

## **April News**

We hope everyone has a chance to relax over Spring Break. It is nice to have longer days and we can hardly wait to play in the mud!

### **Agendas**

Parents of students in the K to 4 room are reminded to check and initial agendas everyday. We share information through the agenda and find it to be a helpful communication tool between school and home.

### **Child Development Meeting for Parents of Children 2 to 5 years of age**

New Haven School is happy to have Mrs. Ladyka join us at the school to provide parents of young children with information about child development. Parents of children ages 2 to 5 are encouraged to join us on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00 to learn more. Also welcome are Aunts, Grandmas or babysitters of young children. More information about this will be coming soon!

### **April is Growth Mindset Month**

Having a Growth Mindset is imperative to achieving academic success. Staff and students will participate in activities throughout the month to learn more about how our brains work and what we can do to make sure that we challenge ourselves and grow our brains. Parents can help too! Please see the attached information sheets to learn more about growth mindset and how you can shift your conversations with your children to promote a Growth Mindset.

## **March Highlights**

The Month of March literally flew by so fast that we hardly had time to stop and catch our breath.

### **Maths Month**

We would like to thank parents for participating in our MATHO activity. There were a lot of students who came to school excited that they had completed the card with the help of parents, older siblings or friends. We appreciate the effort, and sometimes the struggle, that these may have created. We will praise the process as you have all exhibited a Growth Mindset and nobody gave up. So, whether the answers are right or wrong, you all did a great job modeling problem solving strategies for your children. Three cheers for PARENTS!

### **Pi Day**

Pi day is by far our favourite maths day! We celebrated by challenging ourselves to remember as many digits as we could from the number Pi. We also ate some pie! We learned about circles and all the ways that we use Pi. Our food drive was a huge success. Your generosity was appreciated and Jae-Lynn was excited to receive the donation and will take them, along with the rest of her collection to Winnipeg Harvest during Spring Break!

### **Estimation Jars and Daily Maths Challenges**

During the month of March, students who wished to challenge themselves were asked daily questions. If they figured out the answer, they got to make an estimate of the number of jelly beans in a jar. Winners were chosen by seeing who had the closest estimate. We also set up a number of problems that students could figure out when their other work was done. They seemed to engage in these problems and took on the challenge!

### **Math Olympics**

We ended our Maths Month with a "Math Olympics." A good time was had by all participants as we worked through some engaging math challenges.

**School Resumes on:**

**April 4<sup>th</sup> which is also our first Swimming Lesson**

