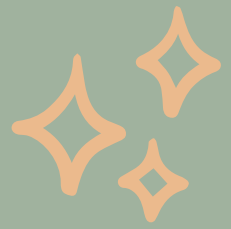




Teulon Elementary Quarterly



Spring Edition 2024

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Well friends, we made it to spring, once again. And how sweet it is. I must say, following report card season, the dreaded time change, and the great ODR (outdoor rink) known as our playground, the upcoming break is quite welcome. I will also take this opportunity however, to point out that the pages following show a theme that is not by accident. The theme is gratitude. You will read here, we are incredibly grateful for past and present staff, for our community, and for the important (and joyful) work we have the privilege of doing day after day. We are truly grateful for the students and their willingness to try new things, to pitch in and lend a hand, to solve problems (both in math and on the playground), to show up every day with a smile on their face and a desire to learn. We are grateful we saw so many of you at the school last month for progress conversations and the book fair. Thank you. What a joy to be at Teulon Elementary.

I am looking forward to opening our doors once again to families on the 25th of April for our annual celebration of learning. This is another meaningful opportunity to recognise learning and growth in all subject (and social-emotional) areas.

Until then,



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

APRIL

4 - TEPAC Meeting at the school, 6:30 (all welcome)

11 - Teulon Wellness Committee Meeting, TCI 7pm

23 - Bring a Grand-Friend Day (grades 3-4)

24 - Grade 6 Photos

25 - Celebration of Learning, 4:30 - 6:30

MAY

2 - TEPAC Meeting at the school, 6:30 (all welcome)

12 - Mother's Day

16 - Kindergarten Orientation Day

20-21 - No School

28 - Bring a Grand-Friend 5-6B (Braun)

Happy Retirement, Mrs. Moeller-Johnston!

It is with heavy (but happy for her) hearts that we say farewell to our beloved Admin Assistant, Mrs. Moeller-Johnston. Julie started at Teulon Elementary as an EA in 2010 and joined the office staff in 2017. It is here she has done everything from applying band-aids, calling parents, making sure staff are getting paid (!), to mastering power-school...the list could fill this page. Julie, we know how much parents will miss your knowledgeable, kind, and caring voice on the phone. We know how much we as staff and students will miss your calm, collected, and (very) hard-working presence. You are the true captain at the wheel of this wild ship! We adore you and wish you all the very best!



School News

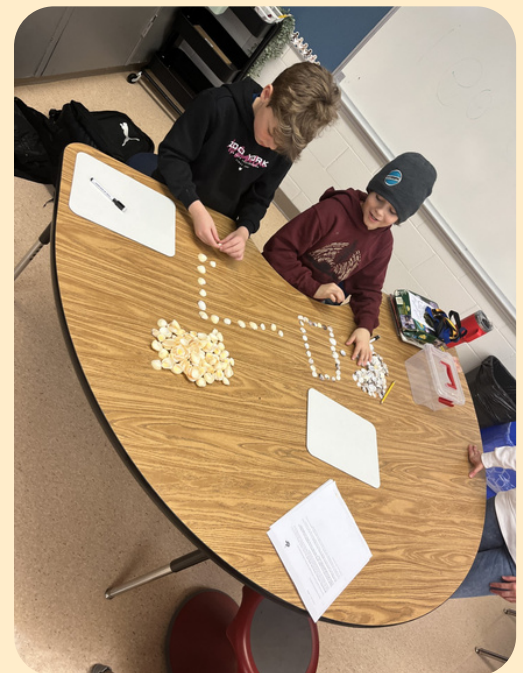
An update from a few of our classrooms...

Kindergarten kicked off the month of February with some Groundhog Day festivities! Students made predictions on whether Manitoba Merv would see his shadow and graphed the varying responses. Students learned about shadows and how sunlight plays an important role: especially on Groundhog Day.

Kindergarten students have been engaged in their Literacy Time with Ms. Trombo and have enjoyed learning to play games called *Hot Seat* and *Kaboom*. Lots of great learning is happening in our classroom daily!



In **Ms. Hnatiuk's class**, we have been doing hands-on math while learning about arrays and multiplication. We use different manipulatives (seashells, buttons, blocks, etc.) to further our understanding of multiplication. In ELA we are reading *Because of Winn Dixie* and working through the UFLI lessons. In Science, we are studying and building structures using a variety of materials. In Social Studies, the students are working on a research project about a country of their choosing and this winter a small group presented a song and dance called *The Continent Song*! We even had a multi-age group of friends perform a reader's theatre at the February Assembly. Looking forward to more adventures this spring!



School News

The winter is flying by in **Miss Jack's 1/2 class!** February has been a busy month with Groundhog Day, Valentine's Day, Progress Conversations, 100 Day and Leap Day! All year we've been counting the days up to 100 in our calendars and we were very excited when we finally got there! We celebrated it on February 21st with lots of fun counting to 100 activities, including fruit loop necklaces!

