



Manning Elementary School

LEARNING TOGETHER, SUCCEEDING TOGETHER...

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Celebrating the Joys of Spring!



**Brought to you by the Kindergarten Class
with a little help from their Grade 5 Buddies!**



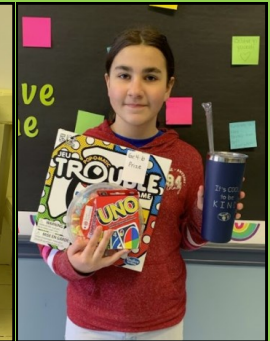
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Being Kind / Pink Shirt Day

By Autumn and Sydney

If you say something nice to someone you will make a friend who will stand up for you. If someone is hurt you can help them up. Kindergarten students are learning how to give nice compliments. Mrs. Johnson teaches us about kindness. She talked to us about Pink Shirt Day and being kind so that we

make more friends. Harper finished her Kindness Bingo and got to enter a draw. She ended up winning a prize and so did Samantha in grade 6. You can be kind anywhere any time .



Grade 5 Buddies

By Harper and Emma

Harper is buddies with Emma Nordstrom and other grade 5 students are partners with the other kindergarten buddies. We play together and we play family and lots of other fun, cool and crazy stuff! We do grade 5 buddies in the kindergarten classroom. Harper is always full of exhilaration when she gets to come to the big school because we have an enormous gym, music room and LIBRARY!! We do grade 5 buddies on Wednesdays.

Harper says, "After school, I go to the arena and get to skate and do awesome stuff. My buddy gets to teach me and I love her so much." We do buddies because we learn manners and they help teach us to read and write.



Skating

By Emma and Kruz

In skating I learned how to jump and spin. It was a long walk, it felt like it took one year to get there. I had to wear ski pants, helmets, skates, jackets, gloves and maybe a sweater. We played, "What time is it Mister Wolf" and "Red Light Green Light." We took two pictures at skating. We had fun!



Sensory Room

By Anna, Kyle, and Jett

Anna likes to swing with Kyle. Anna would rate the room a 7 out of 10. Anna says she would like music in the sensory room. Miss Smith makes a schedule for the kids that want to go in there. Anna says she would rather go in the sensory room than go out for recess.



Gym in the Big School

By Riley and Mela



Riley likes P.E. in the big school because she likes to ride the toy horses with Anna, Eva, and Clara. She enjoys the tunnels and playing hide and seek. Miss Smith turns the lights off then they all hide in the tunnels. When she turns them on the seeker points to the tunnels. This involves all the kids. All of Riley's friends join in the parachute games. They all go to a side of the parachute and they make a big air bubble and go under it. They usually do this at the start of gym class.



Helping Others

By Jana and Caleb



We help people because Jana wants coins and to be kind to other people. We help people when they slip on ice. Jana also helps people outside. Jana said one time she helped her brother get up the ice because he slipped and was crying. Like Jana, we should help everyone in the whole school. Jana helps Mrs. Wiebe by putting juice boxes in the sink, and she helps Miss Smith by helping her do chores like cleaning up the tables and desks, and mopping the floor.



Recesses

By Eva, Kerenza and Brianna



In the winters I like playing on the snow hill. I don't like going outside in the summer that much because of the grasshoppers. If I do go outside I like to play in the sand. Outside I like to play snow tigers and build snowman. In the summer I like to play on the purple park and the zip line. I also really like the swings. Me and my friends like to play hide and seek.

The Moose Hockey League this year was quite a hoot. Anybody that likes mini sticks can join. The Moose Hockey League happened at Manning Elementary School. Manning Elementary does this event because there are lots of hockey players in Manning. This year the Dangers and the Australian Monkeys won the hockey game. Some of my friends that play hockey are Landon and Daxon. I liked watching the Moose Hockey League. Do you like hockey?



