



SPVA Newsletter

Your newsletter about our school!



Principal's Message

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a relaxing Spring break and was able to find some time to spend with family and loved ones. April showers bring May flowers and we are looking forward to saying goodbye to the snow and hello to some rain :)

I would first like to say, thank you, to our parents for all you do to help support your child's learning. Learning at home takes dedication and commitment and we really appreciate all you do to help your child log into their daily Google meets, help with getting homework done, and helping your child upload their assignments. For our Learning Centre families, thank you for helping your child advocate by reaching out to their teachers if they need help, and to help them stay on track of their timelines.

We are now on the home stretch, with a little more than 2 ½ months left in the school year. Parents, please check your child's Google classroom regularly, to see if there are any outstanding assignments. Please also pop into Powerschool, to see where your child's grade is sitting.

This month, the Virtual Academy is having 'Flex Friday' on April 21st. These days are a great opportunity for students to see one another and engage in some in person activities. Please review our student handbook for expectations for not only our in-person days, but for when students are online as well.

Continue to read to see what is happening in our classes!



Principal's Message continued

Learning Centre students should have submitted half or more of their second semester course material by this point in the year. Students, if you feel you are falling behind, please reach out to your teachers to help you create a timeline to help you finish. **This is especially important for those who plan to write diploma exams in June.** Success in a diploma exam is likely to be greatest when a student has completed all the content in the course, including the school-based final exam, prior to writing the diploma exam.

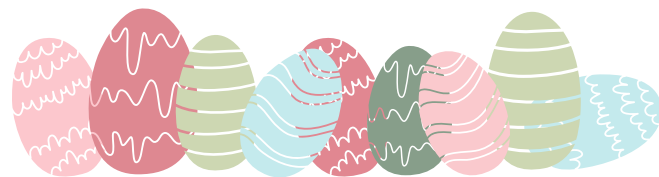
All coursework for both SPVA and the Learning Centres, should be submitted by June 15, 2023 to allow time for final exams prior to the end of June. Students learn best when they submit assignments regularly and on time so they can receive feedback on their work and can then apply it to future assignments. Submitting assignments in one large bundle does not lead to the best learning experience for students.

I also want to say thank you to our School Council! We will be learning as a group on April 5th, as we embark on some Professional Development for School council. If you are interested in joining the School Council, please email me anytime for some information.

If you have any questions, please contact us! We are here to help!

Wishing everyone a great April!

Sincerely,
Christy Filgate, Principal
SPVA, Morinville & Sturgeon Learning Centres



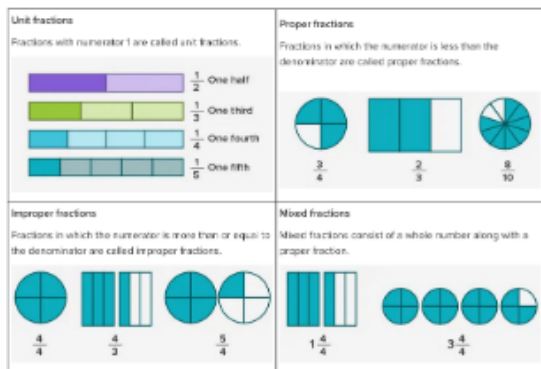
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Math with Mr. Kaya!

In March, grade 5 and 6 students completed the Angles and Polygons unit.

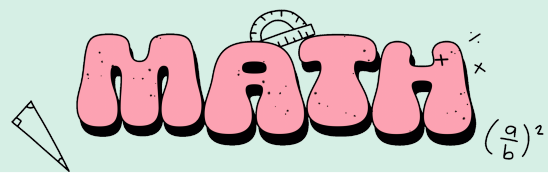
Students learned:

- Relate improper fractions to mixed numbers
- Identify proper, improper, and mixed fractions
- Demonstrate an understanding of ratio concretely, pictorially, and symbolically
- Demonstrate an understanding of percent (limited to whole numbers) concretely, pictorially, and symbolically.
- Explore equivalent ratios
- Relate percents to fractions and decimals



In March, grade 7 students completed the Operations with Fractions unit.

Grade 7 Students learned to add and subtract fractions using models, pictures, and symbols. They also learned to add and subtract mixed fractions. Students solved a variety of problems involving the addition and subtraction of fractions.



Math with Ms. Savin!

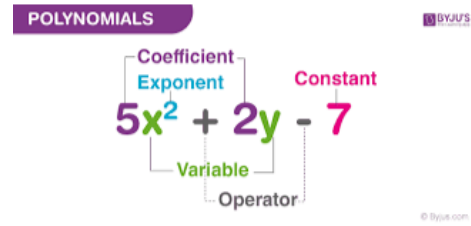
Math 8 :

Grade 8 are finishing their work on Tessellations and Transformations with an awesome Tessellation Art Project



Math 9:

Grade 9 are finishing up their work on adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing polynomials



Science with Ms. Poliquin!



