

# Around the School

February 21, 2017 Teacher's Report

## Religious Events

- ❖ The Gr. 6 class led the school Mass on February 17<sup>th</sup>; Gr. 5 will be leading Mass this Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ Deacon Rennie Nahanee visited our school today; started with a whole-school assembly and blessing of students, then spoke to individual classes on topics requested by teachers. Ended with another whole school assembly to close the visit.
- ❖ We condensed activities for Catholic Schools Week; Gr. 7 led a spirit assembly to kick-off on the morning of February 8<sup>th</sup> and then a more solemn prayer assembly in the afternoon. During the morning assembly, we watched a video created by students of all grades, teachers and staff from the whole school dancing in celebration of our school, and grade 7 students led buddy classes in learning a cheer. During the afternoon assembly, students reflected on homelessness, and we collected the warm socks gathered for Good Shepherd Ministry. Each student also added a personally decorated craft-stick (including a prayer intention) which are being grouped together to create a cross.
- ❖ Classes continue taking turns attending Eucharistic Adoration on First Fridays
- ❖ All classes will be focused on Lent in the coming weeks

## In the Classroom

- ❖ Kindergarten: during abbreviated February focused on love and friendship (specifically showing love for God and love for others), and are currently studying fairy tales. Students are settling nicely into routines.
- ❖ Gr. 1: working toward achieving 100 random acts of kindness for 100 day, and on catching others committing 100 random acts of kindness.
- ❖ Gr. 2: First Reconciliation, which takes place on Saturday February 25<sup>th</sup> (rescheduled due to snow). Going to the Surrey Nature Centre before Spring Break in support of Science Learning on life cycles.
- ❖ Gr. 3: Studying matter in science and did lots of fun experiments. They finished Inuit unit in Social Studies, and

learning about the Holy Trinity in Religion and are moving into a focus on Lent.

- ❖ Gr. 4: just completed a mini research project on the different First People's groups across Canada and labelled them on a map. We also had an in class field trip from the Urban Safari Rescue Society to assist our discussion in science on the 5 senses in animals and to connect to our Novel Study on captive animals.
- ❖ Gr. 5: Is learning about Government in Social Studies. In Science, they are learning about simple machines; we will go on a simple machines field trip to the Surrey museum next month.
- ❖ Gr. 6: have been visiting at Elim Village every three weeks, alternating weekly visits to the Fleetwood Public Library. Finished a unit on the Solar System, and made models.
- ❖ Gr. 7: Date for Confirmation!!! May 28<sup>th</sup>, rehearsal on May 24. Saint projects underway, due next week. Icon project featured in the BC Catholic. Pending upcoming field trips to Holy Cross Chemistry lab and Dr. Sun Yet Sun Gardens to make fire crackers to support learning of chemistry.

#### Extra-Curricular/Co-Curricular

- ❖ We are grateful for the frequent visits from our priests and Deacon Giovanni!
- ❖ First annual ski trip to Whistler on February 3<sup>rd</sup> was a huge success.
- ❖ Grade 7 boys basketball team is playing in the playoff game tomorrow (February 23<sup>rd</sup>)
- ❖ Yearbook club has started, 14 students from grades 6 & 7 are participating.
- ❖ Physical Education is doing gymnastics currently with available resources
- ❖ Mr. Durante is attempting a 4-square tournament for grades 4 & 5 with grade 7 referees to promote learning of correct rules of play

#### Staff News

- ❖ Teachers are busy writing report cards that go home on April 8<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ Grades 4 & 7 completed FSAs, we will be joining a team from St. Anthony's to mark them on February 27<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ CEC was a huge success! Fr. Tony Ricard spoke motivationally about our commitment as Catholic School teachers.
- ❖ Professional development about Catholic World View; integrating our Catholic faith across the curriculum.
- ❖ We continue to have monthly Professional Learning Community sessions – Alpha and a group of staff members meets monthly for Faith Formation.

