

April 2022 Issue 7

# DICKENS ANNEX NEWSLETTER

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Welcome back Dickens Annex families,

It is so wonderful to see the smiling faces of the children fill the hallways! I trust you all had a restorative Spring Break with friends and family.

## Important Dates:

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Apr. 13- School panorama  
and class photos

Apr. 14- Spring Stations  
Grade 3 Egg Drop

Apr. 15-18- Easter weekend  
(No school)

Apr. 20- Drumming parent  
session

Apr. 21- PAC mtg 7:30pm

Apr. 22- Drum making

Apr. 25- Pro D (No school)

Apr. 26-29- Week of Dance

April is full of amazing learning opportunities for students and we are looking forward to everything from Drum Making, Spring Stations, and Week of Dance!

As PHO and VSB Health and Safety restrictions change, we are excited to welcome families back to participate in school activities. We continue to approach this with a trauma informed lens and to ensure all Dickens Annex families continue to feel safe with planned programming.

We are beginning our planning for next year. If you have moved or will not be returning to the Annex, please let me or Ms. Patti know via email.

See you soon,  
Atsuko Ishihara

# Health and Safety Updates

The health and safety of our students is a priority at Dickens Annex. We will continue to follow and update Health and Safety protocols.



## VSB COMMUNICABLE DISEASE PREVENTION PLAN



### **MASK FRIENDLY SCHOOL**

*Wearing a mask is a personal choice.*

*Every individual's choice is to be supported and respected by everyone else.*

As we begin to welcome visitors, here are a few reminders:

- Visitors must report and sign in at the office
- Appointments are encouraged and appreciated
- Parents/caregivers are not to enter the school at drop off/pick up unless on other school business

**If your child is away from school, please let Ms. Patti know via email.**

## Drum Making Workshop

On Friday, April. 22nd, students will be making drums as an extension of our Social Studies and Indigenous Education learning.

We are looking for 10 parent volunteers who are comfortable working with animal hide, weaving, and loud noises!

The workshop will run from 9:30-12:00 with a possibility of running a little over time (to complete all drums).

There will be a learning session on Apr. 20th from 9:00-10:00am to help prep for the 22nd.

If you are interested in volunteering, please fill out the **Dickens Drum Workshop Questionnaire** by April. 13th.





# BASKETBALL CLINIC

Ms. Sam, one of our Support Staff, will be running a beginners basketball clinic at Lunch on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Interested players, K-3, should meet her on the court!

# BASKETBALL JAMBOREE

Interested Grade 3s will have an opportunity to show off their skills at the Basketball Jamboree hosted by Secord on May 5th (3:30-5pm).

Stay tuned for more details!

# Spring Stations

On Apr. 14th, the annual Spring Stations and Grade 3 Egg Drop will be taking place!

Please send any of the following items if you have them in your home:

