



Newsletter | May 2015

Principal's Message

What a treat to hear and see our grade 3 and 4 students present and perform their own creations at the Spring Concert. Bravo! Congratulations to all of our students for sharing their learning and great work with us!

Important Dates

May 7

SWS visit
Grade 4 English

May 12

Safety Day
6:30 JJSC Mtg.
7:15 FJSA Mtg.

May 13

Art Show
Grade 1 Transition

May 15

System PD
Non-Instruction Day

May 18

Victoria Day
No School

May 19

Harold Panabaker
Grade 4 FI Visit

May 21

Cyber Safety Parent Meeting @ 7pm

May 22

Volunteer Tea

May 28

Special Lunch
Kindergarten Orientation @ 7pm

June 5

JJ Jamboree and SWS Choir and Band

June 9

6:30 JJSC Mtg.
7:15 FJSA Mtg.

June 19

JJ Jamboree
(Alternate date)

June 25

Farewell Assembly

June 29

Appeals Day
No School



Safety Day May 12 for Students

Our Annual Safety Day is planned for May 12. Students in kindergarten will be led in activities regarding Pedestrian Safety and Playground Safety. Students in grades 1 and 2 will participate in Pedestrian Safety and Handwashing activities. Grades 3 and 4 will explore the concepts of Personal Boundaries and Cyber Safety. We look forward to a great day of learning.

Cyber Safety Evening for Parents

A Cyber Safety evening for parents has been organized to take place on Thursday May 21, 2015 at 7 pm. The theme will be on the impact of media, internet and peer pressure on students and their families. We hope that many of you will be able to join us for this very informative evening.

Winner!

Sienna H. won one of two prizes awarded in the First Annual Ian Wallace Writing Contest in which 1300 C.B.E. students from Grades 4-8 participated. A special mention goes to Abbey S, Zoey S. and Kieran W., who also entered the writing contest and Michelle S. who submitted a very good picture for the Cover Art Contest. You can read the work they submitted in the following pages. Excellent effort and participation by our students!

A Kindergarten Art Show and Transition to Grade 1 presentation are planned for May 13 at 6:30 pm and 7 pm for the presentation. We look forward to having many parents attend this special evening.

Budget News

A proposed school budget for next year has been developed. A letter and explanation sheets about CBE and school budgets were sent home on May 1. Our school budget proposal will be presented and discussed at our next School Council on May 12, 2015 at 6:30 pm. If you have any questions or wish to get more information, we hope that you will plan to attend this meeting.

Volunteer Tea

Volunteer Tea on May 22nd will give the staff at Janet Johnstone an opportunity to show their appreciation to the many volunteers at our school for their dedication of time and talents to support and enrich our students' learning experience.

On behalf of the staff at Janet Johnstone, I wish you a safe and enjoyable month of May.

Michèle Wills





Photo Orders

Photo order forms for Clubs and Group pictures will be on display outside the office until May 14th. The order form is at the end of this newsletter. Please make sure the order form is filled out and returned to the school by the deadline to avoid disappointment.



ALLERGY ALERT

The times when students with severe food allergies are most likely to be exposed to the allergen are at snack and lunch time. As we have many students with serious peanut allergies, we ask that parents support us in providing a safe environment by **NOT sending any nuts, peanuts or peanut butter to school.** Products with “May Contain” warning in the list of ingredients on the package could also cause problems for individuals with life-threatening food allergies to nuts or tree nuts.

Thank you for your vigilance in helping us to provide the safest environment possible for those students with severe food allergies.



Changes to the Volunteer Security Clearance Process

The volunteer security clearance process has changed! If you have not completed your police clearance prior to Dec. 12 or need to renew your clearance, there is a new online process in place.

Please see further details at:

<http://www.cbe.ab.ca/get-involved/volunteer/Pages/volunteer.aspx>

To apply for a security clearance you are required to bring your picture ID to the office and we will provide you with a letter to allow you to complete the application process online.



Remember to help raise some dough for our school!
Mention you are a friend of Janet Johnstone School at the COBS in Willow Park and a percentage of your purchase will come back to the school!



