



SPVA Newsletter

Your newsletter about our school!

Principal's Message

Welcome to February!

We hope you had a great first month of 2023! For our high schoolers, congratulations on making it through another semester, and best wishes for the semester to come! For all of you, we've included a list of important dates in this newsletter.

As we enter the second semester (for high school students), if you are still working through semester one courses, or haven't requested your semester two courses yet, please contact our school counsellor, Kristin Lapierre, or myself for assistance.

Teachers are attending the annual teachers' conventions this month. Teachers Convention falls on February 9th and 10th. Teachers will not be available these days but will return calls and emails when they return. Please be patient as responses may take longer during these conference dates.

February is also the month we recognize Pink Shirt Day. Please wear a pink shirt on February 22nd. For information regarding the history of Pink Shirt Day, please visit the link below:

<https://www.pinkshirtday.ca/about>

Have a wonderful month!

Sincerely,
Christy Filgate, Principal
SPVA, Morinville & Sturgeon Learning Centres



Continue to read to see what is
happening in our classes!

Math with Mr. Kaya!



In January the Math 5 and 6 students started a new unit, the Angles and Polygons.

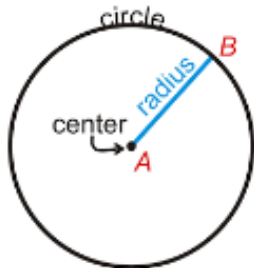
Students learned:

- Name, describe and classify angles
- Estimate and determine angle measures
- Draw and label angles
- Provide examples of angles in the environment
- Investigate the sum of angles in triangles and quadrilaterals



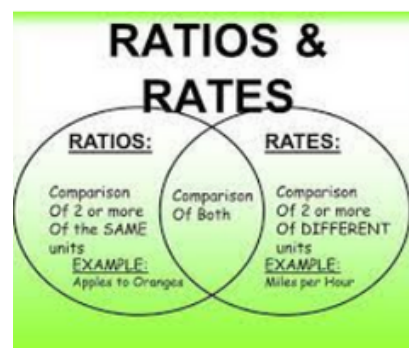
In January the math 7 students started a new unit, the Circles and Area.

Students investigated and explained the relationships among radius, diameter and circumference of a circle. They determined the sum of the central angles of a circle and constructed circles and solved problems involving circles. Students developed formulas to find the areas of a parallelogram and a triangle.

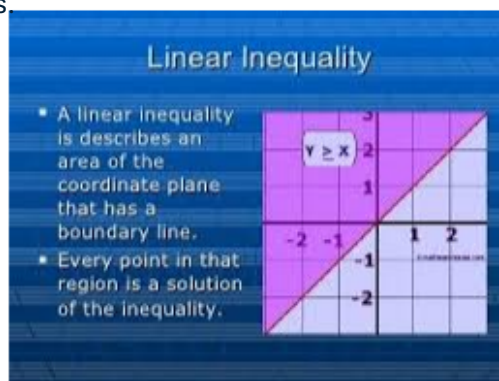


Math with Ms. Savin

Math 8 :In grade 8 students are starting to study a brand new unit on rates and ratios. Students began the unit by learning how to simplify ratios and find equivalent ratios. They are now beginning to work on solving unit rates.



Math 9 :In grade 9 students have completed the unit on Linear Relations and are now working on solving Linear Inequalities



Science with Ms. Poliquin!



Grade 5: We are finishing up our Electricity and Magnetism unit and are starting Classroom Chemistry.

Grade 6: We completed Sky Science and are starting Flight.

Grade 7: We are wrapping up Heat and Temperature and will begin Structures and Forces.

Grade 8: We are finishing Light and Optics and starting Mechanical Systems.

Grade 9: We completed Environmental Chemistry and will begin Electricity.



Grade 8/9 Health

We completed lessons on Volunteering, Healthy Relationships, and Mental Health.





LA/Social/Music/Health with MS. Senych!



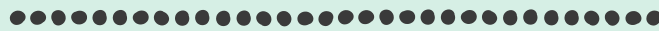
LA 5-7 : In January we worked on our writing skills and how to write a personal narrative! We have also been working on reading and gathering information from Informational Articles. We will begin our novel study next month.

Social 5-7: We have completed our Iroquois Confederacy Unit and will begin learning more in depth about 3 of Canada's First Nations groups - The Mi'kmaq, the Haudenosaunee and the Anishinabe.

PE 5-7 : We are continuing to find ways we can move our bodies from home! We are expected to track 60 minutes of movement a day!

Health 5-7 : We are learning about what keeps us motivated - discussing both intrinsic and extrinsic rewards!

Music - 5-7 : We are continuing to explore the genre of JAZZ and various Jazz artists and their influence on this genre.



Social 8/9 with MS. Waller

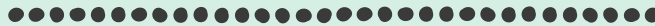


The grade 8 social students are well into our Aztec unit and have learned how different factors have impacted the Aztec worldview. They used this information to write a polished paragraph.



In grade 9 social, we are coming to the end of our unit on collective rights. Students are working on a visual presentation depicting how one group in Canada achieved collective rights.

We continue to take the time to look at news stories, visuals, and political cartoons each week. Take the opportunity to ask your child what they learned this week!



LA with MS. Wood!

We recently wrapped up our poetry unit - great job everyone! Creative and clever responses were submitted by all when tasked with writing their own poetry .

The next several weeks will be dedicated to our novel study - we will be reading the novel Refugee, by Alan Gratz. This is a fantastic novel, so I am really excited to read this with the students. During the novel study we will also start focusing on essay writing. Should be an awesome month!



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Message from School Counselor Kristin Lapierre:

Just a friendly reminder that Diploma exams are available in April; Here is the schedule:

April 2023

Diploma exams **must** be administered in accordance with the scheduled dates and times.

