



# Gobind Sarvar's Monthly Newsletter



April 2019

## EXCITING NEWS!

- **On April 11**, Anne our school nurse, will be hosting a special presentation for all parents on Screen time. She will be covering the appropriate duration of screen time that should be allowed for children of different ages. She will also be addressing how to apply parental locks to various websites as well. It is definitely a session all parents must attend.
- **April 29-May 3** will be Educational week at Gobind Sarvar. Each day, we will have a special guest speaker come in to talk about the importance of education in life and how the different professions impact us, all around.
- The month of April is recognized as Sikh Heritage Month in Alberta. It is also the month we celebrate the birth of Khalsa. We will be celebrating Khalsa Sajna Divas on April 11 at school through learning the true meaning of being "Khalsa" (pure). We will be hosting an assembly in Darbar sahib on April 18 from 6:00pm-7:00pm for the parents as well.

## UPCOMING EVENTS



- April 1-Spring & Kindergarten Graduation Pictures
- April 3- Kindergarten-A Fire Station tour
- April 4- Science Fair setup @ U of C 12-6pm
- April 5- Science Fair judging 7:30pm U of C
- April 6- Science Fair Awards 9am-2pm
- April 11- Khalsa Sajna Divas celebrations PAC Meeting & Parents Presentation on Screen time 5:30pm-7:00pm
- April 12- Khalsa Sajna Divas (No School)
- April 18- Grade 5 Field trip & Darbar sahib assembly on Khalsa Sajna Divas (6pm-7pm)
- April 19- Good Friday (No School)
- April 22- PD Day (No School)
- April 24-Book Truck visit Div 1 (1pm-3pm)
- April 25- Book Truck visit Div 2 (9:30am-11:30am)
- April 26- KG-A Field trip to the Zoo
- April 29-May 3- Swimming Div 1 (1:15pm-2:45pm)

## REMINDERS



### • SNACKS & LUNCH

Please provide proper lunch and snacks for your child as the **school will not be responsible for providing it.**

- Agenda's must be checked and signed regularly by parents as this is mandatory and is listed online in the parent handbook.
- Late Students Please note if your child is late consecutively for more than 3 days in the week, the parents will be notified twice before the school holds a meeting with the parents. Please make sure your child is at School **no later than 8:10am every morning.**



## LUNCH OPTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

**Lunch options** for the month of April will remain the same this month where **Monday** will be roti day, **Tuesday** will be rice & salad day, **Wednesday** will be pizza/pasta day, **Thursday** will be healthy sandwich day and **Friday** will be your choice of food. These food options are suggestions for your child as it was brought to the school's attention by other parents during PAC meetings, that their children were not eating their lunch. It was a collective decision that if all students brought in the same type of food, no student would feel segregated from the rest.

## THEME OF THE MONTH: TRANSFORMATION FROM WITHIN

This month we will be focusing on the importance of Amrit and what it truly means. Amrit is not only about drinking sweet nectar but about implementing the message into our lives. The 5 Pyaare were not chosen randomly the day Guru Gobind Singh Ji decided to give Amrit to all. Their names represented a quality that needs to be embedded in our lifestyles. The first payara, Bhai Daya Singh Ji represents the importance of empathy for all. To accept another's perspective without judgement. The second payara, Bhai Dharam Singh ji, represents righteous living which means to live an honest life. The third payara, Bhai Himmat Singh Ji represents courage and bravery. The fourth payara, Bhai Mukham Singh ji represents strong will, determination and good leadership. The fifth payara, Bhai Sahib Singh ji represents royalty, which means to practice simplicity by adopting a simple lifestyle but to be intellectually aware of yourself and your surroundings. It is important to implement these practices into our daily lifestyles; then only will we see the true transformation within us.



