



The Principal News

Newsletter
1st April 2019

Photo of the week



Grade 3 Field Trip

On Thursday, March 28th the Grade 3 students went on a field trip to the Golden Ears

Provincial Park. The students had been working hard learning about the importance of the land to

Coming up

Monday 1st April
April Fools Day

Wednesday 3rd April
Exhibition basketball match v Khalsa

Friday 5th April
Exhibition basketball

Indigenous cultures in Social Studies, the need to adopt healthy personal practices in PHE, major local landforms, and observable changes in the local environment caused by erosion and deposition by wind, water, and ice in Science. This experience allowed them to make real world connections with their learning as they explored a natural part of their local community.

The Grade 3 class, along with teachers and parent volunteers, hiked the beautiful Gold Creek Falls. They were as excited as could be as they spotted and identified gurgling streams, sharp mountain peaks, and a powerful rushing river among other landforms. Although this was the Grade 3 students' second hike of the year (the first being Tynehead Regional Park), students found themselves getting unexpectedly tired fairly quickly. A snack stop by a slow part of the river with a flat wide bank easily recharged the students. Students continued hiking and interacted with other friendly hikers (2 and 4 legged!), wondered how enormous boulders ended up in the forest, and oohed and aaahed as they made their way through along the path. Just as the students began tiring out again, they heard the powerful force of the waterfall that Miss Kaur had promised them. They quickened their pace and made it to the spectacular Gold Creek Falls. There were many jaws dropped and excited shouts in awe of the amazing waterfall. Students then enjoyed their healthy lunches by the river as they listened to flow of the river. They then discussed some lines from Jap Ji Sahib in which Maharaj Ji reveals how all these rivers and landforms came to be and did Simran before making their way back down. Energized, the students hiked down much faster than anticipated and earned themselves an hour of impromptu free play by the river. Students felt the freezing cold glacial water, tried stacking rocks, dug holes, created insect habitats, and enjoyed finding ways to play with what Mother nature had offered them. The grade threes were all tuckered out and many were spotted snoozing on the bus ride back to school.

Please come check out the beautiful art and writing students created as they reflected on this trip on the Grade 3 bulletin board. We hope that such experiences will help students take advantage of the beautiful landscape in which we live, develop healthy habits such as hiking with their families, and realize that important learning takes place both inside and outside their classroom. It was the perfect way to reward the students for their hard work and wrap up this term. This was definitely a trip to remember

match v Khalsa

Thur 4th and Fri 5th April

Regional Science Fair @ KPU

Monday 8th April

Principal Tea with gr 6 - 10 parents

Friday 12th April

Vaisakhi celebrations in classrooms

Sunday 14th April

Vaisakhi celebrations by Gurdwara

Monday 15th April

Vaisakhi celebrations in school assembly

Full Calendar



Punjabi Challenge Exam

In January 2019, a number of our grade 10 students wrote the Grade 11 Punjabi Challenge Exam.

Tejvir, Gurkirat, Jasmeen, Dilraj, Pardeep, Ravdep and Gurnoor.

A total of 7 students took the grade 11 Punjabi challenge exam and 4 of these passed with an 'A'. These students have now

and Miss Kaur can't wait to take the future Grade 3's on this trip next year!

To the Movies with gr 5, 6, 7



This past week , grade 5, 6 and 7 classes went on a field trip to watch the movie *Kesari*. This is based on the true story of one of the bravest battles that India ever fought, the battle of Saragarhi. In 1897, the British Empire had conquered most of India and was moving on to infiltrate Afghanistan. Fort Saragarhi was a small communication post used to relay messages between two major military forts (Gullistan and Lockhart). This fort is where Halvidaar Ishar Singh was posted and when 10, 000 Afghani Pathans turn up to attack Saragarhi he led his 21 Sikhs to battle against them. The battle showed the courage and bravery of the Sikh panth who never cowers in the face of adversity. It was evident that the students were deeply impacted by the story and learned a great deal from watching it.

Following is a journal entry written about the movie after watching it by grade 5 student, Gurnishaan Singh Jassal.

This movie was about a battle fought in the 1800s at Saragarhi fort. It was 21 Sikhs fighting for the British army against 10 000 Pathans. This movie follows a soldier named Ishar Singh who got transferred to Saragarhi fort for disobeying orders. On the day of the battle, Ishar Singh wore a saffron (kesari) turban instead of the brown turban that is part of his uniform because he said it was the colour of their strength and courage.

effectively passed this grade 11 course while still in grade 10 and have earned 4 credits towards their graduation.

We congratulate these students and wish them all the best.

Principal's Tea



Principals tea

Last week, Mr. Bolina and Mr. Bhatia met with the parents of Kindergarten - grade 5 students. This meeting was well attended and many issues that pertain to this age group were discussed.

Many ideas were given by parents and all in all, it was a productive meeting in which current issues were discussed.

Our next Principals tea will be next **Monday (8th April 2019)**. At this meeting, we invite parents of grade 6 - grade 10 students to meet with us and share ideas.

Please note that this date is a change from the previously announced date.

