



SPVA Newsletter

Your newsletter about our school!

Principal's Message

Welcome to March, SPVA and Learning Centre families!

March is a busy month with Student Parent Teacher Interviews (SPTs) March 9th in Gibbons from 3-9 pm. It is important to attend SPTs, as communicating with teachers and the counsellor is an important part of being successful, especially with online learning. If you are unable to attend in person, please contact teachers to book an online meeting to go over coursework or to discuss your child's progress in their classes.

The SPVA and the Learning Centres will also be hosting our Open House on March 9th. If you know someone who would be interested in online learning for their child, please invite them to come, meet our teachers and see what online learning is all about! This month, all students will be completing the Alberta Education Assurance Measure survey. This survey will be completed by all students in Grades 5-12. Codes will be sent directly to Learning Centre students, so please check your emails. The deadline to complete this survey is March 17th, 2023.

Don't forget about Daylight Savings Time on March 12 and spring forward that morning!

Looking forward to the season change on March 20th!
Have a wonderful month of March!

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

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

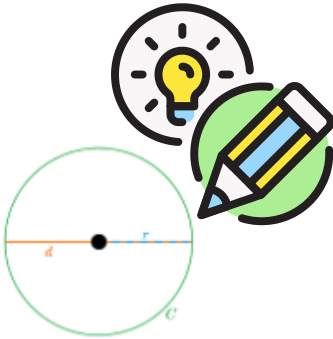


Math with Mr. Kaya!

In February, grade 5 and 6 students continued to study the Angles and Polygons unit.

Students learned:

- Investigate the sum of the interior angles of a triangle.
- Investigate the sum of the interior angles of a quadrilateral.
- Solve problems involving angles with quadrilaterals and triangles.
- Investigate the angles in parallel lines.



In February, grade 7 students continued to study the Circles and Area unit.

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, a triangle and a circle. They drew, labeled and interpreted circle charts.

MATH!



Math with Ms. Savin

Math 8 : This month in grade 8 math we completed our unit on Rates, Ratios and Proportions. We are now focusing on Percents. Students are converting fractions and decimals to percentages.



Math 9 : This month in grade 9 math we completed our unit on Inequalities. We are now focusing on adding and subtracting polynomials.

$$a^2 = b^2 + c^2$$



Grade 8/9 Health with Ms. Poliquin



Students completed a 30 day mental health challenge. They studied different types of mental health conditions, how to maintain our mental health and completed a project on suicide prevention.

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Science with Ms. Poliquin!

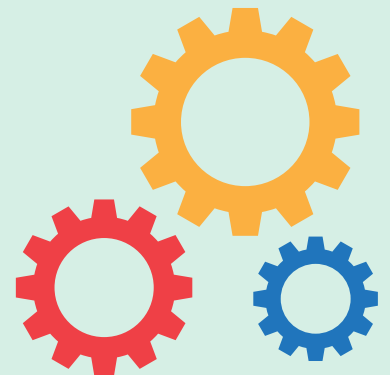
Science 5: We completed our unit on Mechanisms using Electricity and have moved on to study chemistry. We had fun creating butterflies while using chromatography to separate substances.

Science 6: Our Grade 6 students completed their study of Sky Science and are now studying Flight. Thus far we have built and tested models of planes, hot air balloons and parachutes.

Science 7: The Grade 7 students finished up a short unit on heat and temperature. We are now working on Structures and Forces. Students built and tested a structure designed to protect an egg falling from a height of 3 m on our February Flex Friday.

Science 8: The Grade 8 students completed their unit on light and optics. We are now investigating machines, work and energy. Students built a working wagon out of paper on Flex Friday.

Science 9: Science 9 students completed their unit on Environmental Chemistry with a final project. They began studying Electricity.



LA/Social/PE/Health/Music with Ms. Senych!

LA 5-7 : The 5-7's just wrapped up their Personal Narrative Unit, and have just begun their next Novel Study... they are flying right into Silverwing by Kenneth Oppel!