We are working hard to become better readers and writers and we love all the fun phonics games that **Mrs. Trombo** has for us to play on Fridays, especially KABOOM!! We love spending time outside and find fun things to do whether there is snow, ice or grass on the ground!



Curious about what's happening in other classes? Stay tuned for our June news or come by our Celebration of Learning evening on April 25th 2024. This is an exciting event in which families can visit and look at all the learning happening here at school.



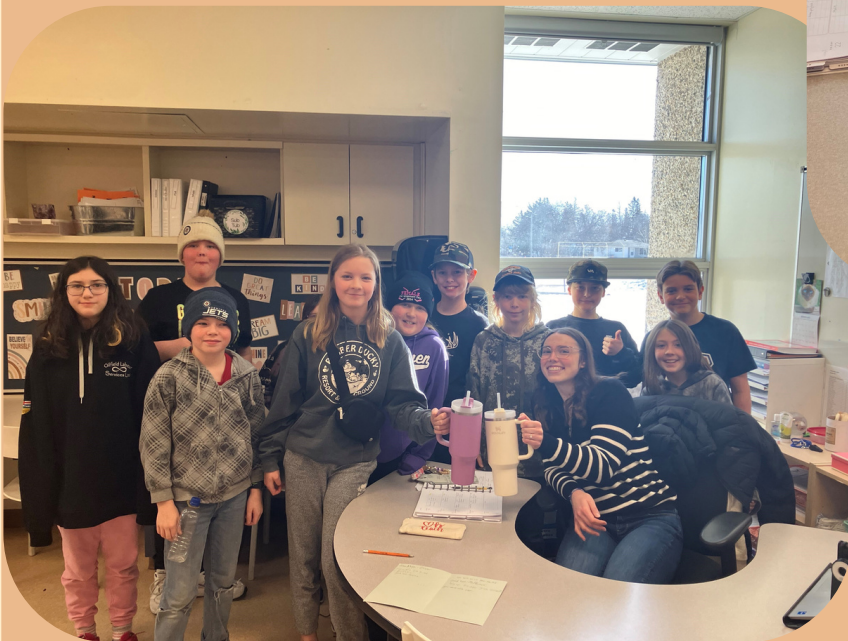
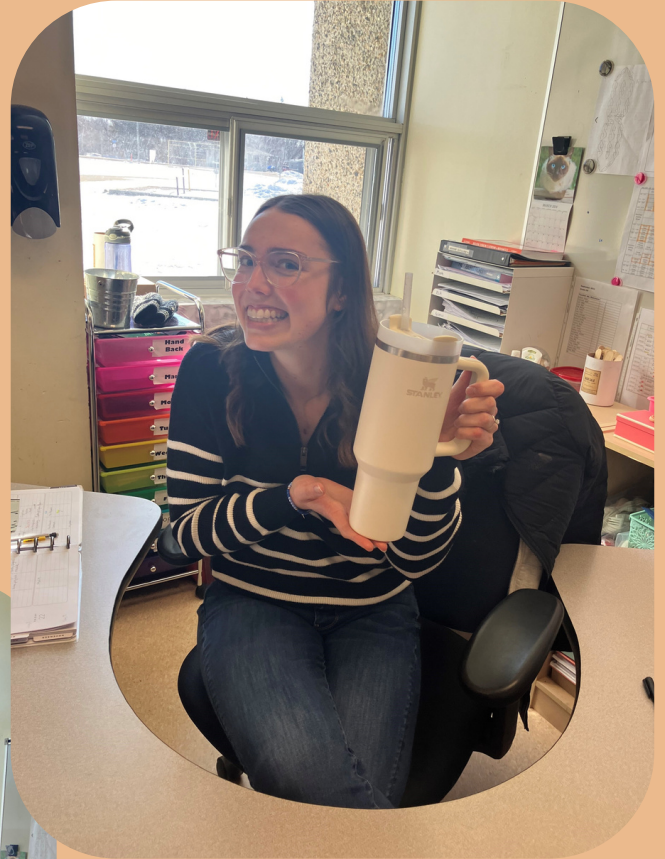
School News

The Teulon Elementary bookfair was a huge success, once again. This year, the theme for I love to Read month was **JOY** and there sure was a lot of it. Thank you to our student team of organisers and Ms. Voth for all their hard work. And thank you to YOU dear parents, grandparents, and friends for purchasing books (and knick-knacks!). The fair raised \$2216 in Scholastic books for our school!



School News

We are excited to welcome back Ms. Strick this April, however it means we say farewell to Ms. Malcowich. 5-6M was so fortunate to have such a dedicated, capable, fun, active, awesome teacher, We wish you all the best, Ms. Malcowich and hope we see you again! Thank you!



