

SPiRIT

April
2017

Some Pertinent Information Regarding Indus Today



First Student (Bussing)
Ride-along (before noon):
403-948-9107
Late Bus Line:
403-250-0016
Questions or Concerns?
403-948-1180

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 11thHot Lunch: Hotdogs/Hamburgers
- April 13thGrades 1-3 Field Trip to Ralph Klein Park
- April 13thKindergarten Field Trip to Fire Hall
- April 14th to April 24th **NO SCHOOL** for students
- April 19th to April 22nd Calgary Youth Science Fair at Olympic Oval in Calgary
- April 25thBack to School for students
- April 25thHot Lunch: Tim Hortons
- April 27thGrades 8 and 9 visit **SAIT** for Career Exploration Program
- May 1stKindergarten 2017/2018 registration due.
- May 1stGrade 5 & 9 Vaccinations (Third Round)
- May 4th to May 7th **Ultimate Frisbee Sunflicker Tournament** in Kelowna
- May 4thGrade 2 "**Bugs & Flying Insects**" Presentation
- May 8thGrades 1-3 "**Bee**" Presentation
- May 8thUltimate Frisbee Games Tournament @ McMahon Stadium
- May 9thJr. Band attends WESTFEST Festival
- May 9th**Grade 9 ELA PAT (Part A)**
- May 11th**Grade 6 ELA PAT (Part A)**
- May 12thIndus School's Ultimate Frisbee Tournament
- May 19th**NO SCHOOL** for students
- May 23rd**Indus School Parent Council Meeting at 6:30pm**
- May 25th**Volunteer Appreciation Tea**
- May 25th2017/2018 Kindergarten Orientation Evening
- May 27thUltimate Frisbee Tournament in High River
- June 2ndGrade 9 Farewell Assembly

INDUS IS NUT AWARE - KEEPING KIDS SAFE

In August of 2009, Indus School became a **nut free** school. Due to life threatening allergies, no one may bring any type of peanut or other nuts, or products containing any peanuts or other nuts (or derivatives such as oil) into the school. Further to this end, students are not permitted to share lunches.

Recently, we changed our wording to **Nut Aware**, but it still means no nuts or peanuts, or products that may contain them, in the school.

Specifically, Being *Nut Aware* means you are:

- **Aware** that nut allergies can cause serious health issues and can kill
- **Aware** that some of our students have life threatening nut allergies
- **Aware** that it is everyone's right to be safe at school
- **Aware** of the signs and of anaphylaxis, and what to do if you see it
- **Aware** that great alternatives exist, see the [our Library Page](#) for a some ideas
- **Aware** of our rules: *no foods that do or may contain any elements of peanuts or tree nuts are permitted at Indus School*
- *foods for sharing (celebrations, etc) among classes with students who have allergies must be prepared in nut free facilities (sorry, that usually means no home cooking)*

...foods for sharing (celebrations, etc) among classes with students who have allergies (currently Kindergarten, Grade 2, and Grade 7) must be prepared in nut free facilities (sorry, that usually means no home cooking)...



It is everyone's responsibility to help keep all of our students safe. **Nuts can kill; keep them out of the school.**

Parents of any child with allergies must inform the office and provide appropriate, up to date, medication in case of exposure. While we make every effort to keep students from being

exposed to allergens, we can not guarantee it will never occur.

...no foods that *do* or *may* contain any elements of peanuts or tree nuts are permitted at Indus School...

BROXHAM'S BRILLIANTES



This month, the Grade 3s continued in their building unit. They demonstrated growth toward good workmanship when they constructed individual pieces of furniture. Zadi made an amazing couch for stoffies to lounge on. Cayley built a bed and used advanced techniques for fastening her work together by sewing her blankets, pillows, and her mattress. Nela went beyond and made a full dining set with accessories.

Our student teacher, Mrs. Wilton, helped our class learn about pointillism after learning about "Nanabush" the trickster and powerful creator from the traditional stories of the Algonquian tribes of Canada.



Students choose their favourite character from the story and painted a beautiful pointillism masterpiece. Be sure to stop by our display wall to see their amazing projects!



