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DICKENS ANNEX NEWSLETTER

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Important Dates:

May 5- Big One at 2pm (EQ drill)
Gr. 3 Basketball
Jamboree @ Secord
3:30pm

May 6- Drum Awakening
Ceremony 9:45am

May 13- Walk-a-Thon
2:00pm

May 19- Gr. 3 parent info session
3:00pm Annex Gym

May 23- Victoria Day
(no school)

May 26- Gr.3 Main school tour

Happy May!

It's hard to believe that it is already this time of year; how time flies when you're having fun!

Upcoming school events include the Drum Awakening Ceremony and the Walk-a-thon and we are excited to welcome you back into the building with Family Reading.

We will be having our annual Big One at 2pm (Earthquake drill) on Thursday, May 5th. Please find the Student Reunification Plan attached to the email this newsletter was sent from.

The parents of the Garden Committee have been working so hard to get the Garden ready and it looks amazing! We are looking for more parent volunteers. Please let me know if you are interested in working with the kids in the garden.

As the weather continues to be unpredictable, please make sure that your child has a change (or two) of clothing and weather appropriate gear.

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.



MASK FRIENDLY SCHOOL

Wearing a mask is a personal choice.

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

VSB COMMUNICABLE DISEASE PREVENTION PLAN



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

**CHEER
GEAR**



Last day to purchase Dickens Cheer Gear is **May 6th**.

Use this QR code to shop the latest designs!



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

Drum Awakening Ceremony



When: May 6th @ 9:45am-12:00pm

Where: Glen Park

Who: Dickens Annex and Selkirk Annex

What and Why: On April 22nd, Dickens Annex students completed a Legacy Project and made 28 Indigenous drums. It is protocol that these drums and their spirits be woken up before we can play them.

On May 6th, under the direction of the Indigenous Education department, we will be waking our drums up.

Please join us and witness this truly special event!

Family

READING

We are excited to bring back Family Reading! Each division has been assigned a day of the week. Reading together is an integral part of early literacy; we look forward to seeing you in your child's classroom!

MONDAYS - DIV. 5

TUESDAYS - DIV. 4

WEDNESDAYS - DIV. 3

THURSDAYS - DIV. 2

FRIDAYS - DIV. 1

GRADE 3 TRANSITION

As we will gradually prepare the grade 3 students for their transition to the Main school, here are some important dates for you to be aware of:

May 19th- Parent Info session 3:00-3:30pm (Annex Gym)

Julie Weatherall, Principal, will be at the Annex to host an information session with parents after school. Attendance by drop-in, no RSVP required. (Younger siblings will be supervised outside until 3:30pm).

May 26th- Students visit Main school

After recess on May 30th, grade 3s will be going to the Main school where they will get a tour, eat lunch in the Multi-purpose room, and have the opportunity to ask Annex alumni any questions they may have. Please make sure your child has a lunch bag they can carry that day.



