



# PELL7AMATMIN

## *“Stay at Home Month”*

### January Newsletter

#### School Contact Information

Please feel free to contact the school at 250-838-2246 or text at 250-540-0428 if you have any questions or concerns.

School hours: 8:30-2:30

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#### January Calendar

January 1 – New Year’s Day  
January 8 – First Day of School  
January 29 – Pro D Day – No School

#### ***Currant Scones/ Biscuits - Tripled recipe***

Oven 450 Bake Time: 15 minutes

6 cups flour  
3 eggs  
½ cup sugar  
2 ¼ cups sour cream (or 3 cups of milk)  
4 tbs baking powder  
1 ½ tsp salt  
1 cup Margarine, cold  
1 ½ cups currants

*Alternative substitutions:*

3 cups grated cheese Kneaded into the dough.  
3 cups glazed Fruit.  
2 ¼ cups yogurt in place of milk or sour cream

*Directions:*

Place dry ingredients in a large bowl. Set aside.  
Place the liquid ingredients in a small bowl. Mix well.

Use a grater to grate the margarine, it is much easier to mix into the dry ingredients when done this way. Add to dry ingredients, mix, It should look crumbly.

Add wet ingredients, knead well until it forms into a ball.

Lightly flour your countertop, cut into smaller sections. Roll with rolling pin, roughly 1/8 inch to ¼ inch thick. Use a cookie cutter or a drinking glass to cut into biscuits, place on a parchment lined cookie sheet to bake.

## ***Ms. Miller's Classroom News***

Happy New Year! We have had a great start of the year 2024! Students came back from Christmas break refreshed and ready to learn.

We have now learned 15 letter names and sounds! We completed units on Insects, Healthy Eating and Friendships. Students enjoyed the stories and songs in these units. Kindergarten students worked hard at their journal writing on these topics.

Our Culture story for this Term is Cha Cha. Students are creatively using our story retell table to act out the story using felt characters. We have begun our unit on water, and we are learning the importance of being kind to one another.

Swimming has been great fun! I love watching them become confident and strong swimmers.

## ***Miss Racher's Classroom News***

We were so happy to welcome students back to their school routines in January. The start of the new year is always a great time for us to review our class rules, problem solve where needed and spread kindness. Last month, reading group topics of study included, "Insect Metamorphosis", "Acts of Kindness", "Friendships" and "EarthQuakes". In Math, Grade 1s are working on addition and subtraction story problems, identifying one more and one less than a number, counting mixed coins (dimes and pennies), lines of symmetry, counting by tens starting from any number and writing the complete date. Grade 2s are working on identifying  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour ago and  $\frac{1}{2}$  from a given time, fractional representation of a whole, filling in missing parts of a hundreds chart and rounding temperature to the nearest 10. In Socials we will start to work with "The Incredible Flexible You" curriculum. This program supports students developing the skills to think about others, play collaboratively and establish / maintain friendships. I look forward to a healthy and productive term ahead with this amazing group of hard-working and thoughtful students. Thank-you to all of our families and caregivers for your ongoing support.



## ***Mrs. Marta's Classroom News***



Welcome back from your long winters nap. December was full of storytelling, learning, dancing, and creating. Students created decorations for the tree in Enderby and had hot cocoa and cookies with Mr. and Mrs. Clause. We created masks for our Winter Celebration. This month we look forward to swimming lessons and an art project with artist Destanne Norris. We will be moving on to the Cha-Cha story for term 2. Thank you for continuing to send your students to school every day ready to learn.

Happy New Year!!!

## ***Mrs. Kopps's Classroom News***



Happy New Year and welcome back to school for 2024. I hope everyone had a restful, safe and relaxing Winter break.

We will be looking at Body Systems this term (Muscular, Skeletal, Respiratory and Nervous). Our story for this term is Cha Cha and the students have enjoyed hearing about the introduction from John. We are excited to have an artist come Destanne Norris to help create tiles to go with a mural as our end project. The Recreation programming is a big hit and students are enjoying swimming and looking forward to x-country and downhill skiing next month. It is a pleasure and an honor to continue to have your children in my class each day. Thank you for your ongoing support.



