



## Important Dates

**Monday, April 1 – Thursday April 4:** Last week for Trailblazers and LINKS tutoring.

**Tuesday, April 2:** Calithumpians Musical Performance “Many Hands!”

**Thursday, April 4:** Book Fair 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM and Bake Sale Fundraiser 2:00 PM– 6:00 PM

**Thursday, April 4:** Report card day.

**Friday, April 5:** No school for students. Professional Learning and Parent-teacher interview day for teachers.

**Tuesday, April 9:** Operation Beautification.

**Wednesday, April 10:** Natural Resource Presentation for Grade 4 students.

**Wednesday, April 10:** Sax Quartet Musical Presentation for Grade 3 and 4 students.

**Friday, April 19:** No School. Good Friday.

**Monday, April 22:** No School. Easter Monday.

**Tuesday, April 23:** Lights out Canada! A day spent using as little electricity as possible.

**Tuesday, April 23:** PSSC meeting at 6:30.

**Monday, April 29:** Frye Festival author, Geoff Eaton, visit for Kindergarten students.

**Monday, April 29:** Home and School meeting at 6:30.



Engineers Calie and Emma pose for a photo with their cardboard castle.

## From the Principal's Desk

*Well, it looks like the year is flying by...as usual! Here we are, just starting into third term and looking forward to exciting events like HARE, Yoga, and Outdoor Education Day. We are also waiting impatiently for warmer weather and green grass on our playground!*

*We welcome you to Salem this week for parent/teacher interviews. Students and teachers are eager to show you what they have been doing this term and how much they have learned.*

*There are always plenty of opportunities to lend a volunteer hand at Salem. If there is something you wish to start or join, don't hesitate to talk to your child's teacher. Thank you for your continued interest in our school community.*

*Ada Phinney*

## Did you know??

**H**ow **A**bout **R**eadng **E**veryday reading week will be April 29<sup>th</sup> to May 2<sup>nd</sup>! HARE reading week is currently Salem's biggest fundraiser! We are continuing with our theme of Indigenous literature written by Canadian Indigenous authors.

Students will be asking for donations from their families and close friends with a promise to read for an extra 100 minutes that week. We look forward to a fun reading week and thank you in advance for your continued support.

If you, your friends, or your colleagues are interested in becoming a volunteer reader for this event, please contact the school and we will forward your information to the fundraiser coordinator, Lindsay Cary. As a volunteer reader, you will come to our school and simply read a book to one of our classes beginning at 12:40. The reading takes between 15 - 20 minutes. Books can be provided, however, if you have a book that fits with our theme, please let us know the title of your book and bring it along with you.

More information about HARE will be sent in the coming weeks.

## Operation Beautification

Some classes plan to participate in Operation Beautification on April 9<sup>th</sup>. This initiative is coordinated by the Town of Sackville to help clean up the streets and parks in our town just in time for spring!

## Classroom News

**Kindergarten:** Our K students have been highly engaged building 3D structures using plastic saws, screws and cardboard. Our busy engineers built many things, including a huge castle and dragon trap. This is a great example of how purposeful play incorporates the benefits of STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) learning!

**Grade 1 – 2 Eng.:** Grade one and two English students have been using iPads to animate stories and sentences they have written using Stop Motion and Chatterpix apps. They have also been learning counting skills, critical thinking and problem solving through Math Work Stations, logical thinking games and exploratory centers.

**Grade 1 FI:** Throughout March, Grade 1 FI students learned about healthy lifestyles. They explored the new Canadian Food Guide and learned French vocabulary for food items and the groups they belong to. Students also discussed other ways to stay healthy (exercise, sleep, brushing teeth, washing hands, etc.). Immersion students also enjoyed a special musical presentation by Art Richard!

**Grade 2 FI:** In writing, students will be creating an action plan of how they can create a sustainable environment. They will include how they can help at home, at school and in their community. Through oral language, we will discuss how to protect both ourselves and our environment. We will discuss safety at home, at school and in the community.

**Grade 3 – 4 Eng.:** In Language Arts, we have been working on inferencing. We have been finding clues in pictures and text to help figure out what the author is trying to tell us without using words. Comics are great for inferencing! In Social Studies, we have begun a unit on First Nation Treaty Education. We are currently learning about symbolism and are creating a family flag. We have carefully chosen symbols and colours that represent what is important within our families.

**Grade 3 FI:** Grade 3 FI students had the wonderful opportunity to see a local French singer-songwriter Art Richard perform on Tuesday, March 26. Students were invited to sing and dance along during the performance. Students are learning to identify New Brunswick on different maps in their Social Studies class and are demonstrating understanding by making a booklet entitled "Où vivons nous, vraiment?"

**Grade 4 FI:** The grade 4 immersion classes enjoyed a wonderful cultural concert by Art Richard. With his unique upbeat style of music, his performance showcased a variety of traditional instruments played and demonstrated through his songs. Student participation was a highlight! We have also been preparing for portfolio night and look forward to sharing all that we have learned with our families.

## Gentle Reminders

**Agenda Fees!** This is another reminder that invoices have been sent home for students who have not paid their agendas fees. You can pay the fee using School Cash Online or by cash or cheque. Please make cheques payable to Salem Elementary School.

## A Message from Guidance

Guidance worked with the grade 1's & 2's on social/emotional wellness by exploring our thoughts and feelings, what it takes to be a good friend, self-regulation activities, acceptance of self and others, and how to use effective collaboration skills.

Some of the activities that students explored were meditation, sensory bottles, and a group mystery object activity to help strengthen the concepts taught in both the classroom and in small groups.

## "Many Hands!"

*The Calithumpians Production Company will be performing a musical, "Many Hands!" for our school on Tuesday, April 2. "Many Hands!" is an energetic musical adventure. Follow the story of a young girl who has been assigned a volunteering project for school. Along her journey, she becomes friends with a diverse group of eclectic volunteers and learns that the impact of citizenship goes far beyond her school project. The show teaches that whether it's volunteering in a hospital or community kitchen, being a friend to a best buddy or a senior, or even picking up litter, volunteering will make you feel great for opening your heart and participating in your community. "Many Hands!" parodies songs old and new, from the Doors to Ariana Grande, bringing these messages to life in a fun and vibrant way!*