GRADE 1 WINTER FUN!



What a fun filled month! Our skiing and snowboarding experience at Canada Olympic Park was the perfect sunny day! Initially, the Grade 1 students displayed both apprehension and eagerness but as the day progressed, and their confidence swelled it was evident by all the smiling faces that they were proud of their accomplishments! Skating was also part of our Physical Education program this month revealing a range of abilities from remarkable talent to the beginners who persevered and made great strides over the week! Thank you to all the wonderful parent volunteers who made these activities possible!



VISITORS IN GRADE 2

In Grade 2, we have had many visitors so far this year which ranged from parents, community members, and guest speakers. However, visitors in grade 2 are not just people, but also ones of the furry, feathery, and slithering kinds! Kaiya's mom brought in baby chicks and Jordyn brought in her pet snake. Students were able to hold them, and learn about habitats, food, and predators.



ULTIMATE: UPCOMING EVENTS

- **McMahon Stadium:** May 8, 6:00pm to 8:00pm
- **Sunflicker,** Kelowna B.C: May 5-7 (Mission Sports Fields in Kelowna, BC)
- **Indus Tournament:** Tournament for Senior and Junior squads May 12 (Indus Arena Fields in Indus)
- **High River Tournament;** May 27 (Highwood High School Fields in High River)
- **Alberta Provincial Tournament** for Senior and Junior squads June 3 and 4 (TBA - Calgary)
- **ShowDown Regional Tournament** for Senior and Junior squads: June 17 (Glenmore Athletic Park in Calgary)

MIXING COLOURS IN KINDERGARTEN



The month of March was exciting and busy for the Kindergarteners! We went skating, celebrated St. Patrick's Day, met our new student teacher, Ms. Krol, and we started attending on Fridays for the last term of this year! During all of these amazing activities, we also learned about colours. We are learning how to read colour words, print them in our daily work and we also did some fun art activi-

ties. The children loved learning about the three primary colours and how to mix them together to make secondary colours. We used paint and experimented with using different amounts of red, blue and yellow to make different shades of green, purple and orange. All of the Kindergarteners made some really beautiful colour combinations! This was one of the students' favourite activities this month!



JR. HIGH: SKIING AT NAKISKA

On the early morning of Wednesday, March 8th, a blanket of new snow covered much of southern Alberta and delayed the arrival of the coach bus that was to transport 29 very excited Indus School students to Naskiska Ski Resort. However, when we finally arrived in Kananaskis Country, the sun was shining and the views were breathtaking. The sunshine and snow made for a fantastic day of skiing and snowboarding! Nakiska's streamlined equipment rental process meant that students went from getting off the bus to being fully equipped and ready to ride the hill in just 15 minutes! Students participated in a morning lesson and tired themselves out with a full afternoon of skiing and boarding with their friends and teachers, Mrs. Olson and Mr. Winters. Many, many thanks to



the Indus School Parent council for subsidizing our transportation costs and to Andrea Rioux from Southland Transportation for providing us with

a luxurious motor coach for the price of a traditional school bus! Thanks also to our parent volunteers: Sarah Morris, Michelle Alm, Richard Kuryk and Matt Tanner.



LEPRECHAUN TRAPS IN GRADE 4



Grade 4 students combined their knowledge of simple machines with artistic flair to

create traps to capture the most talented of leprechauns. Researching what attracted leprechauns enabled them to add bait to their traps. All students then were able to celebrate their unique inventions with the Kindergarten, Grades 1 and 2 classes. These younger students were entertained by Cooper Fenning's magic tricks. Others laughed at jokes and original poems created by many grade 4 students. Of course every trap had to be sparkly because nothing captures the attention of a leprechaun more than the possibility of coins and treasure. While many students dressed as Indus Leprechauns, it was Jacob Ausmus who captured the prize for best leprechaun in the school. Word has it that it was his Irish Jig that won over the judges.



