

# Val Marie School Newsletter



## Principal's Message

March has been a busy month in our school. There were many learning celebrations and accomplishments to share last week at parent teacher conferences. As we continue to navigate a unique year, much of the student work that is proudly displayed on the bulletin boards and in the hallways is not visible to parents and the public. As such, you will find images throughout the newsletter of student work. Enjoy!

Highlights in the K-4 class include the ever popular Makers Mondays, poetry writing, dogsledding reports, listening to Growth Mindset podcasts, and practicing perspective and symmetrical art. The Kindergarten class is planning the first ever "Kinder Garden" with 26 different flowers all beginning with a different letter of the alphabet!

The middle years classes have been doing a variety of visual art projects such as string art, tin etching, plasticine art, and plate weaving. They enjoyed a virtual presentation on anxiety where they learned to recognize the signs and some helpful ways to deal with those feelings. They are busily completing their heritage fair projects, which will be submitted to the Saskatchewan Heritage Virtual Fair in April.

The Grade 12 Grad class have been busy collecting cans and bottles for their graduation fundraiser. They will also be doing the spring plant fundraiser. Our school has two work experience students, Madison Stevens and Ashlee Waldner, doing practical hours at The South West Large Animal Clinic and Anderson & Company Law Firm in Swift Current. Grade 10-12 quarter 3 report cards will go out April 21st.

Val Marie School would like to welcome two new members: Mrs. Angie Glas and Mrs. Kim Duquette to our staff! Angie joins us on Kindergarten days and will be providing educational support in K-4 ELA, 4-6 Math, and extra support as needed in grade 6-12. Kim joins us as Student Services Counsellor through the Chinook School Division Office. Kim also provides support services to Frontier, Vanguard and Hodgeville Schools. Both Kim and Angie will join us until the end of the school year. Warm welcome Angie and Kim!

Once again, our school would like to thank the SCC with their support of the hot lunches. We enjoyed the KFC lunch in February, Pizza Hut pizza in March and look forward to whatever April brings!

Have a wonderful Easter break!

Mrs. S. Legault



Kristian Mything - March 19  
Josie Legault - March 27

**GRADES 4-8 HERITAGE FAIR**  
STUDENTS RECEIVED A PARENT  
CONSENT FORM FOR THE HERIT-  
AGE FAIR. PLEASE FILL OUT, SIGN  
AND SEND BACK TO SCHOOL. THE  
HERITAGE FAIR IS ALL VIRTUAL  
THIS YEAR AND THE FORM IS TO  
BE SURE PARENTS ARE AWARE  
AND GIVE THEIR CONSENT TO  
THEIR CHILD'S PROJECT BEING  
ENTERED AND SENT TO REGINA.  
THANK YOU!  
MRS. EVENSON

Val Marie School  
Welcomes our new  
Grade 2  
Student  
**Ilanie**  
**Venter**



# Dogsledding 101

By Dominic, Josie, Ethan and Deverick

What does it take to be a Musher?

Parts of a Dogsled

Breeds of Sled Dogs

- samoyed**  
Lifespan 12-15 years  
Tan, black and white  
They are one of the best dogs for sledding. They have a lot strength for pulling the sled.
- Alaskan husky**  
Lifespan 12 to 15  
Weight the boys are 20 kg and the girls are 18 kg  
They have a strong body. They are good when they are babies. They are strong. They are good in cold weather.
- Seppala siberian Sled Dog**  
12 to 15 years  
They are good because they are sled dogs. They have a strong body. And they are fast dogs. They are small dogs and they venter you.



**Raelyn** - For showing dedication & organization in her work

**Gracie** - For doing an excellent job in her character monologue presentation

**Dominic** - For outstanding work memorizing his lines in our play "Tacky the Penguin" as the main character

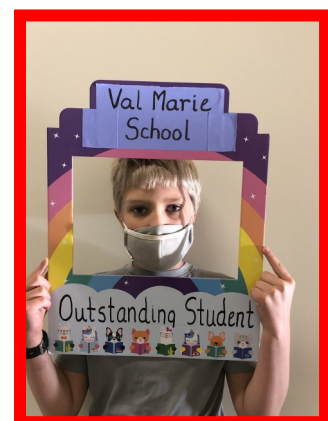
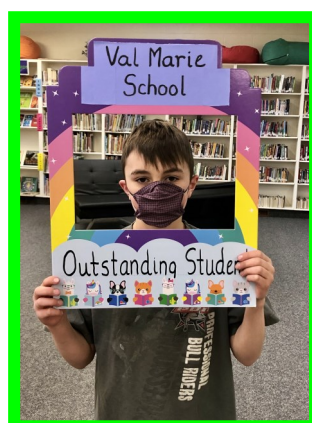
**Josie** - For showing attention to detail in her writing & going above & beyond in getting her work ready to share

