

# Lightly School's Clearly Delightful News...

## February Newsletter

### I Love to Read!

A Special Thank you to all our wonderful guest readers who took time out of their busy schedules to read to our eager students! Our fabulous line-up of readers included:

Karen Unrau, Mr. Moran, Ms. Stoetsz, Mrs. Coolidge, Mrs. Kelpin, Mrs. Van Dan Bussche, Mrs. Palcat, Mrs. Margetts, Mrs. Crockatt, Mr. James Bezan. Mrs. Smith and Danny & Mrs. Stepaniuk. We even had the honor of our loyal Tribune reporter, Corporal Natasha Tersigni, taking time away from her busy schedule to come and read to us. Cpl Tersigni currently changed career paths. She now works for the Canadian military as a photo journalist. One of our new readers this year, Kimberely Massaroni, was joined by her husband, Dan, & daughter Nathalie. Nathalie spent several weeks this past fall in South Korea so she graciously offered to share her incredible experience with us!





And...of course we can't forget our fabulous teachers: Ms. Oughton, Mrs. Meads and Mrs. Gorman. Without them, our school would be VERY empty indeed, 😊 not just in people...but also in spirit. These 3 dedicated ladies always make an effort to instill the love of reading in their students. They truly don't know the full impact that they have on our kids.









## Making Dreams a Reality...

Lightly School staff & students had the pleasure of spending an afternoon listening to guest speaker, Nathalie Massaroni, who captivated her audience with stories about her career and her travels. With the love and support of her parents, Massaroni always knew that anything was possible if she believed in herself. At a young age, she was always interested in film and her passion only continued to grow while working in this competitive industry. Film production assistant, social media, video production and post production/editing of major motion pictures filmed in Winnipeg are only a few of Nathalie's impressive skill sets.

Being a well-seasoned traveler, Massaroni's passport includes visits to England, France, Italy & Greece. This past fall, she was able to check off another box on her bucket list when she traveled to Seoul, South Korea with her brother and 3 friends. Intrigued by South Korea's unique culture, the vibrant 22 year old planned a vacation to remember where she

could immerse herself in the architecture,

food, music & fashion. Our class was fortunate enough to get a close up look at this Asian destination when Nathalie shared her photos, video clips and stories with us. Her presentation took on an extra special meaning for the students as it complemented our thematic study of the 2018 Winter Games! Did you know that Seoul, South Korea is actually one of the safest destinations for female adventure seekers traveling on their own? Students were eager to learn a few Korean words and gestures such as the love symbol which all of the athletes used during the Olympics.





Nathalie seized the opportunity to sample as much of the Asian cuisine as possible, including Patbingsu. This is one of the most popular Korean desserts which consists of shaved ice with several flavoured toppings. We were all thrilled to learn that it can be enjoyed right here in Winnipeg at the Snow and Moon Café. Perhaps, Ms O can take us there to celebrate the closing ceremonies of another successful Olympics!



## Our Fiesta...

Normally, people celebrate Valentine's Day with pink hearts and pounds of chocolate, but we here, at Lightly School, celebrated this lovely day in our own unique style... starting

with a hilarious game called: **HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR TEACHERS?** Ms Oughton decided to add a twist to our traditional "Friendship Game" this year. It was a perfect game for Ms O to see just how well her kids actually listen. Apparently, they do!

To really set the festive mood of our Valentine Fiesta, we filled a piñata full of candies and hung it from the ceiling in the Gym. (Ms O made sure that the piñata was double wrapped with packing tape before we started to wack the poor thing. The high schoolers seemed to enjoy their job way too much. With evil smirks they spun the

kids like tops and gleefully watched their handiwork lurch and tilt toward our piñata; lovingly named (**Esteban Julio**





Ricadro Montoya de la Rosa Ramirez). And of course, no fiesta is complete without treats and LOTS of sugar. Everyone had plenty of cake pops, monogrammed sugar cookies, red velvet cupcakes and a tasty Mexican taco dip with crunchy tortilla chips. We can't forget to mention the gorgeous juice fountain flowing with bubbling fizzing lemonade and sprite. If anyone wanted to go the healthy route, there was plenty of fruit... covered in chocolate. To end the day, everyone dug into their mountains of Valentine's cards and took their time reading the sweet sentiments from their friends.



