



THE SCHOOL SCOOP

MARCH 2024

Dear Parents,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and eagerly anticipating the upcoming Spring break—a well-deserved time for families to come together and create lasting memories.

As we reflect on February, one standout event was our captivating storytelling session on February 9th, led by the talented storyteller, Raquel Riviera. With tales centered around nature and peace, Raquel mesmerized our PreK to Grade 1 students, encouraging them to embody various elements of nature such as trees, the sun, and the wind.

The grand finale saw all classes coming together, adding their sounds and movements to complement Raquel's narrative. It was a truly sensory and enjoyable experience for all involved, and we were particularly impressed by how our Grade 1 students grasped the concepts of unity and collaboration within nature.

This event not only sparked creativity and imagination but also instilled in our students a deeper appreciation for the natural world around them. We believe such experiences are invaluable in nurturing empathy, understanding, and respect for our environment.

We extend our gratitude to Raquel Riviera for her engaging storytelling and to our Spiritual Community Animator Mrs. Carolina Choy who helped orchestrate this enriching experience for our students. We look forward to more opportunities to inspire and delight our young learners in the months ahead.





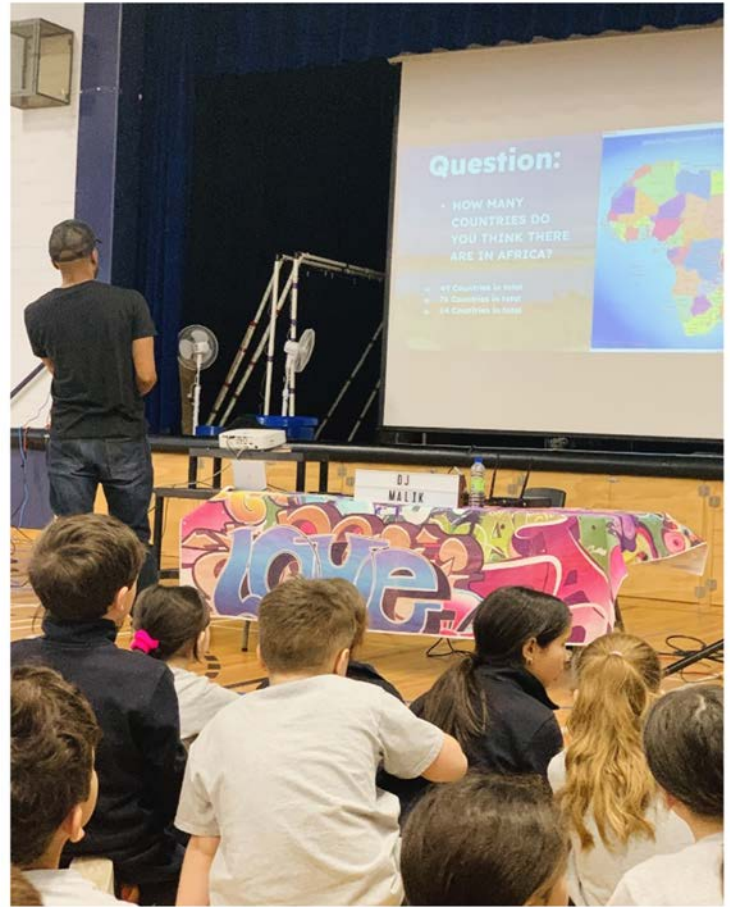
We're also excited to share with you a recap of our recent Black History Month event, which took place on February 22nd, 2024. Our school was honored to welcome Malik Shaheed, a renowned TV host, entertainer, and founder of Youth Stars, for a special Black History Assembly.

Malik's presentation was nothing short of dynamic. He seamlessly intertwined fascinating insights into black history with engaging quizzes and Soca dance interludes. His approach, which draws inspiration from techniques like somatic learning systems, captivated our students and ensured they were fully engaged throughout the event.

Beyond the educational aspect, Malik emphasized the underlying themes of kindness, diversity, and acceptance. These are values that we hold dear at our school, and it was wonderful to see our students learning about their importance and how they can integrate them into their everyday lives.

We believe that events like these are crucial for fostering a sense of understanding, empathy, and appreciation for diverse cultures among our student body. We're committed to continuing to provide opportunities for our students to learn about and celebrate the rich tapestry of human history and culture.





As we continue our journey through the academic year, we would also like to highlight the Hooked-on Schools (Perseverance Week) that took place this year from February 13th, 2024-February 16th, 2024.

Perseverance Week is an opportunity for us to come together as a community to emphasize the importance of determination, grit, and resilience.