**Alec** - For being ready to read & eager to participate in class

**Deverick** - For showing attention to detail in his writing

**Ethan**—For dedicating time to make sure his work is neat & readable

**All Grades 5-9 Students** - Excellent job in Plasticine Art



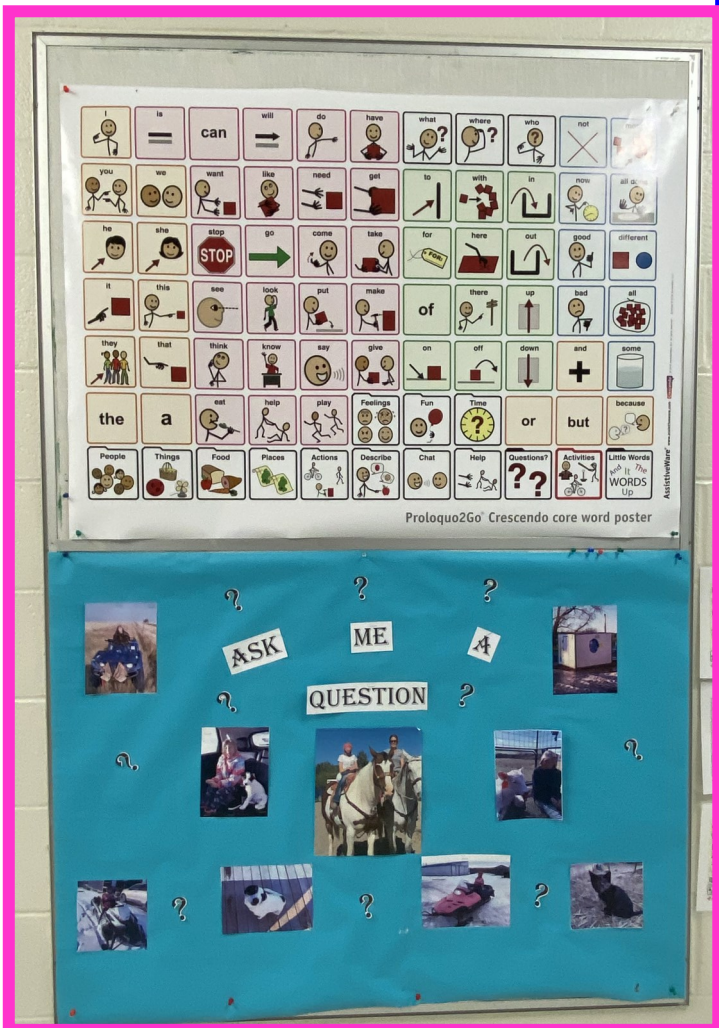
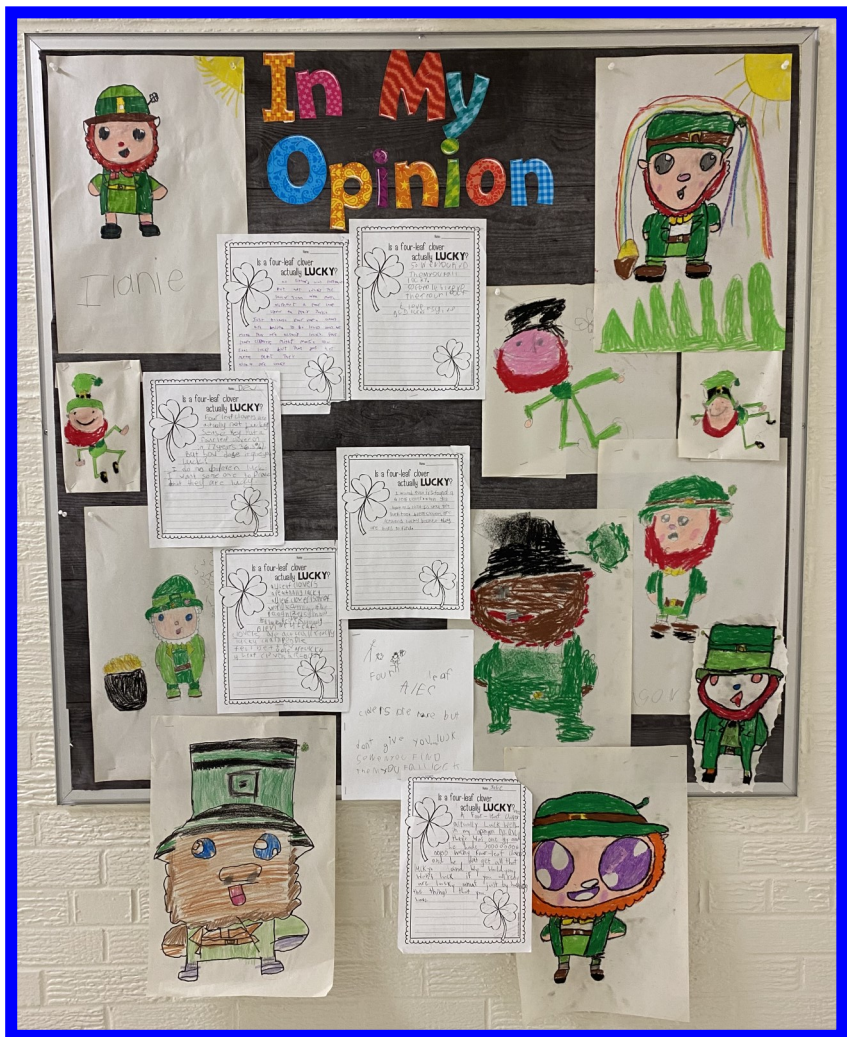