School Designation Areas and Walk Zones

Try out the new interactive map to find out information about the walk zone or designation area for Janet Johnstone’s English and French programs.

You can find it on Janet Johnstone’s website under “School Information” and then “School Profile”.

You can find information about any special program and its availability for you area by entering your address in the **Find a School Tool** on the Calgary Board of Education website www.cbe.ab.ca/finaschool

The 2015 Community Report is now available

The **2015 Community Report** (<http://www.cbe.ab.ca/FormsManuals/2015-Community-Report.pdf>) has just been posted to the CBE website. It examines our expectations for student success and our progress in achieving those goals, as well as how we spent public resources to support each student in 2013-14.

We are very proud of our students and the outstanding results they continue to achieve. They continue to demonstrate strong academic results, and are achieving success as active, informed and positively contributing young citizens.

We know they are making progress in setting goals, showing initiative and taking risks, as well as doing what is right, even when it is difficult or unpopular to do so.

We invite you to review this report to learn more about how we are supporting student success at the Calgary Board of Education.



The winning poem of the First Annual Ian Wallace Writing Contest

Tracks Across Canada

By Sienna H. Grade 4

Tracks Across Canada,
Rocks Along the muddy path.
Aching legs stretching.
Cracks in the land
Klashing waves against the cliffs,
Still Swiftly as an animal until my tracks fade away.

Across from the prancs
Crossing over mud,
Rocking sea crashing
Oh, my tracks lay deep
Stars like my tracks
Sailing high above.

Claiming the land,
Across from the sea
Narwhals sounds ringing –
At last I claim the land,
During the last of my tracks
At last our son's command may sound through the land.

Water may be falling east to west,
Oh, I shall now reveal myself
Like it or not
For I am the WOLF.



Artwork by Michelle S.



Tracks Across Canada

Story written by Abbey S.

Grade 4

My name is Alpine, and I am an eagle. I have been on many adventures, but my latest one has been the most interesting. Let me tell you all about it...

It all started on a breezy fall day on the West Coast. Was today the day that the flock was leaving South for the Winter? I hope not. Being the smallest, I didn't seem to get out of the nest as quickly as the rest of the flock (I kind of slept in).

I woke up, and suddenly I noticed white fluffy powder floating downward, brushing up against my white feathers. *Brrrrrrr*. It was cold.

I decided to take off, thinking that I was the first one awake, and I may or may not have flown the wrong way. I noticed the so-called snow had stopped falling out of the air. I looked below and thought I was flying over a sea of gold, and I remembered this place from the books my parents used to read to me. It was the prairies.

I peeked under my wing and saw cute little rodent-like creatures called prairie dogs peeking through one hole, and then another, staring at me. They seemed like they were hiding from me because, well, I *am* an eagle.

I couldn't help but note how a sleek brownish-yellow thing SNUCK up on the two cute, little prairie dogs. I considered helping them, but with the snake, being so sneaky, and the prairie dogs not having a clue that they were about to become a snake's LUNCH, the process took a little longer than I had expected. I had to scare off that little weasel, also known as a snake, using my scary, swoopy trick. Oh, and by the way, it worked perfectly. He was gone in a jiffy.

The good news is that I found out the prairie dogs were not hiding from me so I asked the cute prairie pups if they wanted to come with me on an adventure, and guess what? They said YES!!! Their names were Chip and Crumbs. Although they were a little heavy on the old wings, I did manage to land somewhere.

"Wait a second... were am I? I mean we... where are we?" Then the young prairie pups noticed a huge sign that said *WELCOME TO THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS!!!!!!* "I just don't get it. How do they notice things, but I don't."

"Grrrrrrrrrrr."

"Hey, there is absolutely no reason to be so feisty with me! We will get out soon" Alpine sneered.

"Oh no, that wasn't us," Chip and Crumbs shivered, "th-then who was it?"

Alpine looked around. "Umm guys, maybe we can ask that nice green-eyed MONSTER if he knows?"

