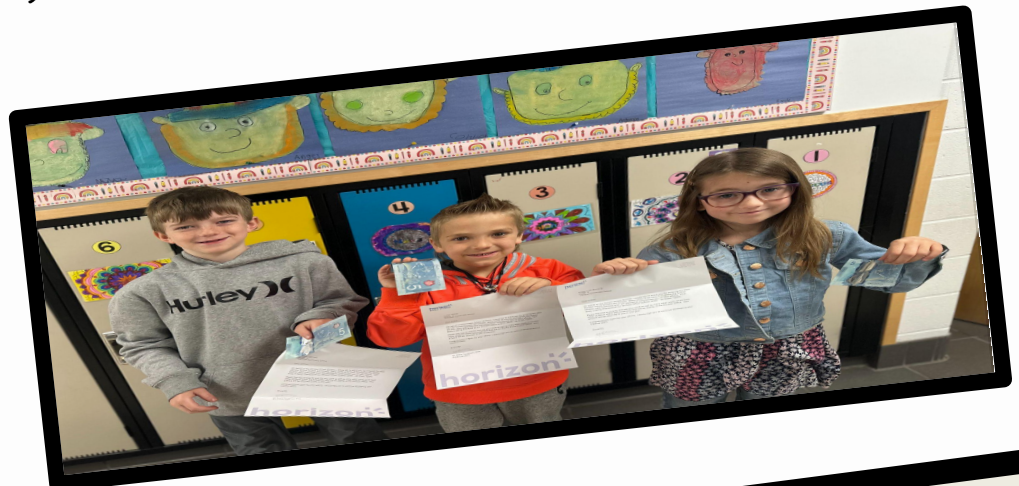


Turbo Talk 10

It's hard to believe we're already in the heart of spring! Although this past month was a short one with our Easter break, it was certainly full of activity, learning, and memorable moments. There is so much to reflect on and celebrate, and even more to look forward to as we head into the final stretch of the school year.

Time is flying by, and before we know it, summer will be upon us. With that in mind, we are focused on keeping the momentum going. Our students continue to grow, not only academically but also as kind, responsible, and respectful individuals.

While we have completed the formal teaching of our "work habit" outcomes, that doesn't mean our work is done. We will continue to reinforce the importance of respectful behaviour, kind and caring actions, and taking accountability for our learning and our choices—values that are important every day, in and out of the classroom.



Congratulations to Westen, Culter & Ember-Lynn for Winning the Art contest! Their art will be showcased at the Division office!

Badminton Divisionals

This past month, our Grade 6 students had the opportunity to participate in the annual Horizon School Division Badminton Divisionals, hosted in Barnwell. It was an action-packed day, with 132 games played across the division! VES was proudly represented in boys singles, boys doubles, girls singles, and girls doubles. While we didn't bring home any medals this year, our students gained valuable experience competing against peers from across the division and demonstrated great sportsmanship and effort throughout the event. A big thank you to Kaitlyn Wolters for coaching and supporting our athletes at this event!



Easter Egg-stravaganza

Just before the Easter holidays, we gathered as a school for some Easter fun! Classes were paired up younger and older and competed in a Easter Egg Hunt relay. It was a short but fun event to send students off to a break!

Westwind Thunder Group

We were honoured to welcome a talented group of students from Cardston, led by Jerry FirstCharger, whose visit was all about sharing and celebrating Indigenous culture with our school community. Through a dynamic showcase of hoop dancing, breakdancing, and contemporary styles, they captivated and energized our students. It was a vibrant, fun-filled experience that our students truly enjoyed and will remember for a long time!



Sitting Volleyball

Thanks to the generous support of our VES Parent Council, our students had the incredible opportunity to attend a presentation by Jennifer Oakes at VHS. Jennifer is a three-time Paralympian and a Paralympic bronze medalist whose story is one of perseverance, strength, and hope.

Her message centered around the power of **gratitude**, **resilience**, and **positive thinking**—three key elements that help us navigate life's challenges and celebrate its victories. Jennifer's personal journey inspired students to reflect on their own mindset and how choosing positivity can make a difference, both in school and in life.

In addition to her powerful presentation, students also had a chance to get active and learn how to play **sitting volleyball**, a sport in which Jennifer has represented Canada on the world stage. It was a unique and engaging experience that encouraged teamwork, adaptability, and respect for diverse abilities.

We are so grateful to Jennifer for sharing her time and story with us, and to our Parent Council for making this meaningful learning opportunity possible.

Escape Room Fun

Our students had an exciting challenge this month thanks to Ashley Leer, who organized a school-wide Escape Room event! Each class was given 30 minutes to work together, solve puzzles, and try to “escape” before time ran out. This hands-on experience was not only a ton of fun but also a great lesson in the power of teamwork, communication, and perseverance. Not only did all classes escape, all students walked away with big smiles and a sense of accomplishment. A huge thank you to Ashley for her creativity and commitment in bringing this memorable event to life!



Musicians Wanted

Want to showcase your talent at the **May 3rd Farmers Market**? We're looking for local performers of all ages to light up the stage between **11:00 AM and 3:00 PM!**

This is a great chance to share your music with the community — and don't worry, **all musical equipment will be provided.**

Reserve your performance slot today!

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