Sanitizing

By Malakai and Max



Malakai and his classmates and teacher all sanitize. When we sanitize it makes some of the germs go away. We sanitize our hands. We sanitize when we sneeze and when we go outside and inside. We sanitize so we don't have as many germs.

Malakai kind of likes to sanitize. Malakai likes the blue hand sanitizer more than the white hand sanitizer.

Getting Along

By Lena and Ava

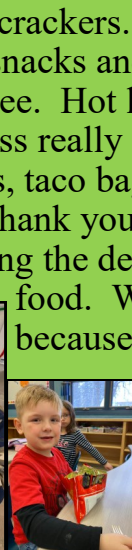
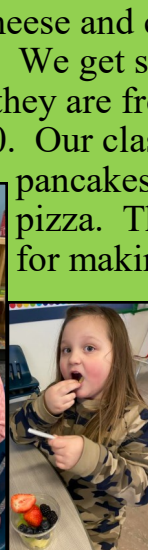
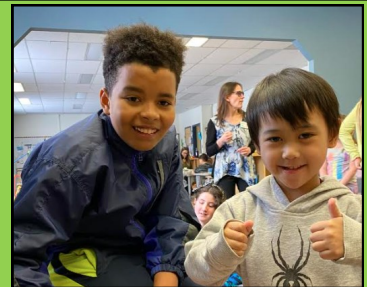
Lena and her friends in kindergarten are always kind to each other and when her friends get hurt they always help each other by getting a teacher. Lena is kind to someone by letting them play with her in her doll house or at every center. Lena says to always be kind to people so that doesn't cause a fight. We had played with grade two and they read us books, And sometimes

the grade five class will come to our classroom to play with us so we always share with them to. We be nice to our classmates by sharing our toys when they don't have one. We always make sure that we take turns climbing up the ladder on the playground so nobody gets hurt by falling down! The kinder kids also take turns with the coloured balls in gym class.



Hot Lunch and Food for Thought Breakfasts

By Ethan and Shiloh



Ethan's favorite food to eat is cheese and crackers. For hot lunch, he loves chicken nuggets. We get snacks and they are good because they are free. Hot lunch comes at 11:50. Our class really loves pancakes, taco bags and pizza. Thank you volunteers for making the delicious food. We like it because it is yummy!

Centers

By Landon and Asher



You can see your friends at school and play with them. You can also go skating with your class and it is super fun. Landon likes to play hockey in the hallway. Coloring is fun too. Another thing the class does is crafts. Landon's best friend likes to play hockey too.



Centers

By Clara, Skarlet, and Ava

This newsletter is about the play centers in the kindergarten classroom. Clara's favourite place to play is the doll house. Her most favorite place is in the loft where you can read books and play. Also they do painting in centers and her favorite thing to paint is rainbows. Sometimes they write and she loves it. She said writing is her favorite subject. When they want to switch centers they have to say may I. In the book station there is a limit of two people at a time. It happened when Covid started. The kindergartens can have fun playing with each other.



Sharing

By Daxon and Bentley

Sharing helps everybody feel involved, and it makes teachers' jobs easier. It is an act of kindness. Mrs. Johnson taught us about being kind in February. When you share

with someone they might say, "Thank you" or give you a toy to play with. We can share at home or at school. We should share every day when we can. We do it because it makes

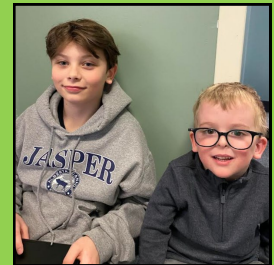
people feel nice and happy. The kindergarten shares with lots of people everywhere.



Crafts

By Henry and Kobyn

In crafts I paint, colour, use stickers and scissors, play, make leprechauns, super heroes, purple kind people and hearts. I coloured my super hero yellow. My favorite craft was when we coloured purple kind people. My favorite color is blue. Harper and Eva told me that they are fun and work our muscles. Thank you Mrs. Wiebe and Mrs. Bailey for always helping me clean up!



