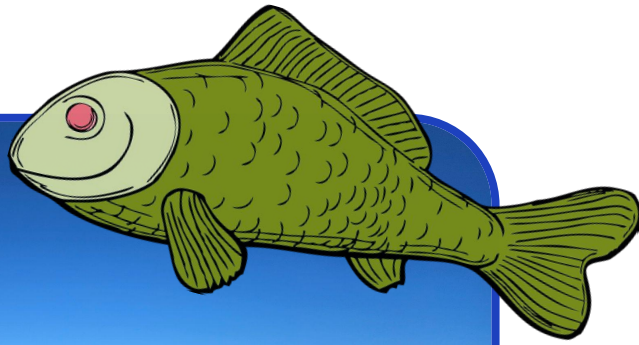
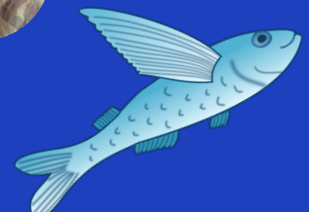
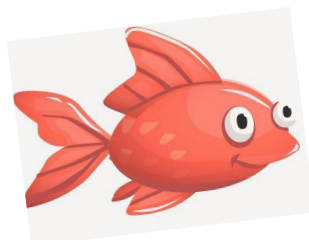
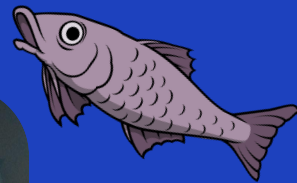
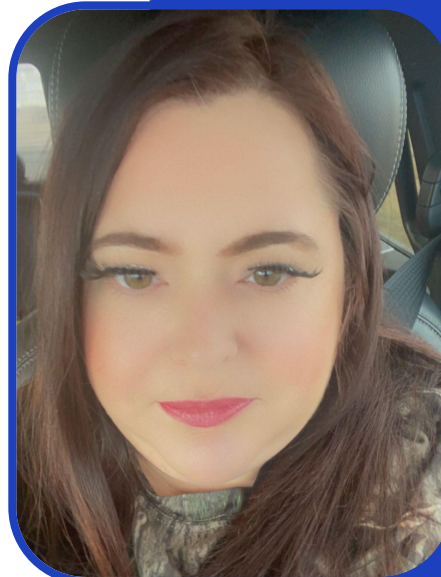


April 2024



## Principal Message

Tansi Hillview Families! Spring is just around the corner and we are now entering the final term of the 2023/2024 school year. I want to take this opportunity to thank all the school families for their continued support and encouragement. Our school is enjoying a successful year so far, with students learning and playing, with energy and enthusiasm everyday. I would also like to thank the teachers and staff for their generous contributions to school life. Without their dedication, none of our daily success would be possible. To our students, I encourage you to remain focused and determined as you approach your studies. Take advantage of the resources available to you, both within the classroom and beyond, to excel academically and personally. Remember that every challenge you encounter is an opportunity for growth, and every lesson learned brings you one step closer to realizing your full potential. As we navigate the month ahead, let us remain steadfast in our commitment to excellence, innovation, and inclusivity. Let us embrace the challenges and opportunities that come our way with resilience and determination. Together, we can make April a month of meaningful progress and achievement.



# Newsletter

## HILLVIEW SCHOOL

## Newsletter Highlights

- Important dates
- NSD Wildfire emergency response information
- Classroom News
- Fishing field trip recap
- Have your say!



*Our students love to come to school in Northland*

## Important Calendar Dates in April

**Apr. 12|** Lesser Slave Watershed visit

**Apr. 15|** Early Dismissal - Staff Meeting 2:00pm

**Apr. 15|** School council Meeting 4:00pm

**Apr. 17|** Spirit Day - Dress like a baby

**Apr. 26|** No-School - Wellness Day



## Excellence in Leadership



In light of recent events and the increasing concerns regarding wildfires, Northland School Division is taking proactive measures to ensure the safety of students and staff.

