

# KINDERGARTEN NEWSLETTER

MARCH  
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## Upcoming Events

### **Bend the Rules**

March 3rd & 4th

### **Ash Wednesday Mass\***

**March. 5th**

### **Evidence of Learning**

**Binders sent home**

March 10th-14th

### **Clay for Kids (In-School Field Trip)**

March 13th & 14th

### **St. Patrick's Day \*Wear Green\***

March 17th

### **3-Way Conferences**

March 18th & 19th

## 3-Way Conferences

Our 3-way conferences are scheduled for March 18th&19th from 4-7pm. Looking forward to sharing your child's learning with you! Remember to return portfolios either before or at interviews.

A link will be sent soon with instructions to book your child's interviews.

## Our Learning

We have another exciting month up ahead!

Our big focus for the month is continuing to learn about the three pillars of Lent and the journey to Easter. We are also focusing on gathering information from the texts we read (identifying characters and events, taking information from books and media for research purposes), decoding and creating words, examining and using numbers in our environment, and continuing to explore addition and subtraction by combining and taking apart groups of numbers.

We have a Bend the Rules day happening on March 3rd/4th- there will be several school rules that students can "bend" by donating to Strathcona Food Bank. Each rule bent costs \$1 – can be paid via PowerSchool.

We are excited to build collaborative leprechaun traps for St. Patrick's Day. This is a great project for our students that involves researching, planning, communicating with peers, problem solving, and thinking creatively.

Our school is celebrating Ash Wednesday Mass on March 5th at 12:15pm. TTH families are welcome to join us at OLPH parish.

## Easter Celebrations

Did you know the in the liturgical calendar, the Easter season doesn't begin until Easter Monday? We will be spending our time before the break focusing on St. Patrick's Day. When we return our focus will switch to the story of Easter as told in the bible; the events leading up to the death and resurrection of Jesus. We will also be talking all things eggs, chicks and bunnies!



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## Food Drive

As part of our Lenten almsgiving, grade 1 students at Madonna Catholic School are organizing a school-wide collection to benefit Strathcona Food Bank. Strathcona Food Bank is a non-profit organization providing food to families in need in Sherwood Park and rural Strathcona County. It has been in operation since 1983. They believe that every child in Strathcona County should have a full celebration on their birthday. **Participation is optional!**

**We will be collecting food drive items through April 17-including during 3-way conferences.**

### What to donate?

We are seeking donations for birthday bag items so that we can ensure many children have a birthday celebration on their special day. Examples include:

- Paper cupcake holders
- Boxed cake mix
- Prepared icing
- Bagged balloons
- Birthday candles
- Birthday paper plates/napkins
- Birthday Gift Bags



## Sight Words

We have been working hard on our word decoding and recognizing skills. When reading with your child, point out any high-frequency words they see (high-frequency words we will be focusing on in class in the coming months include: the, was, a, to, day, you, do, of, is, and). Encourage your child to decode any simple, CVC (consonant, vowel, consonant) words they encounter (bug, lot, dad, etc.). Talk about each letter sound in isolation before putting together, if needed.

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<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Bend the Rules Day <b>Logan</b>	<b>5</b> Early Dismissal	<b>6</b> <b>Alex</b>	<b>7</b> PD day
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>Parker</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Clay for Kids In school field trip <b>Callie</b>	<b>14</b> <b>MW</b>
<b>17</b> St. Patrick's Day	<b>18</b> 3-Way Conferences <b>Ethan</b>	<b>19</b> 3-Way Conferences	<b>20</b> <b>Kaylee</b>	<b>21</b> No School
<b>24</b> Spring Break	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>31</b> Welcome Back!				

## Looking Ahead

- March 31st- First day back from Spring Break
- April 2nd- Hat Day
- Easter April 18-21 (school closed Friday & Monday)