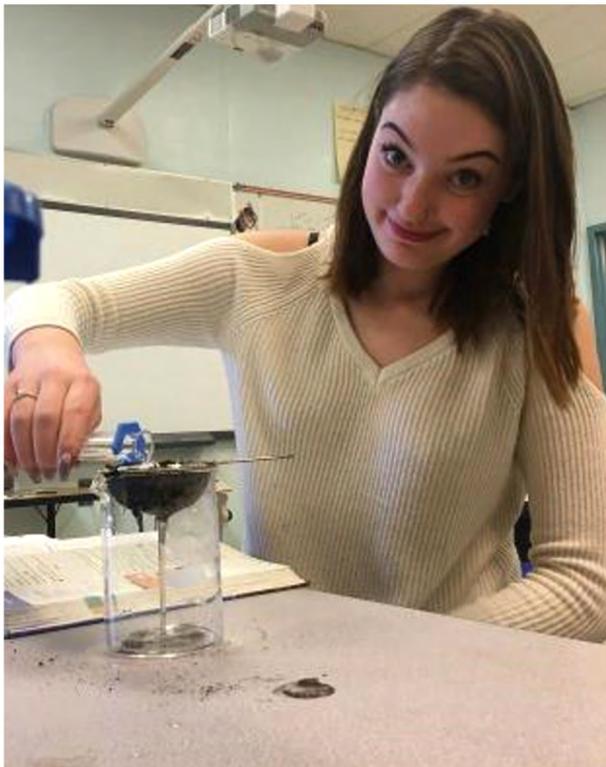
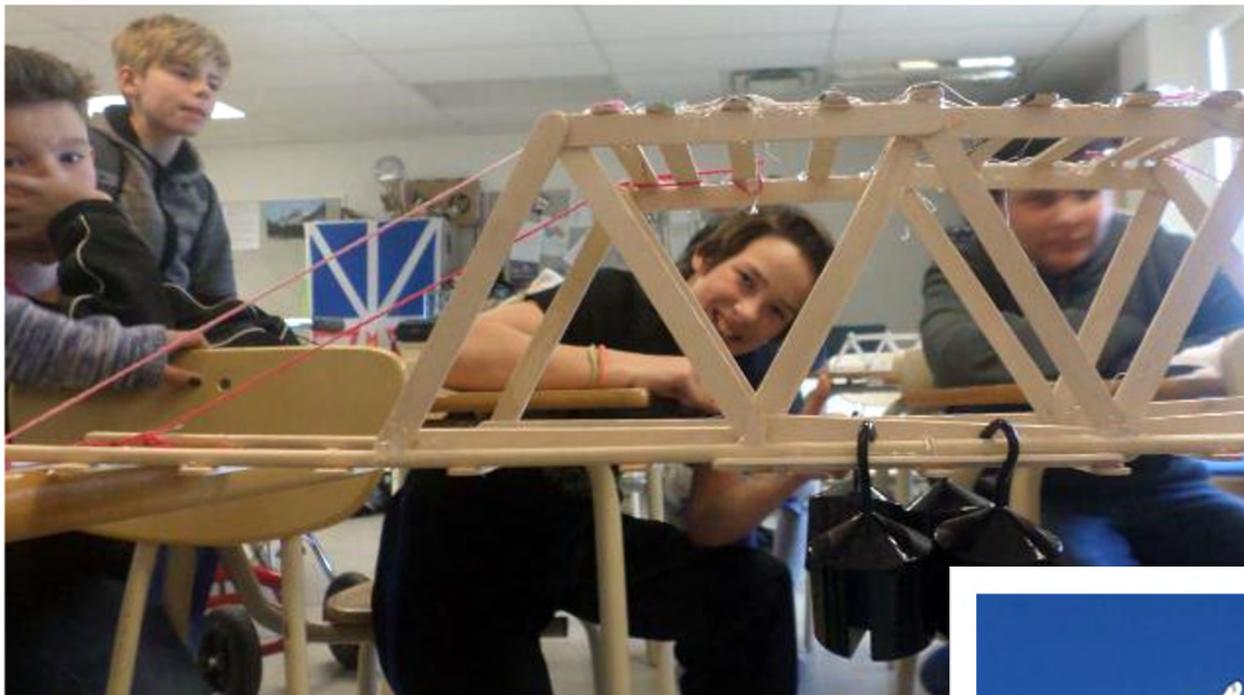
GRADE 5 METEOROLOGISTS

Our Grade 5 students have been working hard to create weather instruments that will help them analyze the weather. They have created thermometers to measure the temperature, rain gauges to measure precipitation, hygrometers to measure humidity, and barometers to measure the air pressure. Now that the devices have been built, they will use these tools, and their perception, to better appreciate these forces that impact our lives daily.