# REMINDER

Please let the school know if your child will be absent



Don't forget to wear your mask



If you have shoeboxes, toilet paper/paper towel rolls could you please send them to the school

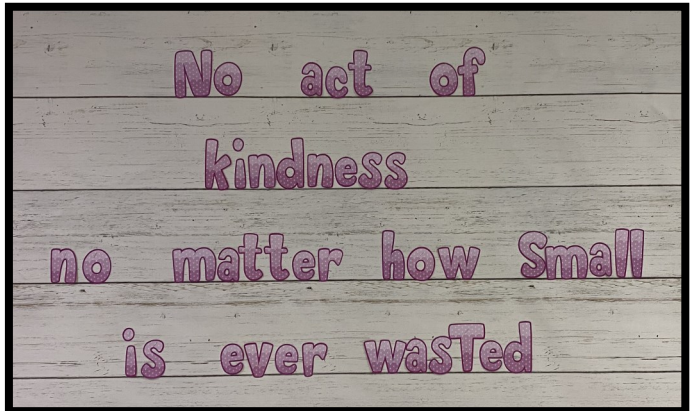




## Earth Day Plans

This past fall, the Val Marie school received a grant of \$500 from Master Feeds. With many hum and haws about what the money should be used for we have finally decided. Our new gazebo is on its way to becoming a more inviting spot for the students to use as an "outdoor classroom". With that, we have decided to purchase materials for each student to create their own stepping stone. The stepping stones will be placed from the door leading outside to the entrance of the gazebo. While we have a day of painting and customizing stepping stones, the students will receive a small pizza from Dominos for a small cost of \$5.00!

By: Hailey Yaremko



### Parent On-Line Presentation

Lynn Lyons will also be presenting to parents on April 20th, from 7:00-8:00 pm on: Managing Emotional Health During Uncertain Times.

Description: As we navigate a year like no other, adults need strategies for instilling the skills children and adolescents need to confront and reduce the negative impacts of anxiety, stress, and depression both at school and home. Lynn Lyons will refer to situations particular to the ongoing pandemic and its aftermath, but recommended measures will be relevant far beyond this timeframe and singular content.

\*A link for both events will be sent out to you closer to those dates.



**The Graduating Class of 2021 will be doing the DeVry Flower Fundraiser this Spring, orders due May 7th. Contact the School or Whitemud Grocery for order forms. The online order link is <https://valmarie.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home>**







# Grades

## 5, 6, 7



## 8 & 9

# ART







# String



# Art



## Important Dates

*April 2nd-12th - No School Easter Break*

*April 21st - Report Cards Grades 10-12*

*June 11th - Graduation*