

Marysville Monthly Memo

February 2020



Elementary & Intermediate Schools to Close

As a result of additional rotating strikes announced on Jan 27 by members of the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO), all elementary and intermediate (Grade 7/8 English and French Immersion) schools in the Limestone District School Board will be closed to students on **Thursday, February 6, 2020** and **Friday, February 7, 2020** in addition to the previously announced **Wednesday, January 29, 2020**. Elementary and intermediate students from Kindergarten to Grade 8 should not report to school on any of these three days. We are hopeful that the parties at the central table are able to reach an agreement soon. The Board will continue to provide updates as more information becomes available.



Hot Lunch

- * **Feb 5** - minced meat & veggies on mashed potatoes
- Feb 14 - chicken or veggie chili & french bread
- Feb 21 - pasta & tomato sauce, veggies & dessert
- Feb 28 - mac & cheese and apple slices



UPCOMING EVENTS

Remember your skates & helmets!

Students will continue skating Friday afternoons at 1:30pm. Helmets are mandatory. Parents are always welcome to join us, as an extra set of hands to help tie skates and/or assist skaters on the ice is very much appreciated.

Hot Lunch

Hot lunch scheduled for Feb 7 has been changed to Feb 5.

Feb 3-7 - Tech Cancelled

Due to the current ETFO job action, teachers have been instructed to not plan, or take part in, any field trips.

Feb 10 - 100th Day!

Students will be celebrating the 100th day of school with special activities during math.

Feb 14 - Valentine's Day

Show your school spirit by wearing **Red** and/or **Pink** today! Valentine cards are often a tradition. This can also be a great way for students to practice their printing or cursive writing! There is a list of class names on the reverse side of the February calendar for any families wishing to do so.

Feb 15 - National Flag of Canada Day

Feb 17 - Family Day holiday

Feb 19 - Term 1 Report Cards

Due to the ongoing ETFO labour disruption and the withdrawal of administrative duties, LDSB schools will not be issuing term one report cards for elementary students in Kindergarten to Grade 8. As always, parents and guardians can contact their child's teacher to discuss their progress and/or concerns.

Feb 25 - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Breakfast

A pancake breakfast will be held first thing for students when they arrive at school. Our bus drivers are invited to join us as well!

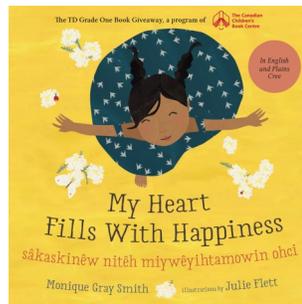


March 5 - School Council Meeting @ 3:00pm

Childcare will be provided during the meeting. Please text or call Alice Stagner by March 3 to request childcare, and indicate number and ages of children requiring care.



Thanks to The Canadian Children's Book Centre, and sponsorship from TD Bank Group, the primary class received a free copy of ***My Heart Fills With Happiness***, written by Monique Gray Smith and illustrated by Julie Flett.

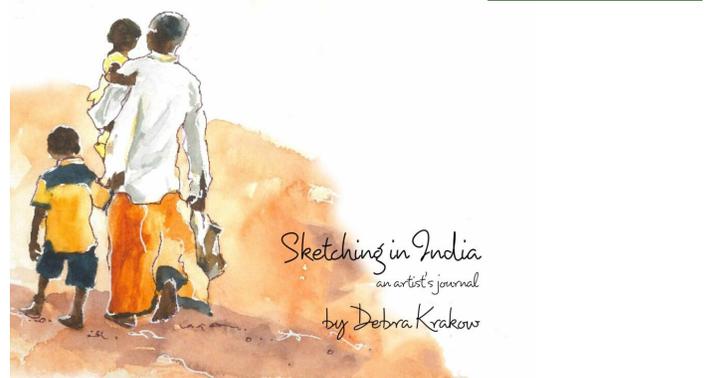


A guide for parents to use with the book for discussion of themes related to Indigenous culture and history can be found at: <https://bookcentre.ca/programs/td-grade-one-book-giveaway/myheartfillswithhappiness>



Artist and author, Debra Krakow, visited Marysville to share her newly released book ***Sketching in India, an artist's journal***.

To see more of Deb's beautiful artwork, visit debrakrakow.com



Supporting Healthy Schools

Sit Less. Stand Up for Better Health.

Guidelines for children 5 to 17 years of age:

- No more than 2 hours of recreational screen time per day.
- Limit time spent sitting in a car, at a desk, and in front of screens.

Sitting less can help children do better in school, improve self-esteem, grow stronger, feel happier, and improve their health.

Tips for reducing sedentary time:

- Walk or ride your bike to school.
- Keep bedrooms screen free.
- Have a plan for reducing screen use.
- Role model healthy and positive use of the internet and screens.
- On long car rides, stop for a stretch and play time.



Visit csep.ca to learn how much sleep, sitting, and exercise time a child or youth needs each day.