

JOCKVALE'S FRIDAY MESSAGE - February 9th, 2024

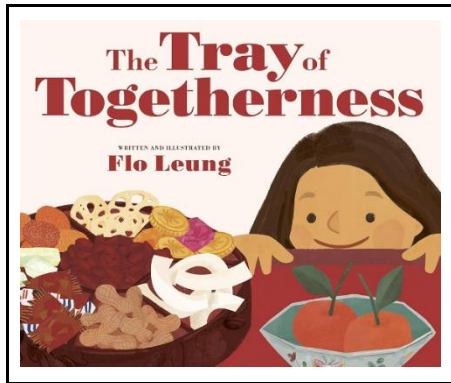


The Bees class (KJSB) learned about the Lunar New Year by creating paper strip dragons. These magnificent dragons are known for their vibrant colours and rich traditions. Each dragon was brought to life through the process of folding, cutting, and gluing. It was a wonderful opportunity for our students to engage in a creative and educational experience. - Eman K., RECE

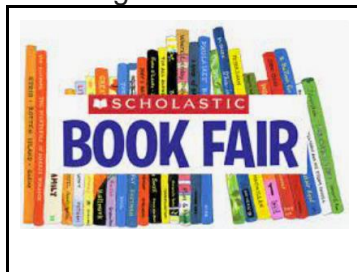


R3A EXPLORES LUNAR NEW YEAR - To prepare for Lunar New Year, my class learned about some of the traditions surrounding the new year, including different dances, foods, and gift-giving customs. We made our own dragon puppets to participate in the dragon dance, and made lai see / hongbao (lucky red envelopes) to hang in doorways, which is a tradition said to bring good luck! We also learned how to say Happy Lunar New Year in Cantonese: Gong Hei Fat Choy! Thanks to all of our friends at Jockvale who let us do our dance for them and shared in the traditions and festivities! - Alexandra Lai, Teacher

JOCKVALE LIBRARY NEWS -



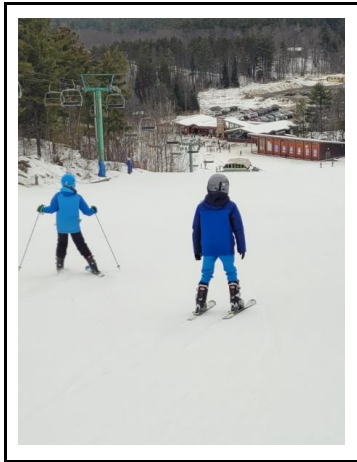
We took a break from the Forest of Reading this week to celebrate the Lunar New Year. Our book is called *The Tray of Togetherness*, written and illustrated by Flo Leung. It talks about a lot of the delicious foods associated with a Lunar New Year celebration and what they all mean. We all agreed that we were very hungry by the end of the book.



It's Scholastic Book Fair time! Our annual book fair will be held next week and we couldn't be more excited! Your child will view the fair on Tuesday and come home with some ideas. There is no obligation to buy anything! However, our school library will receive credit for each item sold which will allow us to add great new materials to our library throughout the coming year. Thank you for any purchases you make and supporting our library in this way.

Classes will be visiting the fair to make their purchases on Wednesday and Thursday. Parents are welcome to visit the fair at any time from Tuesday - Thursday between the hours of 8:00-4:00. We accept cash, cheques and debit/credit. Thank you to everyone who is volunteering to make our book fair a huge success. See you at the book fair!

GRADE 4 MIDDLE FRENCH IMMERSION @ BARRHAVEN PS - If your child is in the regular English grade 3 program at Jockvale, they are eligible to attend the Middle French Immersion (MFI) at Barrhaven PS next September. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please attend the information session at Barrhaven PS on February 15th, 2024 from 6 pm to 7 pm. A letter was also emailed to parents/guardians of grade 3 Jockvale English students with more information.



Two of our junior students take in the view at Mount Pakenham.

JUNIOR SKI TRIPS - Our third Ski Day was a huge success! Those of our students who are learning to ski have made significant progress. We thank our staff and parent volunteers for supervising another fun day on the slopes.

The make up date for the ski trip cancelled on January 25th is now February 14th. Please direct any further questions to Mme Schijns - heather.schijns@ocdsb.ca.



LUNCH LADY - We're celebrating during the month of February with something we love – breakfast for lunch featuring our favourite pancakes with a side of chocolate chips as a sweet treat. theLunchLady.ca

NEW LANGUAGE CURRICULUM - Grades 1 to 8 - Starting this school year (2023-2024), Language achievement will be shown as one overall grade or mark on the report card. Students will also receive specific comments that talk about their strengths, suggest next steps for improvement, with specific comments about progress in reading and writing. It will provide an overall look at achievement in Language. To find out more about Ontario's new Language Curriculum for Grades 1 to 8, check out the [Guide for Parents](#).

OPH GUIDELINES - When it comes to student illness and symptoms, Jockvale follows the [OPH guidelines](#). They are included here for your reference. Please continue to contact the main office with any questions.

REPORT CARDS - Term 1 Report Cards will be emailed home on Wednesday, February 14th, 2024. Families will require their child's OEN to access the Report Card online. As a courtesy, we sent your child's 9-digit OEN home in the fall on an **orange card**. The OEN is also on any of your child's previous Ontario report cards.

Please contact your child's homeroom teacher with questions about the content of your child's report card.

Have a good weekend,

Loretta and Karl



FEB 12 to 15 - SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR @ JOCKVALE
FEB 14 - JUNIOR SKI DAY @ MOUNT PAKENHAM (MAKE UP FOR JAN 25)
FEB 14 - TERM 1 REPORT CARDS EMAILED HOME
FEB 15 - FRIDAY SCHEDULE
FEB 15 - GRADE 6 BOYS' BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT @ FARLEY MOWAT
FEB 16 - PA DAY - NO SCHOOL
FEB 19 - FAMILY DAY - NO SCHOOL
FEB 26 to MARCH 01 - FEBRUARY FRENZY SPIRIT WEEK
Religious/Creed-Based Days of Observance - Ottawa-Carleton District School Board