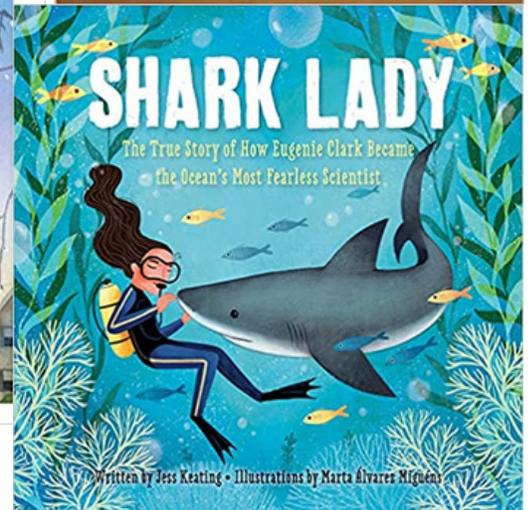
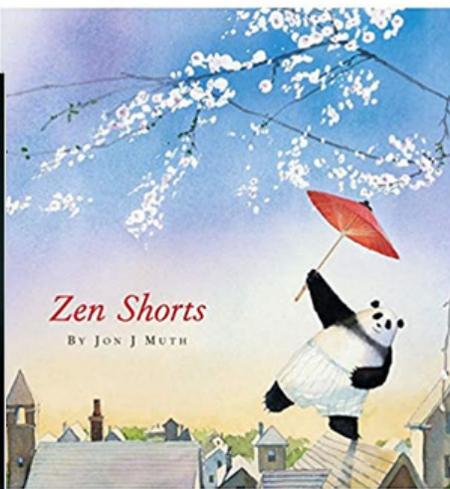
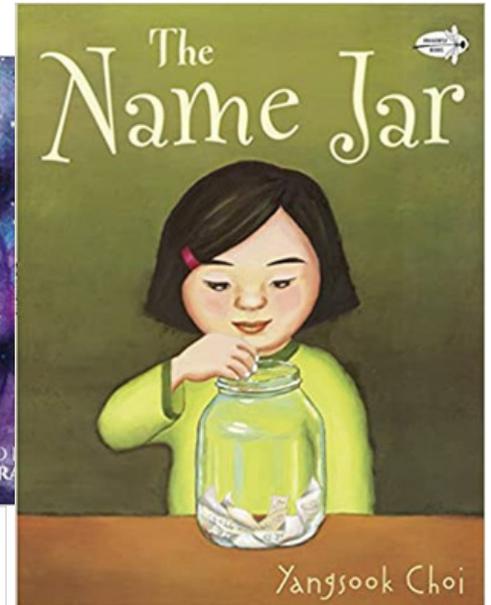
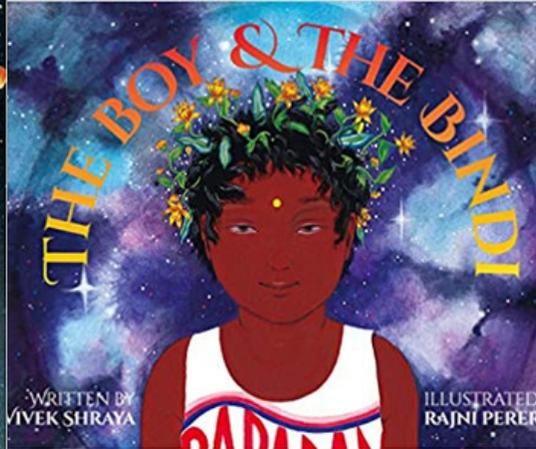
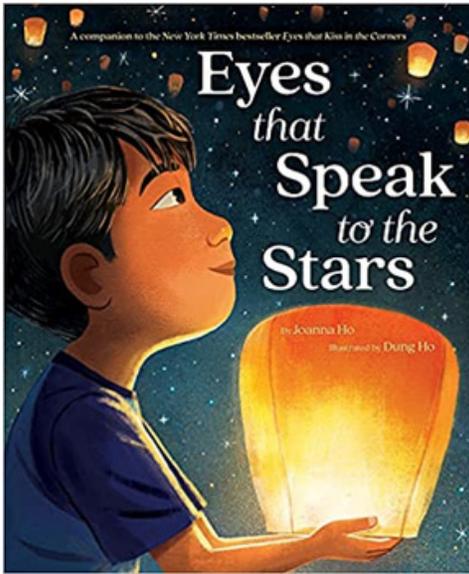
The Walk-a-Thon is back! Rain or shine on **May 13th at 2:00pm!**

Information will be sent home with your child.

We look forward to seeing many of you!

What are you reading?

Sharing titles that spark meaningful conversations.



To celebrate Asian Heritage month, we are putting the spot light on books that have Asian protagonists as well as titles by Asian authors/illustrators. In reading these books, students have the opportunity to share their personal narratives and make connections with events, experiences, and themes from the books. By making space for these discussions and each other, we continue to grow our appreciation for one another at the Annex and the greater community.