



November 9th, 2018

Dear Parents:

Madonna's Flex Programming Options Session 2 are starting!

This is an opportunity for students to be given choices based on their individual interests. Through the use of project-based learning activities and "flex" time, teachers are able to provide students with extended learning opportunities. "The fundamental goal of education is to inspire all students to achieve success and fulfillment, and reach their full potential by developing the competencies of Engaged Thinkers and Ethical Citizens with an Entrepreneurial Spirit, who contribute to a strong and prosperous economy and society." (Ministerial Order on Student Learning #001/2013)

Our second scheduled flex session will run on Fridays - Block 7 & 8 (1:00 to 2:00 pm). Sessions are on the following dates: Nov. 23rd, 30th & Dec. 7th and 21st.

Please sign your child up for a session at **www.schoolinterviews.ca** using event code **m269e** and follow the instructions on the screen.

Session availability is based on a first come first serve basis and are limited in numbers. We may be offering some of the same choices during other flex sessions throughout the year based on popularity.

Thank-you to Parent Council for their continued financial support of these programming Opportunities.

If you have any questions, please contact the office at 780-467-7972.

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Enclosure

2 Flex Options for Grade 1 & 2

Paper Mache Snowman	<p>Create a winter time keepsake for years to come! In this FLEX option students will be creating a paper mache snowman. This is a great option for hands on tactile learners. Working with paper mache will teach your child a number of skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Social Skills: Children talk about the progress of the sculpture, taking pride in their work through conversations.● Emotional Skills: The labors that such a project take will connect when seeing their finished project.● Cooperative Skills: Children share materials. This is a group effort where children construct together.● Language Skills: Books and illustrations about final outcome promote language.● Sensory Skills: The texture of the glue, cold, wet, sticky. The roughness of the dry paper.
Can You Escape	<p>Breakouts teach teamwork, problem-solving, critical thinking, and troubleshooting by presenting children with challenges that ignite their natural drive to problem-solve. Each week will involve a new mystery or two to be solved as they crack the code and unlock the boxes.</p>
Fit Kids	<p>Fit Kids Club will give students a chance to get sweaty while having fun! Students will focus on running skills to build endurance and on specific sport skill development each week.</p>

2 Flex Options for Grade 3 & 4

Plasticine Christmas Picture	Few art mediums kindle growth and skills in children in the way that working with plasticine does. Working with plasticine enhances sensory development, motor skills, problem solving and self-expression. In this Flex Option, students will create a Christmas themed picture using plasticine! Students will sketch and design their own masterpiece inspired by the Christmas Season. The choices are endless but may include a Nativity scene, Santa's workshop, or a beautifully decorated Christmas Tree. We will examine pictures in Barbara Reed's books and watch tutorial videos on techniques for mixing colors, creating shapes, and use of texture. Over the four weeks students will create a 3-D Christmas themed picture in the style of Barbara Reed.
Fitness Fanatics	Physical literacy is when children develop the skills, confidence, and love of movement to be physically active for life. Physical literacy gives children the tools they need to take part in physical activity and sport, both for healthy lifelong enjoyment and for sporting success. Fitness Fanatics is an opportunity for your child to engage in a variety of fundamental movements skills, physical activity, and sports while also learning about the importance/significance of sportsmanship, health benefits, and ways they can maintain a healthy active life. Together let's explore the fun of movement and getting active!
PALs (Peer Active Leadership)	PALS will give students a chance to be school leaders. Each class will give the students opportunities to improve public speaking, lead small groups in a game, and be leaders at some school Assemblies and events. Students will focus on leadership skills to increase their confidence.
BitsBox	Students will learn to program and code by creating fun apps that work on computers and iPads. We will start with instruction, first showing learners exactly what to type, then will quickly encourage students to modify and expand their apps by typing in new commands.
Learn to Sew	Students will create beginner sewing projects for themselves and learn how to sew seams and buttons on by hand. As they progress they will move on to sewing machine projects and let their creativity flow! The sky's the limit!!