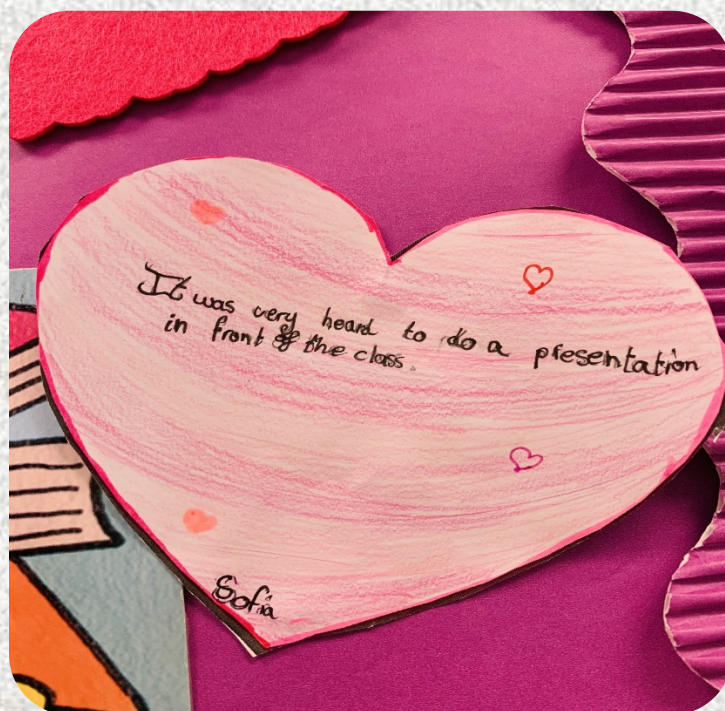
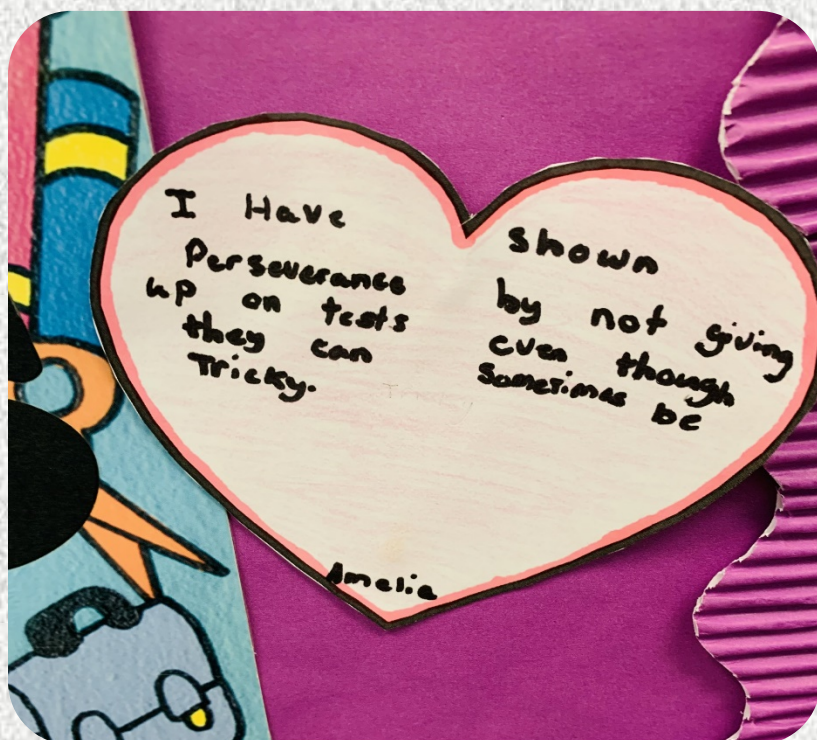
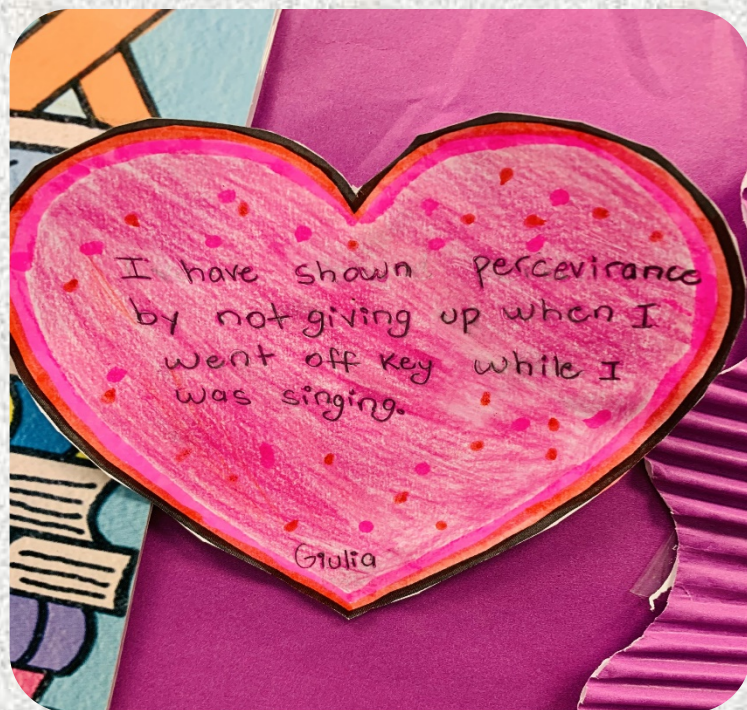
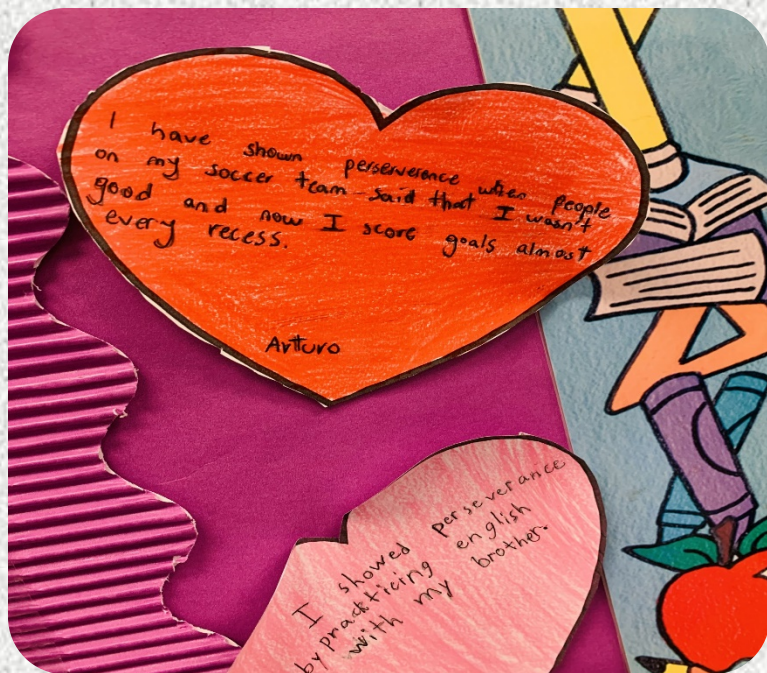
Throughout this special week, the Grade 5 students in Mrs. Fabiana's class engaged in meaningful discussions about the importance of encouraging others, identifying personal motivations, and understanding the significance of perseverance when faced with challenges in school. It was truly inspiring to see our young learners delve into these topics with such enthusiasm!