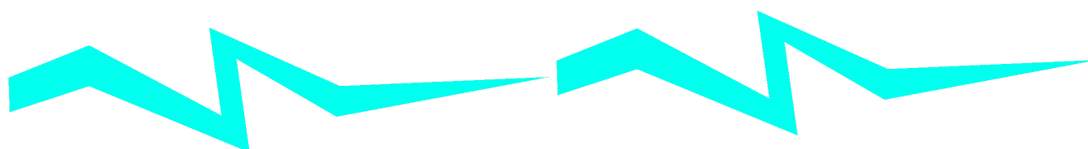
Science 5: We are continuing to explore Classroom Chemistry in April and starting our final unit, Weather Watch towards the end of April.

Science 6: We are completing our Unit on Flight and then moving on to Air and Aerodynamics.

Science 7: We are wrapping up our unit on Structures and Forces. We will be starting our final unit, Planet Earth.

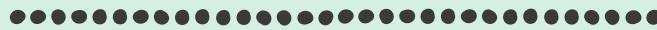
Science 8: We completed the Mechanical Systems unit and are starting our final unit, Fresh and Saltwater Systems.

Science 9: We are working on Electrical Principles and Technologies. We will complete this unit and then start our final unit, Space Exploration.



LA/Social/PE/Health/Music with Ms. Senych!

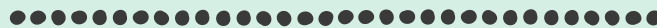
LA 5-7 : We are finishing up our Silverwing Novel and we will be beginning our Poetry Unit in the next few weeks!
Social 5-7: We are learning all the Early European Colonies and will be exploring the Fur Trade next.
Health 5-7 : We are continuing our Financial Literacy Unit.
Music - 5-7 : We are wrapping up our Musical Research Projects and will be learning about Music Around the World!



Social 8/9 with MS. Waller!

Social 8 students are near the end of the Aztec unit and are working on their final project - a comic strip or other visual representation of the important events that occurred during contact between the Aztecs and the Spanish.

Social 9 students are learning about the economy and how different economic principles impact our life in Canada. They will begin a project next week where they create a grant proposal. Everyone has been working really hard.



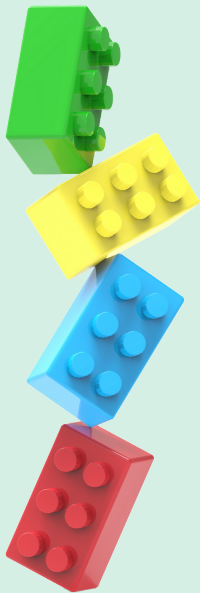
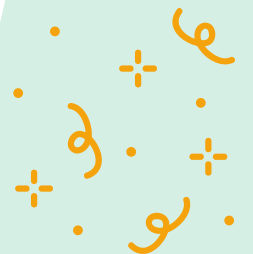
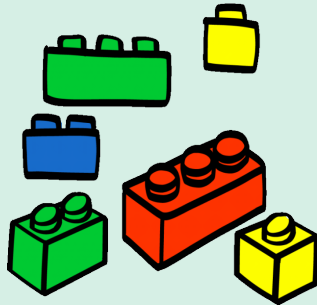
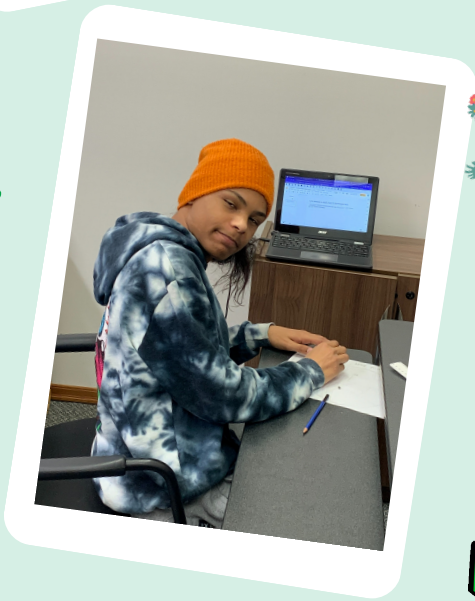
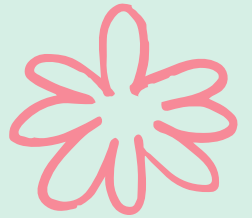
LA with Ms. Wood!



LA 8/9:

We have completed the novel Refugee and are now working on narrative writing. The next few weeks will see students do A LOT of writing. Some really creative pieces have been submitted so far, so I am looking forward to reading more of your responses!

Flex Friday FUN!



