

Madonna Catholic School Council Meeting

The meeting took place over google meets on Wednesday, October 12, 2022 and began at 7:05pm

In attendance:

Rebecca K	Nicole H	Karen A	Erin C	Michelle P
Agnes W	Kendra P	Jennifer D	Mariejeyl P	Agnes H
Dianne V	Jenness S	Kerstin A	Laura T	

7:05pm Karen A leads with prayer and Treaty acknowledgment

7:08pm Erin C and Laura T both approve last meeting's minutes

7:08pm Teacher's report presented by Kendra P

3 & 4 year old PUF, Mrs Pineau

September flew by for us in PUF Pathways, and we had a wonderful time getting to know one another and setting up routines.

This month we are focusing on the theme of "Thanksgiving and Gratitude" as well as "Halloween and Autumn". The students collectively built "Mat Man" which will be revisited every month. We create self portraits after our "Mat Man" lessons and are able to see changes in our monthly drawings at the end of the year. The students are also taking turns leading our daily calendar on the SmartBoard, which helps us learn our days of the week and counting skills

Kindergarten, Mrs Fortier

We have had a lovely last month in our kindergarten classroom. Our students have all adjusted well to our classroom expectations, and we are excited to start venturing outside the school for more exciting learning opportunities! This month we are looking forward to our first few trips outside the school-we will be exploring a nearby greenspace (Malvern Park) and Strathcona Wilderness Center to explore nature in a new setting. We will be revisiting both locations throughout the year. We are also going to start show-and-tell, which is always a hit with students-they are excited to share their interests and learn more about one another, and it's a great way to develop listening and speaking skills as well. We are plugging away learning about different sounds and the letters that say them-so far we have explored P, B, T, D, S(/C), and Z. In our morning messages we are focusing on reading skills like tracking, picking out sounds, and blending or putting them together. We are also starting to explore the high-frequency words that we see often (is, the, etc.). We continue to explore our numeracy skills as they relate to our daily lives-subitizing in games and play, counting numbers of pieces that we are using. Right now we are looking at numbers in nature and creating a book of the numbers that we discover in nature. October will be a very exciting month!

Grade 1, Mrs Perri & Mrs Stadnick

Mrs. Perri led the class in our school's Thanksgiving Day assembly earlier this month, the students had been preparing and practicing since September and they were absolutely thrilled to be in front of the whole school; we couldn't be more proud of them! This month we will begin the Word Work and Home Reading programs. All Grade One students will be participating in the Arabian Horse Literacy Program this year, Mr. Millar and his very special furry guest will be at school on October 18th to tell his story of how he discovered his horses loved being read to. After the students meet his furry guest, they will receive a book and be invited to come visit Mr. Millar's farm in June to read to his horses. Finally, both Grade One classes will go together to Gallery 501 to visit the current exhibit and create an art project on October 28th.

Grade 1, Mrs Noel

We are having fun at our swimming lessons! And for some students this is the first time riding the bus! Thank you to all the parents who are able to meet us at the pool and help with supervision and changing after the lessons. Grade 1N is learning about rhyming words and listening for the beginning and end sound of words using the Heggerty Phonemic Awareness program. In math we are working on patterns and subitizing numbers up to 10. Subitizing means "Look at a set, think how many without counting, and say the number as fast as you can!" We have started a Poem Duotang where each week we learn 1 or 2 new poems as a part of the new curriculum. We are learning to track words and read familiar words in the poems. We are looking forward to visiting Gallery 501 at the end of the month.

Grade 2, Mrs LaRose

We have been working very hard on writing complete sentences and will be doing a persuasive and narrative writing piece this month! We are excited to be starting our home reading program and having books go home so that we can practice our reading skills! We have been working very hard on place value and learning about numbers to 1000. In science we are learning all about insects and their homes. We can't wait to have our first field trip with the other grade 2 class to Gallery @501 later this month and are really loving swimming lessons! In social we are exploring maps and all the fun ways they can be used. We are beginning to prepare for our November assembly in religion as well as learning about the parts of the mass!

Grade 2, Mrs Stankey

September was a wonderful month for 2S as it was filled with new learning experiences and opportunities to connect with one another. We have been discussing the importance of Thanksgiving and Gratitude and students were able to make their own Gratitude trees. In literacy, students completed a turkey disguise project that they will be writing about later this week. We have also been learning about Nouns, Verbs and Adjectives. Our Home Reading Program also started this week and students were very excited to be bringing home books to read. In math, students have continued to work very hard at understanding Place Value and Numbers to 1000. We are continuing with our science unit of Small Crawling and Flying Insects and are still trying to look for different insects outside at recess. In religion we are learning about the Apostle's Creed as well as the Story of Adam and Eve. We will also be working with 2L to prepare for the November assemblies as our classes will be leading them. Swimming lessons also started this month and students are having so much fun practicing their skills in the pool. On October 27 we are looking forward to visiting the Alex Janvier exhibit at Gallery 501 with 2L as well.

Grade 3, Mrs Vukovic

We began a class read aloud novel- The Wild Robot, made a mini earth after studying the layers of the earth, grew in our understanding Of Truth and Reconciliation and expressed our feelings in talking circles throughout the week and have been practicing our counting and making numbers exploring place value. We are enjoying our chromebook time using google classroom for our lessons. We have 2 field trips coming up: Oct 14- in school- Rocks and Minerals and Oct 20 Gallery501. We are still in need of parent volunteers.