# Celebrating Canadian Pride

With all the hype and excitement surrounding the 2018 Winter Olympics, it's almost impossible to NOT get caught up in it. The students at Lightly School have been eagerly tallying up the medals and cheering on our dedicated athletes as they try their best. The students spent time researching their favourite athletes, (current and retired) and they took an in-depth look at some of their favourite sports. After reading all we could about the history of the Winter Games, we did a comparison of the first Winter Games with this year's games. Did you know that in the first Winter Olympic Games in 1924 there were only 16 countries & 258 athletes that participated? 94 years later, we saw 2,952 athletes from 92 different nations compete!

Our students realized that being an Olympic athlete takes a lot of support, dedication & training. Unfortunately, sometimes dreams are crushed due to serious injuries. Canadian snowboarder, Mark McMorris, is a perfect example of this. Through a lot of hard work & perseverance, he was able to battle back from life threatening injuries in order to compete in the 2018 Winter Games.

In the end, it's truly not about winning the most medals. It's about holding your head up high and representing Canada with pride!





## Le Cordon Bleu Clearwater...

According to Ms. Oughton, the best part of February is the week where our culinary skills are given the chance to really be savoured! During Teacher's Appreciation Week, Clearwater Chefs got the opportunity to thank our wonderful teachers by spoiling them with tantalizing tastes! The menu included mouth watering meals such as turkey cutlets, pork tenderloin in honey garlic sauce, baked chicken in mushroom gravy, spaghetti squash topped with sour cream, tomatoes and cheese, cabbage grilled with small pieces of smoked bacon, a cheesy hash brown casserole, specially marinated mocha ribs, salads & stuffed potatoes. The dedicated cooks even decided to get creative by serving heart shaped beets & carrots! That's what I call appreciation! Decadent desserts like crème de mint, banana cream pie and delicious caramel monkey bread also helped add to the waist lines of our lovely teachers. To end off the special week, the trio received gift baskets stuffed full of some of their favourite preservatives such as sauerkraut, strawberry jam, salsa, pickles, tomato vegetable soup and pickled peppers. Knowing how much our teachers love chocolate, Nicole decided to sweeten them up even more with edible chocolate roses that she hand crafted herself.





# All about Mexican Wildlife!

## The Spider Monkey

Spider monkeys are interesting animals. They live in tropical climates. They build their homes in evergreen forests of Central and South America. They can also be found as far north as Mexico. They eat roots, leaves, flowers, fruit, seeds, insects, wood, bark, and honey. They are omnivores which means that spider monkeys eat fruit and meat. Spider Monkeys have no hair on their faces, but their whole body is covered with long glossy hair. They have long arms and a long tail which they use to grab. Some interesting facts are.

1. They have the strongest tail in the animal kingdom
2. They do not have thumbs
3. They live about 27 years
4. Their main predators are jaguars, pumas and snakes.

By Avian  
Gr.2



## Horned Guan

Have you ever heard of the horned Guan? It kind of look like a small turkey. It even has a red horn on the top of its head and red legs. The horned Guan is a herbivore. It eats green leaves and fruit. Horned Guans build nests high up in trees of the rain forests. They live south of Mexico. Horned Guan are almost extinct! There are only 1,000 or 3,000 in the wild. Don't you think horned Guans are interesting?

By Janelle  
Gr. 3





## The Quetzal

The quetzal is a unique bird. The quetzal is over 32cm tall. It is vibrantly colored with blue, green and red feathers. It also has a hard beak to build its nest. Males are more colorful and grow longer tails in mating season

Quetzals live in the humid highlands of Central America and southern Mexico. They build their nests in rotted trees and stumps in the tropical rain forests. They also live in the mountains.