All diploma exam remain SECURED before, during, and after the administration. Teacher perusals are not permitted.

Monday, April 17	9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.	English Language Arts 30–1 Part A English Language Arts 30–2 Part A
	1:00 P.M.–4:00 P.M.	Français 30–1 Partie A French Language Arts 30–1 Partie A
Tuesday, April 18	9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.	Social Studies 30–1 Part(ie) A Social Studies 30–2 Part(ie) A
	9:00 A.M.–11:30 A.M.	
Wednesday, April 19	9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.	Mathematics 30–1 Mathematics 30–2
	1:00 P.M.–4:00 P.M.	Biology 30
Thursday, April 20	9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.	English Language Arts 30–1 Part B English Language Arts 30–2 Part B
	1:00 P.M.–4:00 P.M.	Français 30–1 Partie B French Language Arts 30–1 Part B
Friday, April 21	9:00 A.M.–11:30 A.M.	Social Studies 30–1 Part(ie) B Social Studies 30–2 Part(ie) B
	1:00 P.M.–4:00 P.M.	Chemistry 30
Monday, April 24	9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.	Physics 30
	1:00 P.M.–4:00 P.M.	Science 30

All students are provided with up to double the official time noted above, if they require it.

Also, please see the following URL for additional resources for diploma examination preparation:

<https://www.alberta.ca/writing-diploma-exams.aspx#jumplinks-1>

Happy Studying!





MIKISIWI-PÎSIM EAGLE MOON

PRONOUNCED- MIK-SOO-EE-PEE-SIM

Soaring into February to welcome the Eagle moon. This is the moon where the eagle returns and begins to build or repair their nest in preparation of mating season. Since eagles are such large birds their nests are often 4-6 ft long and 2-4 ft deep! The eagle is a very special bird and also brings us the teaching of love.

The eagle represents love because they have the strength to carry all of the teachings in their sacred wings. The eagle has the ability to fly highest in the sky and closest to the Creator. It is said that the eagle can take our thoughts and prayers up to the great spirits. The eagle also has the eyesight to see everything on land from great distances. The eagle views all things with unconditional love. Try the eagle eye this month and view all things with unconditional love.



Created by: Indigenous School Counsellor Katie R...





Important Dates

- February 9 & 10: Teacher's convention- No classes
- February 14: School Council @ 6PM
- February 17: Flex Friday
- February 20: Family Day-No classes
- February 28: 2023-2024 Early Registration deadline
- June 7: Deadline for coursework for Diploma courses
- June 14: Final exams must be written by this date
- June 15: Deadline for coursework for Non-Diploma courses
- June 26: Final exam deadline

Important Information

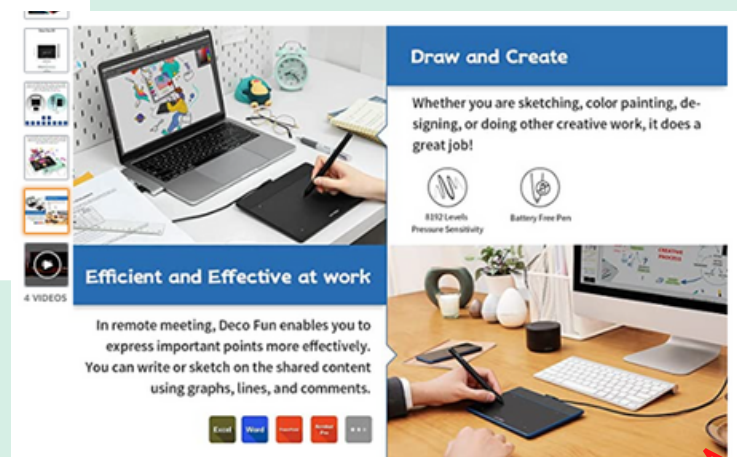
- Please note that students re-writing Diploma exams must register through Mypass. Any questions, please contact us.
- Registrations of courses are completed on a case-by-case basis. However, 5 credit courses **MUST** be started no later than April 1st.



2023-2024 Registrations



**MLC and SLC registrations
for the 2023-2024 year
received by February 28th
will be entered into a draw for a
Writing Tablet!**





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FORUM
POUR JEUNES
CANADIENS

Calling all students 15 to 18 years old. Forum for Young Canadians is back!

Join a virtual gathering of young people from across the country to meet, engage with, and learn from leaders, decision-makers, and other young Canadians about how our country works and the role you can play in its future.

Feb 8 - 10, 2023

Forum for Young Canadians: Summit 360

**Our Country,
our Communities,
and You.**

Register now

- Free event open to individual students and entire classes.
- Register EARLY for a chance to meet and network with a Senator or Member of Parliament!
- Registration closes January 23, 2023.

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**REGISTER FOR
PREVIEW DAYS!**
FEBRUARY 8, 2023

Apply for free for Fall 2023

School counsellors and career advisors are invited to bring qualified and interested students to attend one of our in-person Preview Days and our Preview Webinar to learn about our NEW programs.

Preview Day: Bachelor of Digital Agriculture Degree
Preview Day: Equine Care & Management Certificate

📅 February 8, 2023 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

📍 Olds College Campus

All attendees will get the opportunity to:

- Learn more about the programs
- Participate in hands-on activities, led by faculty
- Experience the campus in-person
- Enjoy a complimentary lunch

Preview Webinar: Agriculture Communications Certificate

📅 February 8, 2023 from 5 - 7:30 p.m.

📍 Online

All attendees will get the opportunity to:

- Learn more about the Agriculture Communications Certificate
- Hear about the first-hand experiences of current professionals in the industry
- Learn about the demand for graduates from industry partners
- Receive a \$25 Campus Store promo code

