

Thompson Telegraph

At Sarah Thompson School we nurture relationships, agency, belonging, and inclusion to cultivate academic success and personal wellness for everyone.



Grade 4 Parent Survey

As a parent of a Grade Four student, you may have already received (or will soon receive) the Alberta Education Assurance survey in the mail with instructions on how to complete it. This survey helps the province, RVS, and our school know where we are doing well and where we can improve. We would appreciate your support in completing this survey. Students in Grade 4 will also be completing the survey at school. If you have any questions, please reach out.

Jump Rope for Heart Fundraiser

Our Heart and Stroke 'Jump Rope for Heart' fundraiser is back! We will be having a kick-off assembly on Friday, February 9th. Following the kickoff, all classes will focus on increasing their understanding of heart health through conversations and skipping in gym. Information explaining the process of donating will be sent home on the 9th. Last year we raised \$3700. Can we do even better? Let's continue to show our Sarah Thompson School Spirit and raise as much money as we can for this very worthy cause!!



Pink Shirt Day!

Congratulations Natalie D in 5R for being the winner of our Pink Shirt Day Logo Contest! If you would like to order a 'Pink Shirt Day' t-shirt donning this powerful message of kindness, please log onto SchoolCash to place your order. The deadline for ordering is **Feb. 9**.



All students are encouraged to wear pink on February 28th in support of Pink Shirt Day! And even though kindness and acceptance are components of our daily teaching and conversations with students at STS, we will take this day to collectively come together as a school and show our support in making the world a better place.

February is Black History Month!

The theme for Black History Month 2024 is **Black Excellence: A Heritage to Celebrate; a Future to Build**. This month we will celebrate Black Canadians' many contributions to Canada's history and culture. Students at STS will once again be learning and participating in various activities that honour the legacy of Black Canadians and their communities. Some of the activities planned include read-alouds in the Learning Commons and daily announcements highlighting significant people, places and events relating to Black History month.



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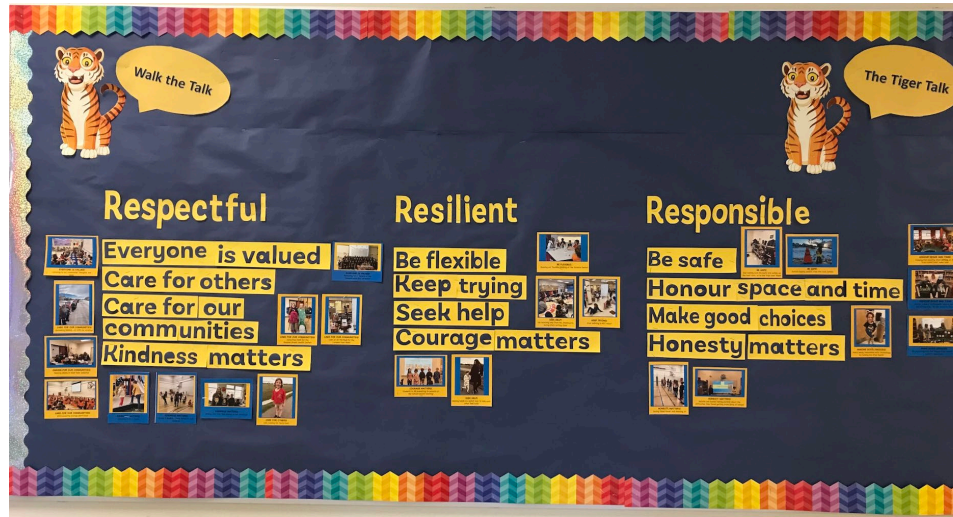
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PBIS at STS: 'Walk the Talk... the Tiger Talk!'

Our work with PBIS (Positive Behavioural Intervention and Supports), which is a proactive approach schools use to improve school safety and promote positive behavior, continues to move forward with great success. As a school community, we continue to support our students in understanding ways to demonstrate our 3 pillars of being 'Resilient, Respectful and Responsible'. Below is a picture of our bulletin board displaying students caught in the act of making positive choices.