Letters and Numbers

By Avielle and Hayden

You can count your A,B,C's. There are 26 letters in the alphabet. You can also read anything with your letters. Letters are fun to learn about. Numbers can be used to count anything. You can use number lines to help you count and it can help you add. Numbers and letters are fun!



Thank you!

Vikki Presakarchuk

for the donation of yarn for the grade 5 students!

North Trail Ventures

for providing pizza to the teachers on parent-teacher interview night on March 15!

MES Support Staff

for providing an amazing supper to the teachers on parent-teacher interview night on March 16!



The perks of parent engagement: Why and how to support your child's school experience

In this article, we use the term parent broadly. We include all adults who play a primary role in caring for children, including biological parents, stepparents, grandparents, foster parents, guardians, aunts, uncles, and the like.

As the saying goes, the parent is a child's first teacher. We help our kids learn their earliest lessons—how to tie their shoes, how to be a good friend, how to ride a bike, and so much more. Yet as our kids grow, they settle into their school journey and become more independent. It can sometimes feel like they don't need us to play a role in teaching and learning anymore.

In fact, most children do want their parents to be part of their school experience. While they may not ask us to volunteer for every field trip, they do usually want parents to feel welcomed, connected, and valued in the school community.

By getting involved in your child's school experience, you show them that you value and care about their education. Research also suggests that you boost their chances of success—students whose parents are engaged in school tend to do better academically, enjoy school more, and stay in school longer.

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Here are some practical things you can do to support your child's school journey.

Lend your voice

Share your unique insights and ideas on what's most relevant and important when it comes to your child's education. Alberta schools value parent voice—they want to know what matters to your family and community, and they aim to use your input to shape decisions.

Here's what you can do:

- Take part in consultations that solicit parent feedback—most schools and school authorities seek parent input on annual plans, budgets, policies and procedures, and other priorities.
- Go to trustee forums or school council meetings—if you can't make it, read the minutes or ask for recordings.
- Fill out parent surveys, like school climate surveys or other assessments.
- Tune in for casual gatherings, both virtual and in-person. Some schools offer drop-ins with school administrators, grade-level meet-ups with teaching staff, or sharing circles with parents.

Consider a volunteer role

Consider volunteering, inside the school walls or out. Schools in Alberta welcome, respect, and value parent volunteer contributions. Most offer a variety of ways for you to share your time and talents. Ask school staff what you can do that makes a genuine contribution. Here are some examples:

- Help out with school committees, like the school health action team
- Organize walk-to-school or bike-to-school events or meeting spots
- Collect donations for the school breakfast or snack program
- Set up student art or cultural displays
- Support community clean-ups and greening activities
- Build sets for drama or music performances
- Take part in cultural or heritage events and celebrations
- Care for the school garden during the summer months

Learn alongside your child

Help your child to create positive day-to-day experiences and build healthy relationships at school. Your actions can help them feel comfortable, confident, and ready to learn. Try these ideas:

- Find out what your child is doing at school, and how you can reinforce learning at home. You'll find great information on school websites and in emails, e-newsletters, blogs, and social media channels. Some schools also offer parent education sessions, orientations, open houses, and the like.
- Take a few minutes each day to check in with your child. Ask them what they've been up to at school and how things are going. Give them your full attention. Help them brainstorm solutions to any challenges they might

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be facing, and make sure they can name caring adults to go to if they need help at school—like teachers, education assistants, bus drivers, and lunch supervisors.

- As much as you can, go to school events and activities—even virtual ones, like online school plays, music shows, or cultural celebrations. These are fun and novel ways to experience school life, bond with your kids, and get to know others in the community.

Remember, parents are important partners in education. Just like educators, we want kids

to be happy, healthy, and successful in life. Connect with your school community in the way that makes sense for you, your child, and your family. The perks will follow.

Additional resources:

- [Alberta School Councils' Association](#)
- [Community Education Service](#)
- [My child's learning: A parent resource](#)