Grade ¾, Mrs. Gauthier

Our class has been busy finishing up our Patterns unit in Math and will begin our Place Value unit. In Literacy, we are working on adding detail and description to our writing using our senses. Our home reading program will be beginning next week. In Social studies, we are learning about different features in different countries being studied by the grade 3s while the grade 4s are researching the various regions in Alberta. The grade 4 students received their personal blessed bibles at Camp VanEs from Father Jim and are investigating the bible and how we use it in our daily life. Our class has the Gallery 501 field trip coming up and we are excited about it!

Grade 4, Mrs Prodoborzny

Grade 4 students recently received their personal Bible at Camp Van Es, where they were blessed by Father Jim. Students are beginning to feel confident in our Literacy Centers and are working on descriptive writing in class, by using our senses. In Math, we are beginning our Place value unit and understanding decimals. In Science, we continue to learn about Waste in our World and have been actively using what we learn in our school year. In Social, we are learning about the Regions of Alberta. In Religion, we are focusing on understanding the parts of the Bible and how to use them in our daily life. We have an exciting field trip at the end of the month, where we are going to Fort Saskatchewan Heritage Precinct center. We have lots of exciting things to look forward to in Grade 4!

7:20pm Principal's report presented by Karen A

Trustee Dean Sarnecki, is unable to attend due to a death in the family
Thank You For:

-Organizing the bottle drive

-Jeness for helping with school photos, and the meeting with ASCA. The information was shared with the superintendent and all principals. Two schools have reached out & are very interested in the process. This was very valuable.

-Parents for helping with swimming lessons

-Bibles paid for by: The Real Foundation 50% and the school pays 50%

Stand for Public Education Rally is on Saturday, October 22nd at 1:00 pm at the Alberta Legislature for the All children deserve a healthy and safe school environment, small class sizes, and the resources to help them reach their full potential. Public education can—and should—be able to provide all of the above. By rallying together, we're sending a strong message to decision makers: We will not stop fighting for a better public education system in Alberta

ATA support ASCA ... <https://www.teachers.ab.ca/events/rally-public-education>

DOES SCHOOL COUNCIL WANT ME TO SEND THIS HOME IN STUDENTS BACKPACKS? *Yes, those in attendance felt it would be beneficial to send this information home with students*

CEPAC Meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday, October 19th from 18:30 - 19:30

The link for the meeting is: meet.google.com/ryx-mbsg-pkq

Gr. 4 info night tomorrow is virtual , bottom line is to get approval 10 parents say no, then it does not go

Fire Inspection: had some concerns with a few personal items of teachers that needed to be removed from classrooms such as plastic plants. We were advised that next year "Better Than Paper" bulletin board covers will not be permitted

Emergency Preparedness: We have completed 3 Fire Drills and 1 Lockdown practice. The students & staff have the procedures down and have been becoming more prompt. POP up Book event will occur tomorrow. I will be picking up books & then each student will get to choose one for themselves

Living Rosary will be taking place this Friday at 1:30pm. We welcome all parents and grandparents, please spread the word. It will be culturally responsive. Each decade will start off in a different language

Loose Parts Playground will be starting up on Nov. 1

Indigenous Powwow Learning assembly - we had about 10 parents/grandparents -Next Powwow Session will be on Oct. 21 st

PHOTO RETAKES will be on Oct. 25 th. We may need one parent to help with this Madonna WishList for 2022-2023 for School Council is being created

Staff are looking forward to the treat bags that the School Council parents make for students on Halloween. We are asking that no other treats/snacks are sent in from home Birthday treats are also difficult to manage due to allergies. We ask that parents do not send in Birthday treats on their child's Birthday. Classroom teachers and the office acknowledge student birthdays in a variety of ways

Book Fair will run from November 1st to 3rd. It will be open to families to visit during Parent Teacher Interviews. The focus will be on books & there will be no posters,pencils,gadgets. no money ... electronic only

Will parents be doing a BAKE SALE for Parent Teacher Interviews?

Will parents provide one supper for teachers during Parent Teacher Interviews? I will provide the meal for the second night.

Family Faith Night- We will be making Advent Wreaths as a school community on Nov. 18th at 7:00 pm.

Swimming lessons started last week. The students are developing their swimming skills and enjoying themselves.

During the last couple of Professional Development days we have been busy participating in: -Numeracy & use of Mathology resources -Nonviolent Crisis Intervention -Standard First Aid -Emotional Regulation

Indigenous Blanket Activity

-Culturally Responsive Teaching

-New Curriculum Implementation

-New Kindergarten Report Card

-Fully Alive Resource

-Approved by the Bishop to teach Health & Wellness

7:48pm Chair report presented by Kerstin A

Cobbs (Wye road) fundraiser continues, with a 5% kickback to Madonna

Just mention you're with Madonna when making a purchase

Save On Foods (Wye road) also continues

Bring your receipts to the school

From February to June of this year, \$200+ was reimbursed to Madonna

2 seminars with ASCA was held for school council
It went very well and was very informative
The bottle drive was successful in raising \$485.50 for Madonna. Thank you to those that donated!

First hot lunch is this Friday!

\$3,000 profit from this first round of hot lunch, which will pay for Flex!

Hot lunch continues to be popular with students

School council with pay for & make Halloween treat bags for all students in the school

Do you want to help make up these bags?

Please email: madonnaces@gmail.com to express interest

Bear tracks fundraiser needs a parent with a truck & trailer please!

If you can help out, please email madonnaces@gmail.com

Bake sale idea during parent teacher interviews, passes by majority

Funds to go towards Grade 4 year end trip

Delegate Grade 4 parents to help out

*Next School Council meeting will be hosted **in person**, at Madonna, on November 30, 2022*

8:02pm Approval of updated Operating Procedures
Erin C approves with Laura T seconds
All in attendance approves

8:06pm Meeting is adjourned

Meeting minutes were recorded by Jenness S and submitted to madonnaces@gmail.com on October 13, 2022