To this end, on March 25th, we took a significant step forward by joining forces with

High Prairie School Division, Holy Family Catholic Regional Division, Kee Tas Kee Now Tribal Council Education Authority, and Living Waters Separate School Division in a Wildfire Tabletop Exercise.

This exercise involved identifying and sharing resources, strategic planning, and standardizing processes for messaging, busing, and operations in wildfire alert and/or evacuation scenarios.

Thank you High Prairie School Division for hosting this important exercise

Did you know...



## WILDFIRE EMERGENCY RESPONSE INFORMATION

Attention Northland School Division (NSD) Families,

Given previous events concerning wildfires, we fully understand and share your concerns and anxieties. To ensure the safety of students and staff, we actively review emergency plans for each school and work with emergency contacts in the communities we serve. This includes making sure emergency contact information is up-to-date. If your contact information has changed recently, please contact your local school to ensure information is updated.

## WHEN A WILDFIRE EMERGENCY OCCURS

### Communication Channels

During an emergency, we will contact parents/guardians directly or by one of the methods noted below:

- School Messenger: We use School Messenger to send notifications (phone, email, text message) to parents/guardians for urgent matters, student attendance and other events taking place.
- Facebook
- Division Website: [www.nsd61.ca](http://www.nsd61.ca)

## What happens if Evacuation Alert/Order is called?

If an evacuation alert or order is declared, we will communicate information we receive from the nearest municipality or settlement. This may include the following measures:

- It may be determined that it is best to dismiss students to their homes and families.
- Parents/guardians will be contacted directly by phone, School Messenger (emergency notification system) or Facebook.
- School buses will operate if the Evacuation Alert is more than four-hours.
- **If the municipality or settlement declares a four-hour evacuation alert, buses will NOT operate.** All parents/guardians will be asked to pick up their child or children.
- Staff will remain at the school until all students are accounted for.
- Air quality will be monitored by the school and decisions such as staying inside for recess and breaks or any other measures needed for student safety will be communicated as soon as possible.

## STAY INFORMED

For the most current information on the wildfires and safety recommendations, we encourage you to visit the following resources:

- Alberta Emergency Alert: Provides updates on emergency situations across Alberta <https://www.alberta.ca/alberta-emergency-alert.aspx>
- Alberta Wildfire Status Dashboard: Offers real-time information on wildfire statuses <https://www.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/3ffcc2d0ef3e4e0999b0cf8b636defa3>
- Wildfire Status: Details current wildfire situations <https://www.alberta.ca/wildfire-status.aspx>
- 511 Alberta: Features traffic and road condition alerts <https://511.alberta.ca/#:Alerts>
- Smoke Forecast: Provides forecasts on smoke conditions <https://firesmoke.ca/forecasts/current/>

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

We urge everyone to stay informed by regularly checking these resources and adhering to any guidelines or instructions issued. Preparing a personal safety plan, including an evacuation plan, and discussing it with your family can also be a valuable step in ensuring everyone's safety.

The safety of students and staff is Northland School Division's top priority. We are committed to keeping you informed and taking all necessary steps to ensure everyone's safety during this time. For families with high school students who drive and plan to leave before the end of the school day, or need to leave school for a period of time, we kindly ask that these students sign out at the office before departing. This protocol is crucial for maintaining accurate records of student whereabouts and ensuring the safety of the school community.

If you have any questions, please contact your local school.



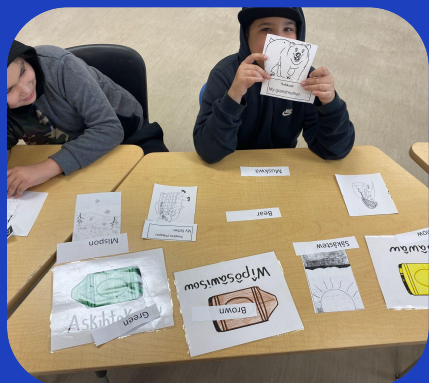
## Excellence in Learning



Cree- In Kindergarten- 3 Cree class we sing songs and been working on twinkle twinkle little star in cree.