"Well, if you insist, Chip."

"I was just kidding!" Chip exclaimed. "RUNNNNNNN!!!!!!"

I noticed that it was a cougar. Not only was he chasing us, but he was also cooking a poor baby squirrel. A tiny little voice called out, "help me!" I noticed that the baby squirrel's small legs seemed to be tied up in a rope, and he was being lowered into a pot of boiling hot water. Crumbs, having no idea of what he was doing, threw a rock at the ferocious cougar. The cougar slowly turned his head, opened his jaw, and did a dreadfully loud "ROAR!!!" I swooped and managed to catch the small squirrel before he dropped into the boiling hot water.

Having Chip and Crumbs on my two wings, and the little squirrel dangling from my feet, we flew for a day a perfect tree branch to sleep on for the night. Unfortunately, there was a little disagreement on where we were going to sleep.

Chip and Crumbs said, "we prefer to sleep underground, because it is much more safe and nothing can hurt us."

Squirrel said, "I prefer to sleep *in* the tree, not *on* the tree, because it is much more safe inside than out!"

Chip and Crumbs and Squirrel argued, and I yelled "ENOUGH!!!!!!!" We are acting like children! Are you children? Never mind, don't answer that."

There was a long silence...

"Wait, I don't believe I know your name?" I asked the squirrel.

The Squirrel said, "My name is Acorn,"

"Unique name," I stuttered stuttered, "can I call you Corny?"

"Umm, sure..." Acorn said in a confused manner.

"Wait a second," Crumbs added "Alpine, you are trying to change the subject!"

"Am not!" I shouted.

"Are too!" shrieked Crumbs. Then Chip joined Crumbs and argued against me. Luckily, Corny joined my side and we argued against them.

"ZIP IT!!!!!!!!!!!"

"I beg your pardon?" Alpine quivered

"That's right, you heard me," a strange voice called out, "ZIP IT!"

"May we ask your name?" I asked

"My name is Professor Puffkins, and I am a snowy owl."

"Now why are you telling us to zip it?" I asked.



"Well, your bickering is so loud, I can't have a nice peaceful sleep!"

"We are so sorry, we must get going now" I yawned

"Umm, I don't think so!" Chip, Crumbs and Corny snapped. "We haven't had any sleep whatsoever."

"Why does it matter?" I growled, "I'm the one who does all the work anyways."

"Can I come?" Professor Puffkins said sweetly.

"Sure!" I said. "Are you 100% sure you want to come?" "Yes, silly, of course!" Puffkins said, trying not to yawn. "Well okay, if you insist" I added.

"Giddy up, slow poke!" Chip and Crumbs said to me, giggling.

"Hey, you do know that you're on my wings, and I am being so nice as to let you come with me" I snapped.

"Wait a second, where are Professor Puffkins and Corny?"

As I looked around, they came zooming past me.

"Hi guys!" Corny yelled while he was on Puffkins' back. "We flew over a place almost ocean-like! It was the Great Lakes, and yet I only know that because there was another huge sign that said *THE GREAT LAKES.*"

When we landed, Corny said, "it is so foggy, I cannot see a thing!"

"Neither can I" a little voice said.

"Who said that?" I asked. "Where are all these animals coming from?"

"I have no idea" Puffkins quivered.

"Poke it with a stick!" Chip shouted.

"NO!" Crumbs yelled. "Throw a rock at it!"

"NO!" I sneered. "We will not hurt it. We will kindly ask it what it is, and what it wants."

"Okay, go for it, Alpine" Puffkins murmured.

"Why me?" I shivered

"Well it was your idea" Corny sputtered.

"Fine, I will do it" I said with a (fake) smile.

"Umm, excuse me...what are you?" I asked shyly.

"Oh me? I am a tiger salamander. You can call me Tiggy."

"We were scared of *that*?" I responded.

"Correction, *you* were scared of that" Crumbs laughed.

"Tiggy," I asked, "would you like to come with us on our adventure?"

Tiggy said "Stay here in the fog, or go with complete strangers? Strangers it is!! How will I come with you guys?"