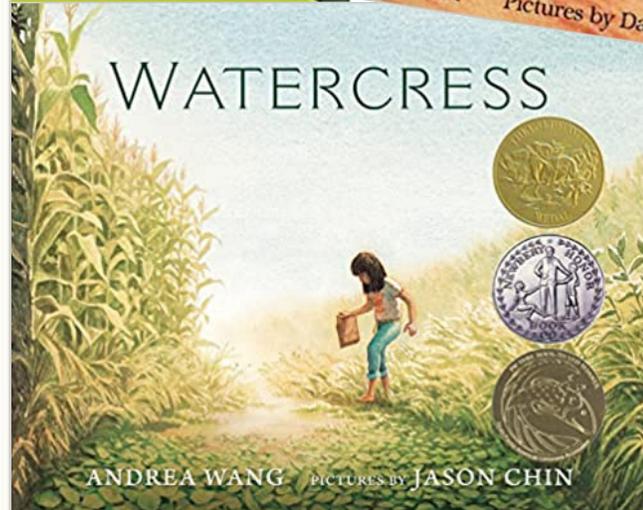
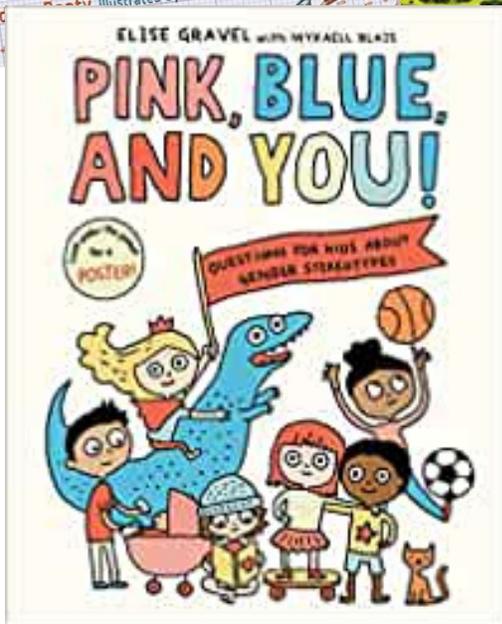
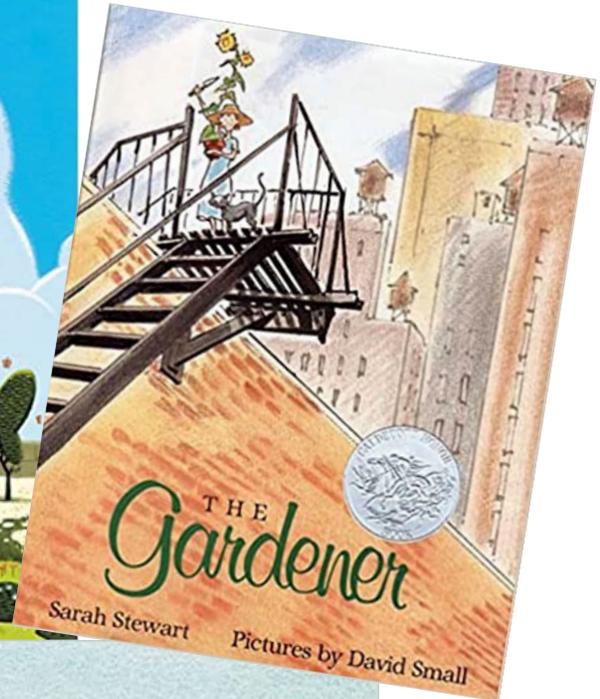
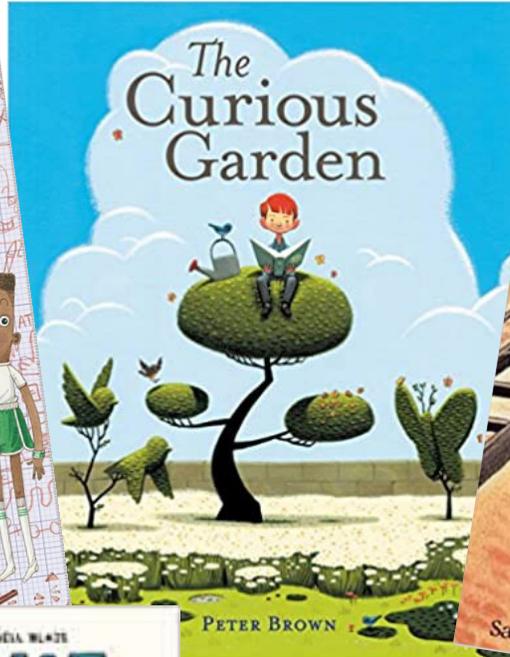
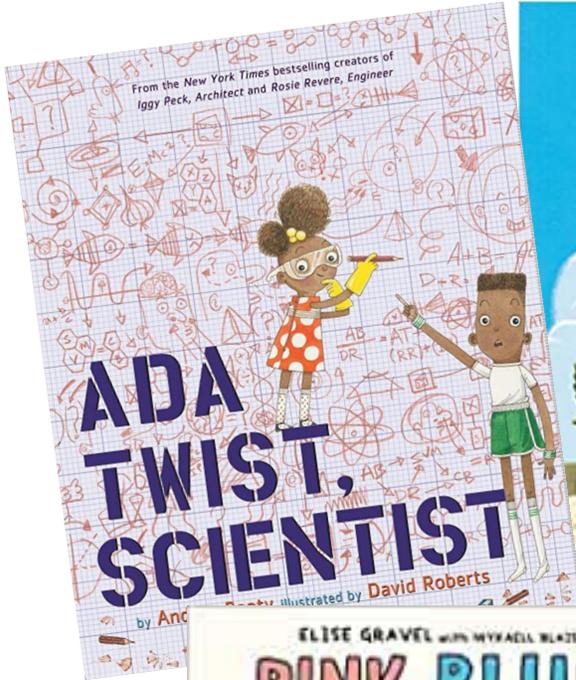
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bubble wrap  
plastic bags  
cotton balls  
boxes  
balloons  
packing chips  
TP rolls  
1 inch masking tape rolls

**Please join us for the  
Egg Drop at 2:15pm**



# What are you reading?

*Sharing titles that spark meaningful conversations.*



We are revisiting some old titles to go with our Spring theme as well as loving the two latest additions to our Library! Great conversations around gender identity, stereotypes we see in society and how we can celebrate, appreciate, and respect each other for who we are. Spring is a wonderful time to reflect on our own personal growth; what do we know now that we didn't before? What skills have I developed? What goals do I set for myself for the remainder of the year? These questions allow students to refocus their learning and be proud of their many accomplishments!