

# The MEPHAM MONTHLY

May 2017

ROOM 206



## On the Horizon

We closed out April by honouring **Chloe** as the **Student of the Month** for “trustworthiness”. She took charge during our dance unit; shared her expertise with the class; gave the students a variety of dance tools to work with; and helped to develop a class routine. Clearly putting this aspect of the dance unit in her hands paid dividends as the students performed exceptionally well. Outstanding job, Chloe! This month, we look at citizenship and I know already it will be a difficult decision!

May promises to be a busy time as we try to squeeze in as much learning as possible before year-end. While it’s common for students to ease up with the warmer weather and the anticipation of summer, this is the time when their learning should be at its peak. They’ve had eight months of skill building and development and now is the time to put it all to the test.

Speaking of tests, EQAO will begin on May 23<sup>rd</sup> and carry through to June 2<sup>nd</sup>. To avoid playing “catch up”, please ensure your child does not miss any school time during these days.

Part of our health curriculum has been delivered via VIP with an emphasis on substance abuse. I’m hoping Constable MacKinnon’s message was received loud and clear. Toward the end of the month, we’ll be looking at the sexual health component of the curriculum, which will focus on these aspects:

- factors that affect one’s self-concept.
- effects of stereotypes relating to self-concept.
- building self-confidence and healthy relationships during changes at adolescence.

This is meant to inform you so that when the time comes, know that your child may come home with questions relating to the material. However, when that time arrives, I will send home another reminder.

## MONTH AT A GLANCE

-  **Reading:** Gordon Korman read aloud
-  **Writing:** biographical study; word study; intro to persuasive writing
-  **Math:** decimals, fractions, ratio, percent; math games
-  **Science:** electricity conclusion; intro to flight
-  **Social Studies:** independent research about Canadian identity
-  **PHE:** Survivor-style games
-  **Health:** sexual health

## Celebration Corner

### Student of the Month

- Chloe (Trustworthiness)

### Students of the Week

- Payton (Week 28)
- Reece (Week 29)
- Brayden & Jenna (Week 30)
- Rebeka (Week 31)

### Learning Champions

- Tia (Word Study #13)
- Priya & Tia (Word Study #14)
- Reece (On Fire Award)
- Priya (Math Award)
- Hannah (On Fire award)

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

Rebeka on the 1<sup>st</sup>

Reece on the 18<sup>th</sup>

Reagan on the 28<sup>th</sup>