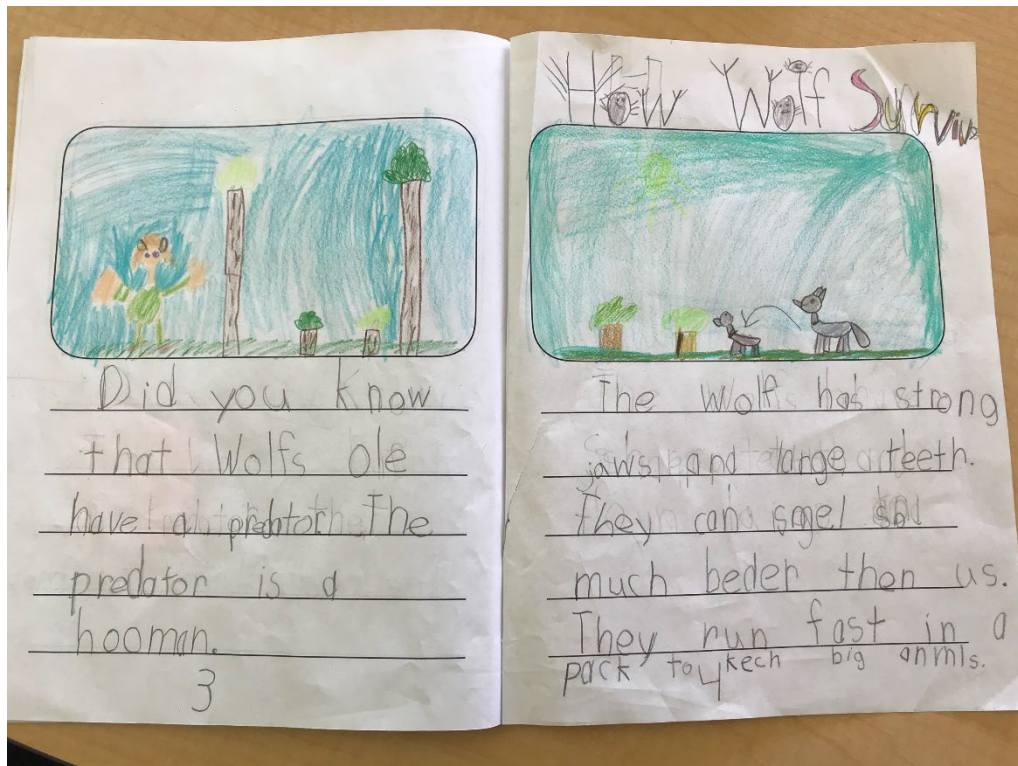


Library Books

We kindly ask you assist your child(ren) in ensuring they return their library books weekly during their assigned library time. Currently, there are many overdue books that we would appreciate getting returned. In addition, if you could provide your child with a large plastic bag that books could be transported within to and from school may help books from getting damaged by leaky lunch kits or water bottles. Thanks for your help with this!

Student Author

Students in grade 1 have been researching about a chosen animal. Check out this writing by Eleanor M. in 1L!!



Attendance at School

One of our school goals this year is to improve attendance among students. Attendance is very important, particularly for academic and social/emotional success. When students are away, gaps are created in their learning that make future learning more challenging. It can also become difficult to maintain healthy relationships and friendships when a student isn't attending regularly. Sometimes, choppy attendance patterns in elementary school can follow students to middle and high school, and even into the workforce. If you think we can help support your child with good attendance habits, please let us know.

Thanks to FoSTES and School Council

On behalf of all staff, students, parents, we would like to say a BIG "Thank You" to our excellent volunteers who help make our school great through a variety of fundraisers. Thanks to FoSTES for funding our new soccer nets, digital subscriptions for our kids such as Mathletics and Raz Kids, the Fish in School Program, books and prizes for *Battle of the Books*, and Quest Theatre who will be visiting our school later this year. Thank you to School Council for funding our Welcome Back BBQ, props and costumes for our Musical Performances, and supplies/gifts for our Passport to Kindergarten event later this Spring. Together these two groups help provide amazing opportunities for our kids.