As a follow-up activity to deepen their understanding, the students were asked to reflect on a time when they persevered through a difficult situation. The insights and experiences shared by our students were incredibly insightful and heartwarming. They demonstrated resilience, determination, and the ability to overcome obstacles, which are essential qualities not only for academic success but also for navigating life's challenges.

We believe that fostering a culture of perseverance is crucial in helping our children develop into resilient and confident individuals. By encouraging them to embrace challenges and learn from setbacks, we empower them to thrive in the face of adversity and pursue their goals with determination.

We are incredibly proud of the growth and maturity displayed by our Grade 5 students during Perseverance Week. Their heartfelt messages serve as a reminder of the strength and resilience that lies within each of them. Together, we can empower them to reach their full potential and achieve greatness.





As Staff Appreciation Week draws to a close, we wanted to take a moment to express our sincere gratitude for your support and contributions. This week has been a wonderful opportunity for us to recognize and honor the dedicated and passionate staff here at Dunrae Gardens School.

Our staff members play an integral role in shaping the educational journey of our students. Each day, they bring their expertise, creativity, and unwavering commitment to providing the best possible learning environment for our children. We are truly fortunate to have such a talented and caring team.

At Dunrae Gardens, we firmly believe in the power of teamwork and collaboration. Every member of our staff brings a unique set of skills and perspectives, enriching the educational experience for our students.

We would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to the Dunrae Gardens Family Association (DGFA) for organizing Staff Appreciation Week and to all parents for your generous contributions and heartfelt gestures of appreciation. Your support means the world to us, and it reinforces the strong sense of community that exists within our school.

Once again, thank you all for your generosity, kindness, and unwavering support. Together, we can continue to foster a culture of appreciation and positivity within our school community.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Canale



FRIDAY MARCH 1st, 2024

Pedagogical Day-No School

MONDAY MARCH 4th-MARCH 8th, 2024

Spring Break (No School)

FRIDAY MARCH 15th, 2024

Vaccination for Grade 4 Students

FRIDAY MARCH 22nd, 2024

Regular School Day

FRIDAY MARCH 29th, -Monday April 1st

Holiday (No School)