"You can ride on Puffkins" I said.

"But isn't someone already riding with Puffkins?" Tiggy asked.

"Yes, Corny is, but there is plenty of room, so don't worry about it," I said.

On our way to wherever we were going, all Puffkins and I could hear was the snoring of Chip, Crumbs, Corny and Tiggy, all fast asleep. I felt kind of jealous that they were asleep and Puffkins and I had to stay up all night.

I noticed the sunrise. The sky was pink, orange and blue, all blended together with a hint of yellow. I noticed a flag below, but not just any type of flag. This was the flag of Quebec. It was a blue flag with a big white cross in the middle and a fleur-de-lise on each square of blue.

We fell out of the sky and landed in a beautiful Maple tree. Unfortunately, we did get a little sticky, and the travellers on our backs weren't very happy with us.

"How are we supposed to get out of here?" Corny whimpered. "There is absolutely no way!"

"Maybe we can ask that kind beaver over there?" I gushed. "Hello little beaver."

"Bonjour" said the beaver.

"Does anyone have an idea of what he just said?" I whispered.

"He said 'hi'" Crumbs replied.

"I didn't know you spoke French" I said.

"I don't!" Crumbs said.

"Then how do you know what he just said?" Puffkins asked.

"That's French?" Crumbs said, confused. "Well I guess I do speak French then!"

"Good," I said. "Now you can translate what he is saying. What is your name?"

Crumbs asked the beaver in French.

"Je m'appelle Chompers" He said.

"His name is Chompers" Crumbs replied to Alpine.



Chompers saw Alpine. "What is wrong, Alpine?" Chompers said in French.

"I just miss my family a little bit" I said. "Wait a second...is that my flock?" I said anxiously. "It is! What do you guys say? Would you like to come live with me?"

"Of course!!" they all said at the same time.

So they flew off with my flock, and Chompers came, too.

THE END

The Close Call

By Kieran W.

Grade 4

July 1 (Canada Day) 2017

"Come on!" Ethan cried to his little sister Siarah. "Coming" she screamed. They said goodbye to their Mom and jumped onto Canada's VIA Rail train. The train would take them from their home in Edmonton to their Grandma's house in Montreal. The two passed through the sleek, blue car with three berths. They found seats in the eighth car. "I call the window seat" said Ethan a little too loud. "Shhhhh", Siarah said. "And you got the window seat last time." "So what?" said Ethan. They fought for about twenty minutes until Ethan finally let Siarah sit near the window. Siarah looked out the window for about two seconds and soon got interested in a fashion magazine that was on her seat. This really bothered Ethan because there was so much to see out the train window. As the day went on, the views got even more outstanding. There were beautiful bright yellow canola fields swaying in the wind. Far out in the distance, they could see cows in the pasture munching lazily on soft green grass. High up in the clear sunny sky, they saw the V shaped formation of the Canadian geese. Soon they went to bed in their berths. The next morning Ethan woke up early and sneaked into the window seat. "Yes!", he thought. The train was speeding through Ontario past the distant clear, blue lakes. Ethan noticed that the view looked much different than the day before. It seemed as if overnight the fields of wheat and canola had turned into forests of tall thick trees. Ethan hoped to spot a moose. Just his luck, it started pouring rain and the glass fogged up and he couldn't see a thing. Siarah returned from the breakfast car and sat down beside him with a warm slice of peach pie. "You're in my seat" she said. "Whatever" he answered and went to grab some breakfast. To help pass the time that day Ethan and Siarah read books, played cards and watched a movie. Early the next day Ethan heard a high pitched voice say "Arriving in Ottawaaaaaaa." The train stopped right in front of the Parliament building. The lights suddenly went out. Siarah came out of the berth car screaming. They heard the loudest POW! The wind started to rock the train and there was a loud BANG. The train was ripped off the tracks. Storm warnings came in over the loudspeaker. Ethan and Siarah climbed out of the train just in time to see a tornado slice around the corner. Ethan pulled Siarah into the Parliament building. Right as they got there the tornado cut through the wall. The impact caused Ethan and Siarah to fly backwards. The two ran as the tornado seemed to chase them. Siarah tripped over a piece of fallen debris. Ethan helped her up, she tumbled over him and they rolled out of the building. They ran as fast as they could all the way back to the train. They climbed on top of the upside down train and jumped to the other side just in time to see one of the VIA rail cars get sucked into the tornado. They ran to the closest building. "Go quick" screamed Ethan over all the noise. Siarah swung open the door to the tall brown building. They ran down the stairs just as the tornado ripped apart the top of the building. They ran down to the storm cellar at the bottom of the building. Ethan slammed the door shut. Their hearts were pounding in their chest. They took a deep breath and sighed. They were very thankful to be alive.