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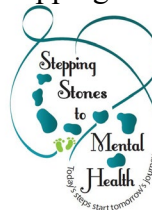
Next meeting is
March 4th at 8:35 in
the Learning
Commons or via
Zoom!



Click [Trellis Commons](#)
to learn about all the exciting
events happening in the area!



Click [here](#) for FREE Parent &
Caregiver Education Sessions (MHC
Stepping Stones to Mental Health)




STS STAFF SPOTLIGHT!

Did you know this about our staff?

Name three people who you would invite to your dream dinner party (historic figures welcome).
Marie Curie, Stephen Hawking, Roberta Bondar

If you could hop on a plane right this second, where would you go?
Japan

What's your hidden talent?
I'm really good at video game!



Ms. Riegel
Grade 5

If you could be any fictional character, would you be?
Matilda

What's your hidden talent?
Creating a new lesson plan while in the middle of a current one.

What's the one snack we'd always find in your kitchen?
Chips

Name three people who you would invite to your dream dinner party (historic figures welcome).
Princess Diana, Taylor Swift and Elton John




Mrs. Bertamini
Kindergarten

If your life had a soundtrack, the song would be:
Hasn't Hit Me Yet - Blue

If you were stuck on a deserted island with two books, what would they be?
Survival Guide for Deserted Islands, How to Build a Boat

A book about your life would be called _____.
Did I forget to pick up my kid?

If you could hop on a plane right this second, where would you go?
Anywhere warm with a beach!




Mrs. Noppen
CDA

If you could be any fictional character, who would you be?
Wonder Women

If you could be any fictional character, who would you be?
Superman

If you were stuck on a deserted island with two books, what would they be?
Clan of the Cave Bear Series

Name three people who you would invite to your dream dinner party (historic figures welcome).
Tom Brady, Julius Caesar, Dan Reynolds




Mr. Peel
Grade 4

Describe your personality in a single word.
Quirky

If you were stuck on a deserted island with two books, what would they be?
The Hunger Games & Wicked

If your life had a soundtrack, the song would be:
I'm in a Hurry (And Don't Know Why) by Alabama

If you could hop on a plane right this second, where would you go?
Bali




Mrs. McLeod
Grade 5

If you could be any fictional character, would you be?
Olaf

Name three people who you would invite to your dream dinner party (historic figures welcome).
The Gords...Gord Downie, Gordie Howe, Gordon Lightfoot

If you could be any fictional character, who would you be?
Ted Lasso

What's the one snack we'd always find in your kitchen?
Peanut Butter



Mr. Knight
Grade 2

A book about your life would be called _____.
Smooth Sailing: A Bald Man's Guide to Life



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Sarah Thompson Schedule

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February 2024

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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| 28 | 29 Milk | 30 Milk | 31 Subway Lunch | 1 Milk | 2 Milk PM Kindergarten | 3 |
| 4 | 5 Milk | 6 Milk | 7 Harvey's Lunch | 8 Milk Gr. 5 Electricity Projects | 9 Milk AM Kindergarten Festival du Voyageur 10:15-11:15 Jump Rope for Heart Kick Off Assembly @ 9:15am | 10 |
| 11 | 12 Milk | 13 Milk Gr. 5 Field Trip to Telus Spark | 14 Coco Brooks Lunch Happy Valentine's Day | 15 Milk | 16 PL Day No School | 17 |
| 18 | 19 Family Day No School | 20 | 21 | 22 Teachers' Convention | 23 Teachers' Convention | 24 |
| 25 | 26 Milk | 27 Milk | 28 Firehouse Lunch Pink Shirt Day Assembly @ 10:15 | 29 Milk Gr. 1 Immunization Catch-Up | 1 Milk AM Kindergarten | 2 |
| 3 | 4 Milk School Council Mtg @ 8:35 | 5 Milk | 6 The Track Lunch 3 Way Conferences @ 4:00pm | 7 Milk 3 Way Conferences @ 3:30pm | 8 Milk PM Kindergarten | 9 |