Message from School Counselor Kristin Lapierre:

Just a friendly reminder that Diploma exams are available in April; Here is the schedule:

April 2023

Diploma exams **must** be administered in accordance with the scheduled dates and times.

All diploma exam remain SECURED before, during, and after the administration. Teacher perusals are not permitted.

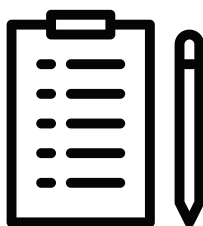
Monday, April 17	9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M. 1:00 P.M.–4:00 P.M.	English Language Arts 30–1 Part A English Language Arts 30–2 Part A Français 30–1 Partie A French Language Arts 30–1 Partie A
Tuesday, April 18	9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M. 9:00 A.M.–11:30 A.M.	Social Studies 30–1 Part(ie) A Social Studies 30–2 Part(ie) A
Wednesday, April 19	9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M. 1:00 P.M.–4:00 P.M.	Mathematics 30–1 Mathematics 30–2 Biology 30
Thursday, April 20	9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M. 1:00 P.M.–4:00 P.M.	English Language Arts 30–1 Part B English Language Arts 30–2 Part B Français 30–1 Partie B French Language Arts 30–1 Part B
Friday, April 21	9:00 A.M.–11:30 A.M. 1:00 P.M.–4:00 P.M.	Social Studies 30–1 Part(ie) B Social Studies 30–2 Part(ie) B Chemistry 30
Monday, April 24	9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M. 1:00 P.M.–4:00 P.M.	Physics 30 Science 30

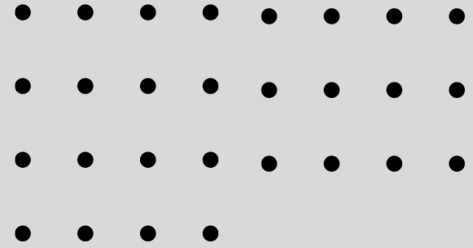
All students are provided with up to double the official time noted above, if they require it.

Also, please see the following URL for additional resources for diploma examination preparation:

<https://www.alberta.ca/writing-diploma-exams.aspx>

Happy Studying!





CYBERWORLD: WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOUTH PRESS SEND?

In this presentation from the Saffron Centre, parents and caregivers will be provided with information about online safety. This night is designed for adults, and not suitable for children. Topics will be of mature content and include popular websites, games, and apps that are being used by children and youth such as TikTok, Instagram, and Snapchat. Included in the presentation will be the discussion around pornography, sexting, and sexual exploitation. Legal consequences will be discussed as well as how to approach these conversations with your child (ren). The discussion of rising crime in Canada since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic works to define the issue and review the Criminal Code of Canada. Saffron will discuss the effects of online exploitation, different techniques for stranger and peer perpetrated exploitation. The presentation will conclude with some tips for intervention and a practice scenario to work through as a group. Videos on the effects of social media, approaching the conversation about pornography, and the online sexual exploitation process will be shown.

Topics Covered: safe screen time tips, safety tips for different platforms (YouTube and Google), social media safety tips and terms and conditions (TikTok, Instagram, Snapchat), online gaming safety tips, Discord, live streaming, pornography, sexting, communication, helpful tools, online child sexual exploitation and its forms [content warning provided], online grooming techniques, peer sexual exploitation, signs of online child sexual exploitation, tips for intervention.

When: Wednesday, April 12, 2023 from 6-8PM

Where: Sturgeon Heights School

50 Hogan Road, St. Albert, AB., T8N 3X7

Contact: Please contact Adriana DeLuca at adriana.deluca@sturgeon.ab.ca or 780-459-3990 for any additional information

Pediatric Rehabilitation Caregiver Connection



Free advice line and webinar series



You may have questions about your child as they grow, develop skills, and connect with others. Our team of AHS health professionals is here to support you.

- **The Pediatric Rehabilitation Advice Line** can help you navigate concerns about your child's development and well-being. Call Health Link at 811 between 9 am and 5 pm, Monday to Friday.
- **AHS' free webinar series** covers a range of developmental topics, from toilet training and tummy time to emotional regulation and speech development, as well as many others. Caregivers will build skills and gain confidence by learning practical ways to help children improve their skills while supporting development.





Important Dates

- April 7: Good Friday - No School
- April 10: Easter Monday - No School
- April 11: School Council @ 6PM
- April 21: Flex Friday
- April 22: Earth Day
- April 24: PD Day-No School
- April 17 - 24: April Diploma Exams
- June 7: Deadline for coursework for Diploma courses
- June 14: Final exams must be written by this date
- June 15: Deadline for coursework for Non-Diploma courses
- June 26: Final exam deadline



**Thank you to our students for all your hard work this far,
and to our parents for all your support!**