying and preparing for exams and having awesome literacy activities! February is KINDNESS month – help us to spread love and joy at school by talking about kindness at home in different ways.

Family Literacy Day was a hit on January 27th with guests from the fire department, the RCMP, the Vulcan Coalition of Early Childhood Development with Rainbow Literacy, community members and families. We had a fabulous visit with Tanya Elliott, an author from Brooks, Alberta. She is also a teacher, and spent time with the students inspiring them to use their imagination and pursue their dreams.

Exam week was the last week of January. It was a great way to see where our students are doing well and where they are struggling. Remember that there are many factors that limit or contribute to success in a test: level of confidence, anxiety and the amount of sleep and food eaten, all play a role in addition to the student's knowledge of the subject. As well, some students may be struggling with reading, expression of ideas, processing information and attention

due to differences in their abilities and development. Everyone is on their own personal learning journey and it is our job (with you) to discover the various ways to realize everyone's potential. Tests are only one sample of many other aspects of student learning. In February information will be sent home to communicate with parents and guardians how the results were and areas requiring further growth for our school.

We are looking forward to a few things in February! Not only is there the week off February 15-19, but also on February 22 there is a special dance performance, SAFIRE, which focuses on a message about confidence, leadership and bullying from the Canadian School Presenters. And... on February 23 we are going SKIING to Castle Mountain! Oh Yeah!

Finally in February there will be two surveys for you to complete. One will be for the school and the other is for the government, called the Accountability Pillar Survey. Completing both surveys is very important in order for us to learn your perspective about what we are doing well and what we could improve on. Please read below for more information.

Thank you for your awesome support in your child's learning! Have an epic February!

– Ms. Prud'Homme

- First "WE READ" session went very well. The students were engaged and enthusiastic – this is a time for teachers to meet and collaborate. Let us know if you would like to help read to kids!
- Family Literacy Day was on January 27 and we all enjoyed the visit from guest author, Tanya Elliott, along with family and community reading time and a potluck lunch! Awesome!
- Art classes start the second week of February on Thursdays with Vulcan Art Teacher Michael Shain, for the 3-5 and 6-9 classes.
- The science lab and library have a bright and fresh coat of paint.
- Free Family Movie Night was well attended with an audience ranging from pre-school to grandparents enjoying a good laugh at the antics of the Minions. Thank you for attending!
- We are now working on developing a new school sign for above our front entrance!

Important Message: Survey info coming home soon!

Attached with this News Update is information about surveys for parents and students to complete. This will be printed and sent home for school parents.

There will be two surveys. One is for the school's information, as an opportunity to get feedback from students and parents now. The other is the government survey from Alberta Education, which comes out every year, called The Accountability Pillar Survey. This survey is what we use to plan school goals by assessing our level of school

achievement and areas requiring improvement.

Please complete both surveys so that we can have information to help us grow further!

If you would like to come in to the school during the day to complete the surveys online, you are welcome to do so. Laptops will be available in the library for the survey to be completed. Simply come in and sign in to the office and visit the library laptops.

Thank you very much, in advance, for taking the time to complete the surveys! We appreciate it!

IB SPOTLIGHT!



Check out the photography from the photography options class! Students learned how to communicate creatively.

LEARNING SPOTLIGHT



Congratulations! In January we began nominating Learners of the Week!

Jacob Thornley, grade 8
Hailey Many Bears, grade 6
Cori Many Bears, grade 2

Learning is a never-ending pursuit of life, a discovery of who you are and a depth of mystery and adventure!

Family Literacy Day!

Thank you to all that came out to share Family Literacy Day with us at the school. Special thanks goes to Tanya Elliott, the guest author who came to speak with all of the classes. She also did creative writing activities with the junior highs. Tanya's book, *The Secret Blanket*, is for sale online as well! Thank you to all that took part in organizing the event, participating, and to all of the community members from Milo and Vulcan who visited! The potluck lunch was fabulous as always and we especially enjoyed the delicious cake that was donated by the Milo Seed Cleaning Plant.



February is KINDNESS MONTH

Milo February Calendar

31	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	Milo Teacher PD Day 10am - Pre-school 6:30pm - Adult Yoga	Day 1 Kindness Challenge RAKC starts Skating Gr 1-5 Student Leadership	Day 2 Milo Curling vs Skating Gr 1-5 9:30am - Rhyme	Day 3 EVERYONE READS	5:30 pm Milo Hall Marine Bio Sweetheart Dinner YES! There is school	6
7	Day 4 Weekly RAKC 10am - Pre-school 6:30pm - Adult Yoga	Day 1 Skating Gr 1-5 Student Leadership Parent Council Meeting at 6:30	Day 2 Milo Curling vs Skating Gr 1-5 9:30am - Rhyme	5-9 ART starts Day 3 Veteran Valentines 1pm - Grade 5-9 Leadership Talks	Milo No School 9am - Milo PD	13
14	February break! Read, write poetry, reflect and have good conversations! Enjoy! :) No School					
21	Day 4 SAFIRE Weekly RAKC 10am - Pre-school 4pm - Curling 6:30pm - Adult Yoga	Castle Mtn Ski Trip Day 1	Day 2 Milo School Curling - 9:30am - Rhyme	Day 3 EVERYONE READS Indian Tacos Lunch! MILO: Canopener	Milo No School	27
28	District PD - No 10am - Pre-school 4pm - Curling 6:30pm - Adult Yoga	Day 4 Student Leadership Weekly RAKC	Day 1 Milo Curling - 9:30am - Rhyme	Day 2 EVERYONE READS	Milo No School 9am - Milo PD	4

February will feature more PROJECTS!