# This month at Gobind Sarvar School...

## GRADE KGA

Happy spring Kindergarten A parents,

Congratulations amazing parents! Kindergarten A has accomplished almost all the curriculum goals except our Social studies unit *I Belong*. In this unit, we are learning how we belong to various social groups, like family, classroom, school, community, city and country. In Science, we are learning about *Seeds and Plants*, and will continue to explore more about plants. In math, we have covered the curriculum goals but will dig deeper and continue to practice learned concepts. In LA, we will continue to practice reading words using the strategies (such as blending sounds, using digraphs and silent e) we have learned, and we will gradually start working towards our independent writing skills. Please keep reading with your little ones at home.

Thanks for your support,

Mrs. Chaudhary

## GRADE KGB

Our kindergarten class is working hard to build words with sounds. They are getting better at listening to the sounds in words and decoding them. It takes a lot of practice, so parents are requested to take out some time each day to sit and read with their children. We have started working on "Word Families" and sight reading of tricky words. Story telling and sequencing the stories and events is another skill that we will continue to practice in April. In Math, we will review the previously taught topics and continue to work on 2-D shapes and 3-D objects. Science is going to be basically exploring seasonal changes, learning about animals and plants. In Social, for the rest of the term we will be learning, "I Belong." Please support your child's learning by sharing the importance of how we belong to our families, community and the world in general.

Mrs. Ahmad

## GRADE 1 A

Spring has sprung! It's a beautiful time of the year and there are many exciting things going on at our school. In terms of curriculum, in **ELA**, students will be working on long vowel sounds in term 3. For some tips and tricks to help your child in home reading, follow this link <http://www.homereadinghelper.org/1st-grade-reading-skills-phonics/> In **Math**, students will demonstrate an understanding of addition of numbers with answers to 20 concretely, pictorially and symbolically. In **Science**, students will learn about domesticated and wild animals and their importance in nature. In **Social**, students will learn the importance of cooperation and decision making to live together peacefully. In **Phys Ed & Health**, students will continue learning the basic manipulative skills using a basketball. In health, students will learn about foods that helps them grow and be healthy.

Mrs. Brar

## GRADE 1 B

In Math, the students will develop an understanding of addition of numbers with answers to 20 concretely, pictorially and symbolically. Students will also keep working on writing sentences. For some tips and tricks to help your child in home reading, follow this link <http://www.homereadinghelper.org/1st-grade-reading-skills-phonics/> In social, students will learn that cooperation and decision-making are very important to live together peacefully. In science, students will learn about domesticated and wild animals and their importance in nature. Health and Physical education: Students will continue learning basic basketball skills. In Health, they will also learn about anytime and sometime snacks.

Mrs. Dhiman

# This month at Gobind Sarvar School...

## GRADE 2

In literature this month we will be working on our second last strategy for written responses QPP (Question Per Page or Per Paragraph). We have now started doing a Daily Five on some mornings. Reading changes between reading and responding with a partner to individual reading every 5th or 6th day. In math, we will be starting a Unit on Measurement in April. In P.E. we are in the middle of games using basketballs. In science, we will be starting with Boats and Buoyancy. In this unit, students will explore what sinks what floats, and what makes an effective watercraft. Students will be learning about Prairie land: Saskatchewan. They will learn about the culture, language, geography heritage, economics and resources that shape Saskatoon.

Thank you,

**Mr. Zentner & Mrs. Verma**

## GRADE 3

God's Sikh family is looking forward to the exciting learning adventures that the month of April will bring. In Mathematics: We will turn our focus on multiples of 3s, 4s, 10s, 10s and 100s. Talk with your child about the importance of learning his/her multiplication and division facts. Find opportunities to practise these facts with your child to build confidence and to establish a solid foundation. Here are some suggestions for activities you can do with your child. When walking down the street or driving in a car, have your child multiply the digits of 2-digit house numbers. For example, for a house numbered 36, your child would multiply  $3 \times 6$  to get 18. In L.A we started reading "Charlotte's Web". Through this literature, students will learn about friendship, love, compassion and empathy. In Social studies, we will continue to learn about India, Ukraine, Tunisia and Peru. When it comes to Science, we will move on to our building unit.

