May's Principal's Message: Liga Miklasevics

How better to welcome May than with sunshine, warmer weather and a focus on developing our integrity. Our scientific studies led us to inquiries about plants, butterflies and birds. In Social Studies, we learned about Canada while we prepared for our Spring Concert and shared our discoveries with parents and guardians through plays and songs. We also spent the month learning about the rules and how to follow them so that we could develop our integrity. We are now well into the third term and anyone would be impressed with the busy buzz of learning throughout the school. Read on to find out what's been going on!

Be a Future Ace

We are a Future Ace School, which means that we reinforce good character traits and respectful behaviours. Each month we focus on being the best we can be. We look for students who are acting like Future Aces by cooperating and working together, solving problems using words and accepting help when needed. Parents are warmly welcomed to our monthly Future Ace Assemblies.

May Future Aces - This month we focussed on Integrity! We encouraged the children to do the right thing. We reviewed how to make good decisions and why we always choose to do the right thing. We learned about the rules for different places and situations and how to follow them. We learned that it is our job to self-regulate (follow the rules) and be in control of ourselves at all times. We hope that each of the children has demonstrated integrity at home as well as they have been at school.

Congratulations to: Princess, Sarah, Alma, Maryam, Nikola, Kavya, Ezekiel, Amie, Suleyman, Fatma, Abbas, Brian, Jake, Cameron, Nijervan, Zehra, Heidar, Makaela, Nitant, Jamil, Panagiota, Jad, Rahaf, Nseif, Johnny, Zeinab, Haya, Chloe, Anastasia, Samantha, Mariam H., Joshua, Elena, Furkan
ESL Birdhouses
To celebrate Spring, our ESL class learned that some birds ‘migrate’. Students were happy to read that, although some birds go away for the winter, they ‘migrate’, returning in the spring when the weather warms up and there is a food source here for them. Students wrote about this and used acrylic paints to decorate small wooden birdhouses. They took home their finished creations for Mother’s Day.
Kindergarten Planting
In Room 101, we tested soil for drainage and made sure that we planted our peppers and our carrots in the best soil. We hope to transfer them to the garden in the courtyard soon.

Kindergarten Butterflies
We spent most of the month of May watching butterfly larvae (caterpillars) change into pupa (chrysalids) and finally into butterflies. We set them free and they were amazing to watch flutter by. We are continuing to do research on our butterflies. We are wondering about what they eat, where they live and how they get their colour. Did you know that flies, beetles and ants are similar to butterflies?
Spring Concert Dress Rehearsals
As you know, we held our Spring Concert this month. In preparation, students wrote plays and songs about our country, Canada. While they practiced their lines, singing their songs and playing their recorders, they learned many things about Canada and our rich history. We hope you enjoyed celebrating Canada’s 150th Birthday with us!
Mrs. Pepaj’s Kindergarten Class Learns to Paint Still-Lifes

The students in Room 110 observed some flowers and drew them. Then they painted their drawings using watercolour paints.
Dates to Remember:
EQAO concludes for Gr. 3 students- June 1 and 2
Pizza Lunches- June 2, 7, 16, 23, 29
All Library books are due by Thursday, June 8
School Council Meeting- Tuesday, June 6, 6:30 pm
Gr. 5 Trip to Camp Robin Hood- Thursday, June 8
Gr. 2/3 Soccer Tournament at 3 Valleys PS- Thursday, June 8
P. A. Day- Friday, June 9, No School for Students!
Read-a-thon- Monday, June 12 to Friday, June 23
Gr. 1 and 2 Trip to Whittamore’s Farm- Thursday, June 15
Gr. 4/5 3-Pitch Tournament- Thursday, June 15
Talent Show- Friday, June 23, 12:30 pm
Play Day- Tuesday, June 27- Kindergarten in morning, Gr. 1-5 in afternoon
Gr. 5 Graduation- Wednesday, June 28 9:00 am
Future Aces and Awards Assembly- Thursday, June 29, 9:00 am, Parents Welcome!
Last Day of School- Thursday, June 29
First Day of School- Tuesday, September 5- Class Lists will be posted on the windows at the front of the school on Friday, September 1, 2017 so you can see which class your child will be in for the year.

Exciting News!
Remember last month when we announced that a robin had built a nest in our outdoor classroom? Well, we watched and watched that nest. We saw the Robin sitting on the nest and then we saw her beautiful blue eggs in the nest. We saw the babies hatch and now we are watching the babies as they develop and get ready to fly.
Jump Rope for Heart
We held our annual Jump Rope for Heart. As you can see we exercised our own hearts and raised money for a very worthy cause.
Victoria Village Annual Read-a-thon

We will be hosting our Annual Read-a-thon in partnership with the Victoria Village Public Library (next door). Children will be encouraged to read for at least 15 minutes each night and record their reading on their Reading Log. Each classroom will set its own goals for earning prizes. Classroom teachers have prizes that we purchased by our wonderful School Council to award students who challenge themselves during our Read-a-thon. Since all school library books are due by June 8, we are working in partnership with our local Public Library next door. Children will get in the habit of visiting the Public Library to check out books to read and will be able to earn prizes through the Toronto Public Library Summer Reading Club. If your child does not have a Toronto Public Library card, please visit the Public Library and register today!

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Programs for children:

Toddler Time
Friday June 8
10:30-11 am

PA Day Movies at the Library
Friday, June 9
Title to be announced
2-3:30 pm

Get your Summer Read On
Saturday June 17
Summer Reading Club Registration
9-5 pm

Please visit your local Public Library Branch today!