SCIENCE IN JR. HIGH

Jayden, Carter, and Zak watch as Aiden tests the bridge he and his partner constructed in Science 7. Before it collapsed, their lightweight marvel supported over 5000 grams (at which point the glue separated).



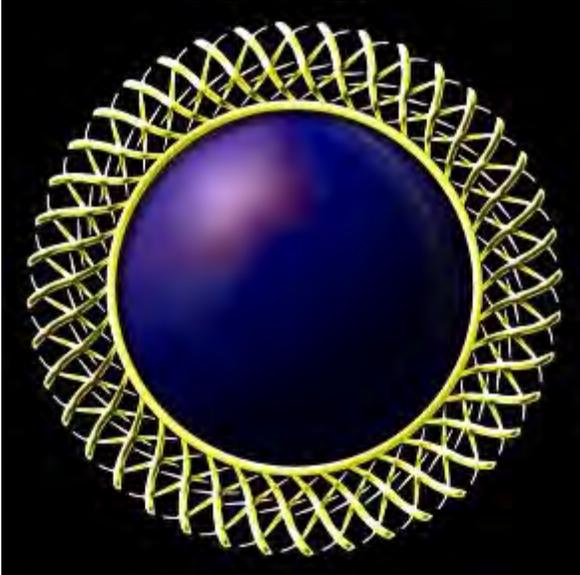
“Coach” Preetee tosses Kolton and Aiden’s project off the roof of the school. Part of the students unit on structures and forces, this was a test to see how well their structure could protect a raw egg from the impact of hitting the ground.



Riley is testing how acidic liquids are affected as they pass through different types of soil as part of their studies into Environmental Chemistry.



JR. HIGH TECH ART



These images were rendered from scratch using the free software paint.net.



Justin Wolfenden ↑

Emily ↑

Sahajvir ←



Zak ←

Arista ↓



PRE-SERVICE TEACHERS



Indus School is excited to welcome six pre-service (student) teachers from the University of Calgary. They have almost completed their four week practicums, which conclude on April 13. From the rear left, Mrs. Kuca (Jr. High Math & Science), Ms Hartman (Gr. 6), Ms Krol (Kindergarten & Gr. 1), Mr. Sgaggi (Jr. High Social Studies), Ms Goddard-Duncan (Gr. 3), Ms Fair (Gr. 2).

JR. HIGH SOCIAL STUDIES

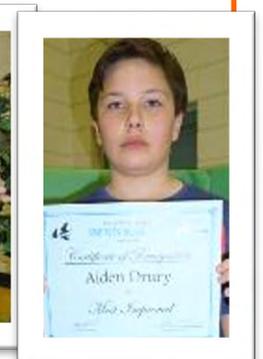
The Grade 9s have completed an immigration project in Social Studies, in which they examined the immigration process in Canada. They have done this through examining the immigration experience from their ancestors (in the form of a analytical/creative biography), or from creating a project outlining the

factors associated with immigration in Canada (in the form of either a story book or advertising pamphlets). The Grade 9s have shown dedication in working on this, and have demonstrated a solid understanding of Canada's immigration laws and procedures, both past and present. Well done Grade 9!

TERM 2 AWARDS



TERM 2 AWARDS CONT.



BAND NOTES

Indus Band students are gearing up for a busy season of performances! Our series of concerts begins on May 9th with Rocky View's Westfest Beginner Band Festival, where both Junior and Senior Band

will be performing together. Please double check your Band student's uniform, and mark your calendars for the morning performance in Bearspaw! More details will follow as they become available.



Indus trumpet students rehearse a section as others look on during our first joint Junior Band and Senior Band class.