Six Years Later.....

"You're always late!" screamed Ethan. Siarah came stomping down the stairs and like every year they said goodbye to their Mom. They walked out of the house and saw the glistening VIA Rail sign then Ethan said, "I call the window seat."



Raise Responsibility Discipline System

With a focus on increasing positive student decision making, Janet Johnstone School has been promoting the Raise Responsibility System with children. The system is based on a hierarchy of actions that students can display, both in their behaviour and in their learning. The levels are:

Democracy: choosing to do the right thing, even when no one is watching you

Cooperation: cooperating to look good, be rewarded and to avoid trouble

Bossing: breaking the rules, bothering others and must be 'bossed' to behave

Anarchy: general absence of order and not caring about others' rights



The hierarchy can be used to set guidelines and to evaluate actions in all areas of the school day. For example:

The hierarchy as it relates to a **Computers**

From: marvinmarshall.com

Level D (INTERNAL motivation)

- Voluntarily follows school expectations for appropriate use of computer time
- Chooses to follow established computer procedures for using laptops and computers whether a teacher is present or not
- Comes to class prepared, on time, and with a sincere desire to learn/complete assignments
- Treats computer equipment with care
- Willingly works with others while remaining mindful of appropriate voice levels

Level C (EXTERNAL motivation)

- Participates in much the same way as described above but relies on the presence of an adult to maintain an appropriate level

Level B/A

- Displays little or no self-control
- Doesn't comply with school/teacher expectations
- Adult supervision required much of the time resulting in reduced autonomy

CBE News

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from our Board of Trustees



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inform | Preparing for the coming school year

Throughout the month of May, schools work to prepare their budgets for the fall and learn more about what the coming school year will bring. With the Board of Trustees April 14 decision to allocate \$18 million of resources to help fund enrolment of new students in schools, schools will, for the most part, receive the same level of funding for the fall as they received this year, subject to the approval of our CBE budget by the Minister of Education.

Although the \$18 million will help, reductions are necessary to balance the budget. We are focused on making the best decisions we can to support student outcomes and to deliver the best possible education for students and support for our schools within the resources we have.

We are proud of our schools and our students. We are proud of our system, and the success we have achieved.

We'd like to congratulate every single one of our students, especially those who are celebrating graduation, as we move to the end of the school year.

welcome | Trustee Hrdlicka

We also welcome a new voice to our board. Trustee Julie Hrdlicka was elected to represent Wards 11 & 13 and was sworn in on April 20, 2015. We look forward to introducing you to Trustee Hrdlicka and working with her for the rest of our term.



We are always eager to hear from you. If you have questions or comments, please contact us by email at boardoftrustees@cbe.ab.ca or 403-817-7933.

contact | Board of Trustees

We want to hear your ideas or concerns about public education. You can also visit www.cbe.ab.ca to learn more about the Board of Trustees and upcoming public board meetings.

- Here are your trustees:
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Little Creators in the making

Creations Child Care is a fully accredited and licensed before and after school program. At Creations, we strive to encourage the growth and development of children's social, physical, emotional, and mental well-being through play and recreation.

7 am to start of school, after school to 5:30pm

Creations is located in the gymnasium of Janet Johnstone School and is open before school from 7 am till the start of school and from after school till 5:30pm. Creations is only open when the school is running. Monthly fees include all professional developmental days. Drop-in rates will be adjusted according to the amount of days required.