We are very happy to announce that Mrs. Whitney Bergstrom will now be the Administrative Assistant at Teulon Elementary. She knows our school community very well, as she previously was an Ed here. Please welcome her when you call the school (or when she calls looking for your child!).



Sports Page



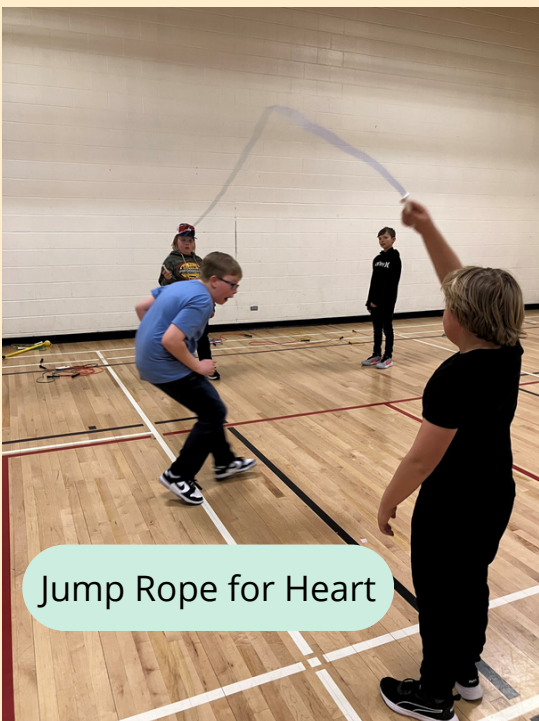
Divisional Girls Curling Team 2024 - ranked 3rd in the Interlake School Division



archery clinic
March 6th



5-6 Basketball Jambouree in Stonewall



Jump Rope for Heart



Three Cheers for Skating and Snowshoeing!



A Word About Report Cards

It does not go unnoticed that report card time may come with anxiety for students and parents. When going over the report card with your child, set aside enough time to have a quiet, relaxed discussion. Keep in mind this is a snap-shot of where your child is right now and there is always room to grow. The comment sections are where the real communication happens, so read this area carefully. Following that, you can always reach out to your child's teachers to seek further advice via the agenda, email, or over the phone.

How can I help my child with their "next steps"?

We often over think this as parents. Helping your child succeed at school can be as simple as reading to them daily (the same books over and over is a good thing), involving them in every-day numeracy tasks such as grocery shopping, time management, baking, or having them write family stories, lists, and cards to loved-ones. Play cards and board games and make art together. Most of all, never underestimate the power of a family routine, sleep, and plenty of time outdoors.



TES Playground Project

Did you know that our wonderful (and wonderfully classy) Parent Advisory Council (TEPAC) is planning a huge playground refresh? Our intentions are three-fold: 1. to add BEAUTY to our outdoor space, 2. To add Nature Rich elements (like more fort building areas), and 3) to add practical areas that encourage imaginative play and gathering (like seating). If you wish to learn more about our playground plans, or join our Playground Committee, please reach out to Sarah (shadfield@isd21.mb.ca) or to our TEPAC (tepac@teulonPAC.com).

We are thrilled to announce that the TGP Giving Tree (Round up your grocery bill) gave our school \$4000 towards our project! People grocery shopping in Teulon gave \$3019.29 and TGP rounded up to \$4000. Incredible! Thank you Teulon!

This money will be used in the spring to seriously refresh our basketball and volleyball courts on the north playground. Thanks to you (and TGP) we can fix the existing concrete pad (always floods) and completely re-do the volley ball court.

THANK
YOU



The existing, and very sad, courts

Bring A Grand-Friend

In collaboration with Green Acres Art Centre, our students have had the opportunity to invite an important person in their lives to school. Last month our guests were like celebrities when they arrived: the students were thrilled to have them. Thank you so much for coming!

This inter-generational program is run along side our collaboration with Goodwin Lodge in which a small group of grade six students have had the opportunity to volunteer once a month.

We are very grateful to Amanda Hepples for coordinating all of this and leading the way! Thank you Amanda!



Two of the grade 5-6 classes welcomed Grandparents and Grandfriends for games of crib and cards on March 12th. Snacks were provided by GAAC and a great time was had by all!



Miss Jack's class invited Grand-Friends in February, however we had to cancel due to the snow-day. We plan to reschedule in the spring so stay tuned!



Gratitude



Thank you to the Teulon Metis Foundation for the donation of library books during I Love to Read Month. All of our classes have been enjoying.



Also another shout-out to our parents (TEPAC) for the crazy carpets, the snow saws, the shovels, and the dry socks and mittens this winter. We sure enjoyed ourselves!



Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. We will continue to update you monthly on the calendar and the website. Lots of great information there!

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