## *Shihiya Language Program*

Acknowledgements going out to Donna Antoine our mentor and language expert, without her we would not be where we are today.

We are currently working on our second story of the year, 'Tsa tsa' (Little Sister). We are creating a vocabulary list and a short version of the story in the language to build on steps towards fluency.

<b>Example:</b>	<b>Sewcápmctsin</b>	<b>English</b>
	<b>gyap</b>	<b>mad</b>
	<b>Re Skwlaqs gyap-ekwa.</b>	<b>Bear was mad.</b>

Students are learning words and how to use them in sentences.

Last term Mrs. Marta applied for a grant to have learning materials made for, 'Coyote and Bear Make Day and Night,' and Lesson #11- Foods 2. Flash cards are being made for both story and lesson. A short video clip is also being made for the story, the story has only Secwápmctsin with Donna Antoine telling the story. The first draft is complete, and we are hoping to release all new material in February.

**John Jones**

**Language Resource Coordinator**



## *Culture Program*

Hi Grown-ups,

Destanne Norris will be doing an art project on Tuesday afternoons. We are illustrating the Cha- Cha story, working on sketching and painting. Please make sure your student is wearing clothing that can get paint on it, if that happens. We will have smocks to cover but accidents do happen. This will be running from now until the end of April. Her biography is attached, and we are looking forward to see the final product that the students have created collaboratively.

**Kúkstsamc,**

**Ashley Marta**

# Artist Bio

## DESTANNE NORRIS



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### ARTIST


Destanne Norris was awarded a BFA (Honours) Degree in Painting and Drawing from the University of Victoria in British Columbia, Canada in 1987 and a Master of Fine Art Degree by Research at the University of Tasmania in Hobart, Tasmania, Australia in 2009. She has also participated in several art-in-residence programs.

Norris' paintings have been exhibited in Canada, Australia and Germany in Public, University, Artist-Run and Commercial Galleries. Her paintings have been purchased by hundreds of national and international private collectors and found in corporate and public collections: the Alberta Foundation for the Arts, the Penticton Art Gallery, Jasper National Park, the Consulate General Japan, Finning Canada to name a few. Norris is represented by Gallery Odin, Silver Star Mountain, BC.

In 2020, Norris published her first award winning book, "Leah's Gift: A Story about Reframing Loss", which includes her art. In addition, a documentary film, "Beneath the Painted Surface", about her art-life was produced and released in 2020 by independent filmmaker Brian Taylor of En Queue Film. The film is available to be watched on YouTube.

### ART FACILITATOR

Norris facilitates creative discoveries in others through art classes, workshops, and field trips for elementary school children. Since December 2022 she has taught over 400 people ranging in ages from 3 to 89 years of age at numerous venues. Her mission is to share her passion, knowledge and joy of visual arts and creativity with people of all ages and experiences to inspire them to want to continue exploring their own visual creativity.



## News from Brenna Joseph Parent Engagement Coordinator

### Family Movie Night

On January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 the Parent Engagement Coordinator hosted a family movie night at the Salmar Grand Theatre! It was the very first family night of 2024 and it was a great turn out! We had approximately 130 students and parents show up! Pizza, popcorn, drinks, and candy were all provided! A special 'Thank You' to the staff of the Salmar Grand Theatre for being so accommodating for this event!



**Parents & Caregivers:** In February, the Parent Engagement Coordinator will be partnering with the Enderby Regional Library to host a parent/family night with dinner provided. Keep your eye out for more info on this event!

### Tablets

I apologize for the delay on the student's tablets provided by Shihiya. The tablets are finally ready for handout! Please read through the 'tech agreement' with your child/ren, sign, and bring back the school! Tablets will be released to the students once 'tech agreements' are handed back!

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## ***News from the Education Administration Department***

### **Education Portable has relocated!**

Please be informed that, following a recent investigation report, the Main Administration building along with the Education, Title & Rights, and old Council portables will be permanently closed due to a determination that there is some mold and unhealthy materials present in the structures. The Education Department Portable is now located at **Shihiya School**. The contact information remains the same but will be provided below.

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