Quetzals are omnivores which means they eat meat and plants. It eats small animals and fruits. They eat fruit like berries. They also eat insects, lizards and other small animals like frogs.

Here are some interesting facts about the Quetzal. In mating season males grow longer tails, and they grow twin tail feathers that grow up to one meter long. Their tail takes 3 years to grow. The word Quetzal is the Aztec word for beautiful or precious.

By Tianna

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## The Gila Monster

Lurking in the dark crevices in the desert of Mexico is the Gila Monster. Have you ever heard of a lizard with black skin and orange stripes? The Gila Monster just appears to be that lizard.



The Gila Monster is one of the two most venomous lizards in the world. It has a very painful bite. One bite from this monster can lead to: pain, nausea, vomiting, weakness, and rarely death. After it inflicts a bite to its victim, it chews on the bite so that the venom goes deeper.

Some people would see the Gila Monster as a lazy lizard, but it will climb a cactus

for its food. Gila Monsters love to eat. Their diet includes: small mammals, lizards, frogs, insects, carrion (dead animals), birds and birds eggs.

If a Gila Monster finds an abandoned shallow nest, it will claim it as its own home. There, they lay 12 eggs. The Gila Monster has very few predators. Its predators are coyotes, birds of prey and even humans can be harmful to them



and their territory. Some natives from Mexico thought that the Gila monster had super powers.

If you ever encounter a lizard in the Mexican desert, and don't know which lizard it is, here's how you'll know that it's a Gila monster: the Gila Monster is black with pinkish orange stripes, about 2 feet long, small eyes, and it has a short tail. Also, Gila Monsters only attack when they feel threatened.

Hopefully, now, you can identify a Gila Monster from a distance, so you should be safe.

**By Matthew**

**Gr. 7**

## **The Margay**

The margay is a fascinating animal that lives in the forests of Mexico. The margay is a large cat similar to an ocelot. It is brown with dark brown marks and streaks. It weighs 5.7 8.8 lbs. The Margay is one of the few species of cats that are able to turn their ankles 180° to climb down trees head-first.

The margay lives in the area between Argentina and Mexico. They live in many types of forest including the tropical dry forests and tropical evergreen forests. They are even seen in cocoa plantations. They live in trees and spend most of their time alone.

Margays are omnivores. They eat small animals like monkeys, birds, eggs, lizards and tree frogs. They also eat grass fruit and other vegetation. Margays sometimes hunt by mimicking the sound of their prey.

The margay (like most other animals) has predators. They are hunted by harpy eagles, cougars, jaguars, and of course, humans.

Sadly the margay is near-endangered. This is because of habitat loss and because they were illegally hunted in the 1990's. However people are working hard to keep it off the endangered list. Maybe one day if we all work hard enough we'll be able to keep the margay and other animals off the endangered list.

**By Jayme**

**Grade 8**





## Taking “Strides” towards a Healthy Living...

On Feb 2, 2018 it was an early morning for my sister and I as we headed out on the road before 7am. We were on our way to the Stride Center in Portage La Prairie for a health gathering.

When we arrived there, we were split up into groups and started on our activities that were based on a social justice program. The program was about making us feel what it would be like to be homeless and poor.

After that, our fitness instructor came in and we then got started with our workout routine. We worked on our legs so much that I actually couldn't walk the next day.

We were saved by the bell when the time finally came for lunch. Dorothy and I headed over to the tables where everyone else was eating. For a snack, I devoured a ham sandwich and an energy bar.



After lunch we had the option of participating in a hockey match or just watching. I chose to watch, which was nice because I finally got to rest. Even though it was a fun day at the Stride center, I still managed to work up a sweat!

By Ethan  
Gr. 10

### March Newsletter...

- March presentation... C.A.L.M. (Canadian Agriculture Literacy Month) with Ralph Eichler
- Olympic athlete & sport research write-ups
- Special Guest reports
- Recipes to tantalize your taste buds