**Mrs. Harrang Kaur**

## GRADE 4

For **Language Arts**, we will be focusing on our Novel Study, writing and understanding Poetry, our class will study about Tenses and writing sentences with Correct Subject-Verb Agreement. Grade 4's will conclude the sequencing unit and move to the "Making connections" reading comprehension strategy. In **Mathematics**, we will start Decimals followed by equations and shapes. For **Science**, we continue with our building unit. We will study about pulleys, gears and different forces to propel cars. For **Social Studies**, we continue to study about First Nations, colonization and how Alberta has changed over the years.

**Mrs. Deb**

## GRADE 5

Spring has finally come! We will start working on expository writing again, mainly newspaper writing for English Language Arts. As well, we will dive into sentence writing and acting again for April. We are excited to announce that we will be performing "The Sword in the Stone" for Division 1 classes. For science, we will continue with the Wetlands Ecosystem and as for math, we are going into our Measurement unit where we will learn about the metric system, area and perimeter, volume, and capacity. In social studies, we are excited to go on our field trip to the Military Museum on April 18th. It would be fantastic to have volunteers join us on our trip. As well, we will be continuing to learn about immigrants and Canada's changing identity in social studies.

All the best,

**Ms. Hong.**

# This month at Gobind Sarvar School...

## GRADE 6

In grade 6 students did a great job presenting their biography book talk project. Students will be preparing for the PAT's that are coming up shortly. We will be strengthening our understanding of how to write a narrative story using the 5 senses and the 5 w's. We will also be learning how to write a newspaper article in the coming month. In social studies, we continue to learn about democracy in ancient Athens. We will be starting our Iroquois unit soon after. This month in Math, students will continue with the unit of geometry where they will learn about constructing and comparing triangles also about the interior angles of triangles and quadrilateral. In Science we will start with our new unit Air and Aerodynamics. Students explore the characteristics of air and the interaction between moving air and solids. They learn that air is a compressible fluid, that it is composed of many gases, and that moving air can support solid materials in sustained flight.

**Mrs. Pepper**

## GRADE 7

Students have been working on finishing their novel study *The Outsiders* and will now be working on how to write a 5-paragraph essay. Students continue to work on grammar skills as well as strategies to strengthen their reading skills. In social studies, students continue to do presentations to show their understanding of current events, and will be working on political, economic and military events that contributed to the foundations of Canada. In Math, students have started the month by learning to identify and plot points in the four quadrants of a Cartesian plane. They will also perform geometric constructions and learn to describe the characteristics of 3-D objects and 2-D shapes. In Science, students will start the new unit Heat and Temperature where the students investigate sources and uses of heat energy. Students explore different applications, investigate the scientific principles involved and consider questions about the nature of heat.

**Mrs. Obhi**

## GURMUKHI/GURMAT DIVISION 1 & 2

In the month of April, along with continued learning of Gurmukhi according to their level, the students will practice Mukta, Gurmukhi Alphabet (Penti Letter) and Bhulaavey akhar. The students will learn about the Sikh Personality Mata Sahib Kaur Ji. Students will be learning the core value- Gratitude. Sikh History in the month of April, we will be celebrating Khalsa Sajna Diwas. The students will also do projects related to Khalsa Sajna Diwas. The students will also learn briefly about Sri Guru Har Rai Sahib ji. In Gurmat Sangeet, students will practice Alankaar and learn Shabad Reets related to Khalsa Sajna Diwas assembly. They will learn of Simran and Moolmantar in tall Kehrava.

**Dr. Rajan Kaur & Mrs. Raj Kaur**

# April 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Spring & KG Graduation pictures	2	3 KG Fire station field trip	4 Science Fair @ UofC	5 Science Fair @ UofC	6 Science Fair @ UofC
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