All the other classes been working on weather, days of the week, clothing, body parts, months, directions, time, counting, basic commands and on Fridays we play Cree jeopardy. The children look forward to play every week,

-Kitatamhim Mrs. Supernault



Twinkle, Twinkle, little star

Wâsê, Wâsê Acahkosis,  
Tânisi ê-is-âyâyan,  
Ispimîhk ê-akōciniyan  
Tâpiskōc sōniyaw asiniy  
Wâse, wâse acohkosis  
Tanisi ê- is – âyâyan.



# Excellence in Learning

## Grade K-3 Springing into Action

The warmer weather is giving students the opportunity for more fresh air. Great for their learning brains. In math we continue to work on subtraction and addition. Students are also learning how math is needed in everyday life such as knowing the numbers to tell time, how knowing numbers are important for measuring, and for knowing how much soil to put in a cup for planting and counting seeds. Soon we will be planting, using materials given to us by the Lesser Slave Watershed Council.

In literacy students are learning about how to write a story with a beginning, middle and end. Teachers help with words as needed, but the story is the child's. Students work on learning new words everyday as well as sounding out, and spelling of consonants and vowels.

Whole School Easter Picnic - since the weather was still a bit chilly Hillview staff and students had an easter picnic in the gym. Lunch was followed with carnival games.



Everyday our students read with our principal Ms. Best to develop literacy skills and ensure teachers get time to work one on one with individual students to address specific skills.

## Mrs. Jackson's 4, 5, 6 class

March was an exciting month for the grade 4,5,6 class, we had multiple guest speakers and a field trip! We started learning about waste, recycling and agriculture with Miss Kate from the Lesser Slave Watershed Council. Then we joined the grade 4,5,6 class from Bishop Routhier School for an ice fishing field trip at Winagami Lake. Even though we didn't catch any fish, everyone had a lot of fun experimenting with different types of lures and drinking hot chocolate.

Academically, we have started new units in math, science and language arts. In March we finished up our graphing and geometry units in math and are now working on patterns, multiplication and division. In science we are learning all about waste in our world and are getting ready to start growing our own herbs, vegetables and flowers in our indoor garden. In language arts we have been improving our research skills, learning different editing techniques and enjoying lots of reading together. The students are also loving the warmer weather and have been enjoying being able to go outside for some of our gym classes.



## Excellence in Relationships

### Bishop Routhier & Hillview Schools collaborated to go Ice fishing at Winagami Lake.

Students in grade 4-6 from both schools spent the day fishing at Winagami lake. We tried out different lures and bait learned about the fisheries on local lakes from our knowledge keeper Harley Lamouche. We roasted hot dogs, marshmallows, and made soup and hot chocolate on the fire. In the days that followed this outing teachers followed up teaching lessons that related to their experiences on the ice.



Dawn MacLean, Sam Enege, Harley Lamouche, Rus Cardinal, Rosalind Best, Kaylyn Jackson