\$400 per month

**Open House Thursday May 21, 2015
5:30-6:30pm**

All staff at Creations have attained childcare qualifications that meet the Child Care Licensing Act. Staff members have current police checks, including a vulnerable sector search, as well as up to date first aid certificates.

Contact us today to register!

Jane Winter – Program Operator
403-399-0085
infocreations@shaw.ca

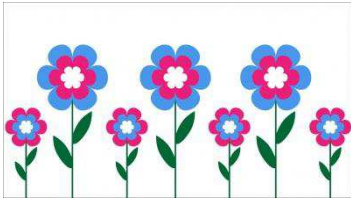
"Every day when I ask Gabriel what the best part of his day was, it's always Creations! Everyone was very supportive and understanding when my Granma passed and I know the girls kept an extra eye on Gabriel for me to make sure he was okay. I really, really appreciated that!"

Jenn

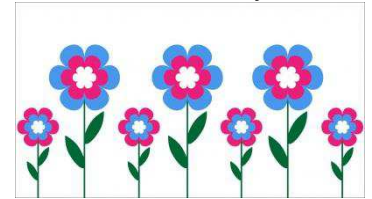
"Creations is the best! The program is one of a kind. Creations doesn't just look after my children they are like extended family and truly care for each and every child that attends."








Brenda





May



Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
					1 K AM Gr. K-4 12:10 Dismissal SWS visits Gr. 4 K Fieldtrip to Fish Creek Spring Dance	2
3	4	5 3:10 Staff Mtg.	6	7 Rooms 3+4 Visit SWS <small>Achieve Believe, & Create</small> 	8 K PM Gr. K-4 12:10 Dismissal K Fieldtrip to Fish Creek	9
 1		12  Safety Day 6:30 JJSC Mtg. 7:15 FJJS Mtg.	13 Kindergarten transition to Grade One Art Show 6:30PM 	14	15 PD Day No School for Students	16
17	18 Victoria Day No School for Students	19 Room 20 Visiting Harold Panabaker School 3:10 Staff Mtg	20 Grade 2 visiting the Leighton Centre 	21 Grade 2 visiting the Leighton Centre Cyber Safety Evening @7pm	22 K AM Gr. K-4 12:10 Dismissal Volunteer Tea	23
24 31	25	26	27	28 Kindergarten Orientation 7pm both programs MRU FI (Gr 3+4) Special Lunch Pizza Hut 	29 K PM Gr. K-4 12:10 Dismissal	30



Order Form for Club and School Group Photo

Photos will be on display in the front foyer from Monday Apr. 27 until Thursday, May 14.

Name: _____ Rm. _____

School Photo 8x10 - \$10.00
Club Photos 5x7 - \$5.00 each (2 or more \$3.00 each)

Cash or Cheques accepted. **Please make cheques payable to Janet Johnstone School.**
 (Please do not send postdated cheques) Payment must accompany order form. Order forms are to be returned to the office by Thursday, May 14th. Late orders will not be accepted. NSF cheques are subject to a \$25.00 surcharge.

Photo	Quantity	Amount
School Group Photo		\$10.00
Gr. 3 Book Club		
Compost Club		
Gr. 2 Dance Club		
Gr. 1 Dinosaur Club		
Gr. 3 Dodgeball Club		
Gym Helpers		
Gr. 4 Lego Club		
Gr. 2 Lego Club		
Gr. 3-4 Multimedia Club		
Nutrition Club		
Office Helpers		
Photography Club		
Gr. 4 Rainbow Loom Club		
Gr. 1 Running Club		
Gr. 2 Skipping Club		
Gr. 1 Speed Stack Club		
Yoga Club		
Gr. 3-4 Choir		
Gr. 4 Handbells		
Gr. 4 Performance Group		
Gr. 4 Music Helpers		
Gr. 1-2 Choir		
Total		

Total Amount Enclosed _____

Please send orders in by Thursday May 14th by 3:00 pm. No post-date cheques