

Huskies Bits and Bites



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BE RESPECTFUL, BE RESPONSIBLE, BE SAFE

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Thank you parents for attending parent-teacher interviews November 21 and 22. We appreciate you connecting with us so we can work as a team to best meet your child's learning needs.

Author's Lunch

Friday, November 16, three of our students attended the Divisional Author's lunch hosted at Buffalo Head Prairie School.

Warren Charles - Grade 1, Evelyn Smith - Grade 2, and Kailyn McLean - Grade 3.

Grade 1 to 3 students from across the division enjoyed a "virtual" visit with **Leanne Shirliffe**, author of *The Change Your Name Store*. Leanne is an author from Calgary, Alberta and is also a teacher. Learn more about Leanne here <http://leanneshirliffe.com/>

After the "virtual" visit we enjoyed lunch and an afternoon of fun, writing centers. The students received a personal writing booklet that they worked in and then took home. We learned many things including about how authors and illustrators do their work and get their stories published.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 30

Month End Assembly
2:40pm

Student Council News:

We are very busy in December!



December 3-7: Candy Cane Campaign

Buy a candy cane!

December 3-14: Canned Food Drive

Bring canned food! 

December 13: Winter Ball - [5-7pm]



December 12: Christmas Theme

Wear a Christmas sweater or Christmas colours to spread the cheer!



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Math Talk

Number Sense



Number sense develops when students connect numbers to their own real-life experiences. When students use friendly numbers (like numbers that end in zero, such as 10, 30 or 100) or numbers that they are familiar with (for example, 27 is almost 25), this helps them to understand how numbers relate to one another. This results in students who are confident that they can make sense of mathematics. For example, students with number sense know what 10 is in a variety of situations, including how 6 and 4 or 7 and 3 make 10.

Taken from Alberta Education Program Supports

<https://education.alberta.ca/mathematics-k-6/program-supports/everyone/program-supports/>

Lessons in Literacy

Literacy skills grow like all the other skills children are acquiring – they develop in small steps over time. The first step for children when they are setting out on their literacy learning is to communicate and to understand. Communication and understanding naturally develop with the experiences a child has with listening and speaking. Essentially, the more that children are provided with language-rich opportunities, the more these skills begin to develop. This is why the *FVSD Preschool Literacy Program* is so important and beneficial for the growing readers and writers in our school and community. The program runs every Tuesday at St. Mary's in the multipurpose room from 10:30 to 11:30, led by our program coordinator, Amber Paul. Parenting tips are shared for literacy and language development for your preschool-aged children. You will leave each week with books and resources for you and your child to use at home to build fundamental literacy skills. We encourage you to come take advantage of this amazing program and start your child on the continuum of developmental reading and building literacy skills before they even come to school.

Fun Facts:

- Literacy begins at birth – long before children start school. It begins at home, in families!
- Literacy, learning and healthy child development are interconnected.



SMES Literacy Committee

Check out St. Mary's website, to get information about our school, programs, calendar and special events at:

<http://www.fvsd.ab.ca/school/stm/Pages/default.aspx>



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Art with Mary Bartsch

Our students have had the privilege of three art lessons with Mary Bartsch. Mary is a talented artist who is sharing her expertise with our students. You may have seen the canvas painting your child completed. Mary will visit us through the school year and provide additional art lessons. Very exciting!



FVSD Christmas Card Contest Winner

We are thrilled to announce that Kailyn McLean won the divisional Christmas card contest! Way to go Kailyn!

Kailyn and her class will celebrate with a pizza party and Kailyn's artwork will be featured on the Division Christmas card for 2018.



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