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SCHOOL REPORT MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2023

School Plan Priority Areas

Reconciliation EVA celebrated Mme Lavallée who won the prestigious Manitoba Indigenous Educator of the Month from the Manitoba Indigenous Inclusion Directorate. We are proud of her generous sharing of her gifts with our school team and with the division and provincial leadership!

Teachers had an opportunity this week to engage in a Professional Development Day with Momenta Inc., in which Adrian Alphonso and Lise Brown presented a model they developed for the Child and Nature Alliance of Canada called “The Seven Relationships of an Ethical Forest and Nature School” which is a two-eyed seeing approach to learning outdoors. They provided an outdoor experience to learn and reflect on their model, and to inspire an increase in outdoor learning for all students.

STEM EVA students are invited to participate in a divisional STEM learning challenge beginning in April. We are busy collecting cardboard as students will be tasked to design a chair that can bear a student’s full weight made completely out of cardboard! Designs have already begun taking shape and we are excited to see what our kids can achieve. Our STEM team is organizing a gallery walk on April 25th where students can share their learning about Pakan Town (Rooster Town) through digital photography!

Connection Our school basketball teams wrapped up a very exciting and successful season with our first-ever Basketball Provincial Finalist going all the way to the provincial finals! Their coach, Mme Duhamel, even received the Basketball Manitoba Award for Junior High Coach of the Year! We are proud of all of our teams! Our sporting world continues to be busy as our badminton teams get started on an exciting season and track continues to be a big success!

Our Musical Production work continues to ramp up – we are excited by all the progress and hard work of all our cast and crew!

Wellbeing and Well becoming Our March Talent Show was a huge hit this year – the first time back in person since 2019! It was a spectacular way to end our Winter Term with joy, talents, celebrations, and snacks.

Our Snow Angels were gifted with an April snowstorm just in time for the return of school! We continue to support students learning by contributing to community, staying active, and supporting our neighbors.

Literacy Last month, Diversity in the focus of this month’s I Love to Read. As well, our annual Grade 7 Concours d’Art Oratoire was a huge success – we are very proud of all the students for their work and very proud of Muxinda and Tinbite for representing us so well at the divisional finals – lots of positive feedback from the judges.

Our Grade 8 Provincial Assessment results in Literacy in both French and English were sent home with the Term 2 report cards. We are proud of the overall results and will share aggregate data with staff in May to reflect on our four-year literacy journey and to celebrate successes.

Numeracy In mid-May, our school will again be participating in the annual grade 7 and 8 Gauss math contest from the University of Waterloo. More information is coming soon.

Our Grade 7 Provincial Assessment in Numeracy results were compiled and sent home with the Term 2 report cards. While EVA's overall results were strong, they also show us opportunities for renewed focus (eg writing algebraic equations for number patterns to solve problems).

Bell Times 2023-23

As announced by the School Division, our Bell times are from 9:20am to 3:55pm. This means that doors will open at 9:10am and outdoor supervision will begin at 8:55am.

OPEN CAMPUS

Grade 8 students with parent permission have begun to have open campus privileges over the noon hour. We are so proud to see our oldest learners walking in the community and representing our wonderful school.

Physical Education Update The current focus is badminton. All students will be preparing for the outdoor track and field meet to be held in May. Students from our feeder schools are invited to participate as well.

Band and Art Update Save the date for May 10 and 11 for our spring concerts. Students will be participating in full band rehearsals leading up to the event.

The Art program continues to offer school-wide opportunities for engagement. The beloved Paint Nights will continue this month. Our next Paint Night will take place on Friday, April 21, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. in the Art room. Spots are limited to 20 participants and will be given on a first come, first served basis.

Registration The registration forms for 2023-2024 for current Grade 5-7 students were sent home in early March. We would ask that they please be returned to the school office as soon as possible.

Communication Our school website continues to transform each month to highlight our various learning initiatives within the school. We will continue to send out weekly emails (**EVA News and Information**) with updated information that is not included on the website. Visual communication can be found on our Twitter feed @ecoleVA and our new Instagram feed @ecole_va.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Monday, May 22nd	Victoria Day – <i>No Classes</i>
June 6-8th	<i>La Lampe De Merveilles</i> Musical Theater
Friday, June 16th	Admin Day – <i>No Classes</i>
Wednesday, June 21st	National Indigenous People's Day celebration
Wednesday, June 28th	Grade 8 Farewell
Thursday, June 29th	Last day of classes
Thursday, June 29th	Report cards available online
Friday, June 30th	Admin Day – <i>No Classes</i>