Wow! What a long lapse in between newsletters! Sorry about that😊

Thank You’s - Thank you very much to the parents who delivered us to Glacier View Lodge and back again, way back in February. The slide show has been on the blog for a few weeks now in case you haven’t seen it.

Health - We are amidst a unit on nutrition. The boys and girls are examining nutritional information on food packaging as well as various restaurant menus. Be prepared for being hassled at the grocery store! They are becoming familiar with the recommended daily nutritional requirements (calories, carbs, fats, sodium, etc.) for children their age. We will also do some taste-testing of fruits and vegies following by writing reviews while taking the role of a food critic.

We also just finished an Anti-Bully unit. The boys and girls are familiar with the different types of bullying (physical, verbal, exclusion, cyber and threatening), the different roles involved in bullying (bully, target, bystanders) and various strategies to deal with bullying.

Language Arts - The boys and girls are wrapping up with their Independent Literature Studies. The boys and girls chose novels according to their interest and reading levels. As they read their novels, they were working their way through character webs, setting maps, an author biography, vocabulary studies, a novel critique and finally, a letter to the author.

Math - As of late we have been focused on measurement. The boys and girls learned about linear measurement using centimeters and kilometers. They also learned about perimeter. We are presently learning about time, analogue and digital clocks, the 24-hour clock, months of the year, etc. We will also spend time learning about Mass this week.

Science - Our Grade 3s have done an incredible job researching and making a PowerPoint slide show on a BC animal of choice. The students first had to research the animal and record key words on the animal’s characteristics, movement, habitat, food habits and life cycle. They then took the key words and wrote them into sentences on their slides. The boys and girls learned how to collect images via Google and import them into their slide shows. We will host an ‘Open House’ in the Computer Lab this Friday morning at 8:50 if you are able to join us for a bit to see some of these interesting PowerPoints!

Also, we continue to learn about salmon while raising our own in class. Sarah, our DFO ‘fish lady’ came last week to show her ‘Egg to Fry’ slide show. Thus far, our Alevin are doing well. We had 200 eggs come to us in January and we’ve lost a few but so far, so good! Our Alevin are fast approaching the Fry stage and will be ready to release just after the break. Please see the field trip message below. A trip note will come home today.
Socials - Another neat project the students have just completed is a diorama (model) of a traditional Salish First Nations community. Some groups did a winter village and some groups a summer camp. Check them out in our Library!

Mason Bee 'Boxes' - my friends Jim and Christine came in last week to help the students make Mason Bee next boxes. Hopefully, your child's made it home in good form and with the directions so that it can be installed soon. Jim tells me that if it goes up within a week or so, by mid April the Mason Bees should find it and next there. There will be a slide show soon on the blog along with the directions.

Art - **Following Spring Break we will be making 'Artist Cards'. Artist Cards are three-by-five inch cards that artists create to promote their work. They are also made for trading purposes. The cards can be made using a variety of mediums, i.e. crayon melts, water colours, stenciling, etc. If anyone is able to help us out for two afternoons (negotiable but I am thinking Wednesday and Thursday afternoon, April 15th and 16th), please let me know.

Field Trip . . . I have booked our class to visit Deep Bay Marine Station on Friday, April 17th in the morning, 10:15 am till about 11:45. We will be doing the 'Animal Adaptations' program. As we are also releasing our Salmon, we will need to leave class at 8:45 to drive to Morrison Creek, release the salmon and make our way to Deep Bay. Mark it on your calendar if you would like to help out. We should arrive back at school by about 12:15. In order to participate in releasing salmon students need to wade into the creek and need to wear waterproof boots. The boys and girls should dress in comfortable layers for the weather and have a nutritious snack along with water. Trip notes came home today and I would appreciate if they could come back by Friday.

Student Teacher - Mr. Meuser, our VIU student teacher, will be back following Spring Break. This is the major part of his teaching practicum. He will be back for five weeks and teaching close to full time for the middle three weeks. Mr. M. will be teaching the boys and girls a couple Math units; teaching them about the Water Cycle in Science and helping them to do a Country research project. The boys and girls are excited to have Mr. Meuser back in class!

Report Cards come home this Friday. Please hang on to the envelope and send it back Apr. 13.

The last day before the Break is this Friday, March 27th and we resume on Monday, April 13th. I hope you enjoy your family time. Thanks for your continued support!

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