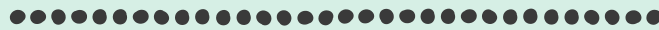
Social 5-7: The 5-7's have been learning about 3 First Nations Societies, The Mi'kmaq, the Haudenosaunee and the Ojibwe. Next up we will be learning about the key figures in French Exploration and Settlement of North America.

PE 5-9 : The 5-9s have been learning different ways to move their body to music in our Dance Unit! We have learned the routines to both the Cadillac Ranch and the Electric Slide!

Health 5-7 : In Health class we have been discussing the word integrity and what it means to be a person of integrity. We have had insightful discussions about how we can show integrity in our everyday lives.

Music - 5-7 : In Music class students have started working on their Musical Artist Research Project, each student will be researching and presenting an artist of their choice to the class!

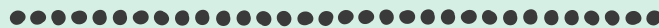
Film Studies 5-9: Film Studies students have started their next Film of choice, Alice in Wonderland! Throughout the film we will be pausing to reflect on various questions and ponder what we would do in certain situations!



Social 8/9 with MS. Waller

The Social 8 students recently completed a project where they narrated a day in the life of an Aztec citizen. Students wrote about merchants, mothers, soldiers, and children and creatively showed what life was like in Aztec society. They are now learning about Spanish history, society and culture.

The Social 9 students have been studying immigration and learning about the experience of immigrants and how the Canadian government determines who can immigrate to Canada. Our next project is to write an essay about how well current immigration policies meet the needs of Canadians.



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!

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>

Happy Studying!





IF YOU KNOW OF A FAMILY
THAT MAY BE IN NEED,
PLEASE LET OUR TEAM KNOW
AS FOOD HAMPER ARE
AVAILABLE THANKS TO
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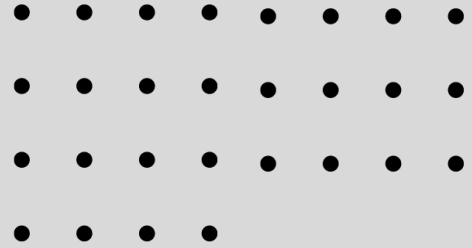
- see what Virtual Learning is like!
- come and eat a hot dog and drink a pop!
- meet the teachers!
- 3 pm to 9 pm

We can't wait to see everyone!

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MORE INFORMATION
1-780-203-3584



CYBERWORLD: WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOUTH PRESS SEND?

In this presentation from the Saffron Centre, parents and caregivers will be provided with information about online safety. This night is designed for adults, and not suitable for children. Topics will be of mature content and include popular websites, games, and apps that are being used by children and youth such as TikTok, Instagram, and Snapchat. Included in the presentation will be the discussion around pornography, sexting, and sexual exploitation. Legal consequences will be discussed as well as how to approach these conversations with your child (ren). The discussion of rising crime in Canada since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic works to define the issue and review the Criminal Code of Canada. Saffron will discuss the effects of online exploitation, different techniques for stranger and peer perpetrated exploitation. The presentation will conclude with some tips for intervention and a practice scenario to work through as a group. Videos on the effects of social media, approaching the conversation about pornography, and the online sexual exploitation process will be shown.

Topics Covered: safe screen time tips, safety tips for different platforms (YouTube and Google), social media safety tips and terms and conditions (TikTok, Instagram, Snapchat), online gaming safety tips, Discord, live streaming, pornography, sexting, communication, helpful tools, online child sexual exploitation and its forms [content warning provided], online grooming techniques, peer sexual exploitation, signs of online child sexual exploitation, tips for intervention.

When: Wednesday, April 12, 2023 from 6-8PM

Where: Sturgeon Heights School

50 Hogan Road, St. Albert, AB., T8N 3X7

Contact: Please contact Adriana DeLuca at adriana.deluca@sturgeon.ab.ca or 780-459-3990 for any additional information



Important Dates

- **March 9: Parent teacher interviews & SPVA, SLC & MLC Open house**
- **March 13: PD Day-No School**
- **March 14: School Council @ 6PM**
- **March 17: Flex Friday**
- **March 27-31: Spring Break- Schools are closed**
- **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**



**Thank you to our students for all your hard work this far,
and to our parents for all your support!**