## Filleting with Steven BigCharles



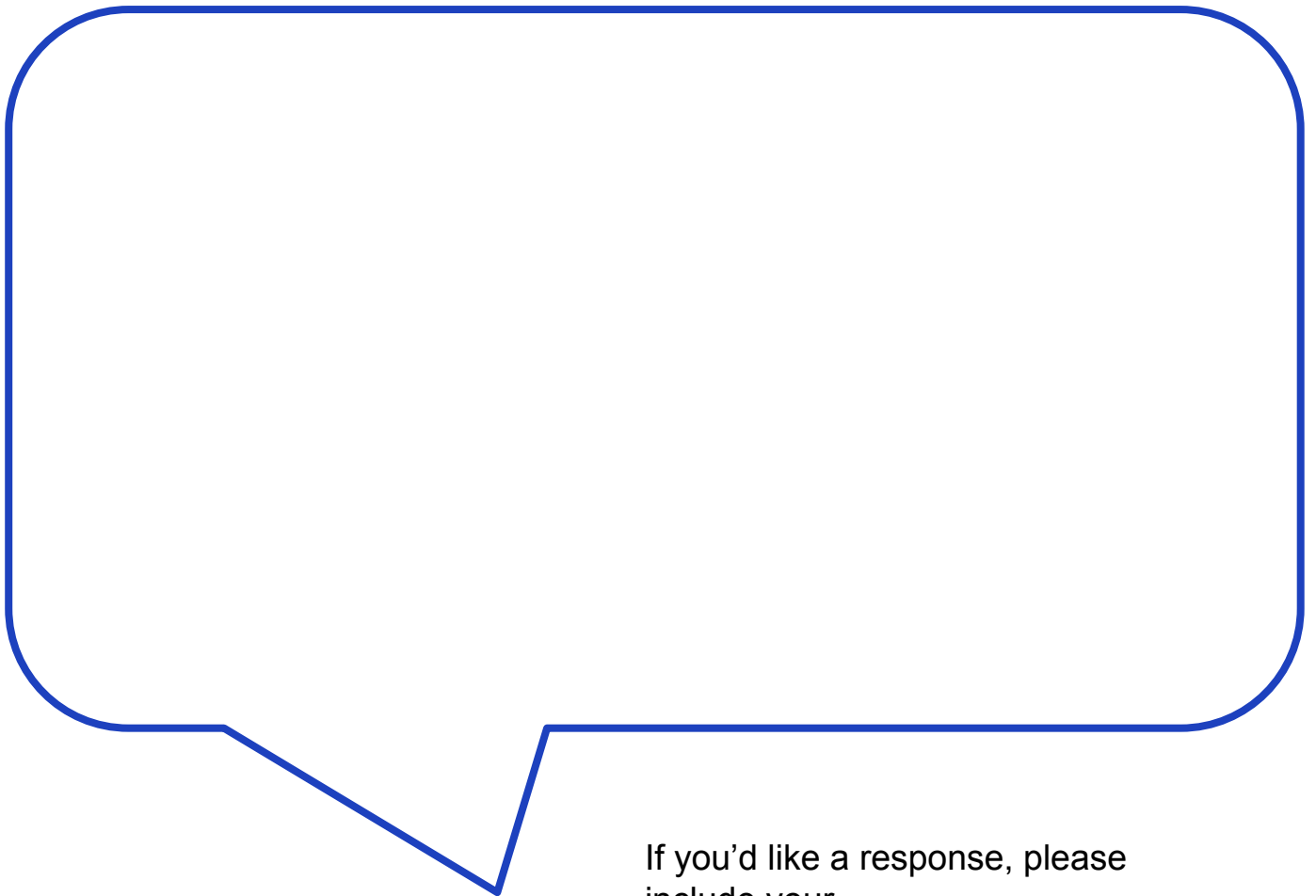
We had Steven Big-Charles visit our classroom to demonstrate the best way to clean and fillet a fish. Although it left the gym smelling a little bit fishy, everyone enjoyed getting a chance to learn from Steven and be a part of his demonstration. Our whole class has been working on creating a book about our class's ice fishing and filleting experiences and are looking forward to finishing it up this week.



## Have Your Say!

Do you have a question, a concern, or an idea for how to make Hillview School a better place for students? We welcome your input, and there are many ways to communicate with us.

- By phone: 780-523-9679
- By email: [rosalind.best@nsd61.ca](mailto:rosalind.best@nsd61.ca)
- Through [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/HillviewEastPrairie) <https://www.facebook.com/HillviewEastPrairie>
- With this page—write a message using the space below and drop it off at the school



If you'd like a response, please include your...

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone or Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Best time to reach you: \_\_\_\_\_