



Pontiac News

February 2017

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Ready... Set... Go!

January was filled with getting back into a routine and continuing on with term one learning. Now it's ready...set...go for an action packed February.

Our fish hatchery is creating many opportunities for learning. The fish eggs are hatching and it was exciting for some of the students to find a two headed fry. When they found the fry, it sparked conversations about survival and led to an estimation of just how many of our 8,000 eggs will successfully hatch and grow. Once our eggs hatch and are ready for release it is our goal to work with Wiikwemkoong A'Ki Miinwaa Enoodewziimgak Genwendgik (Lands Dept.) and Wikwemikong Tourism to replenish our local water ways with brook trout.

This month Pontiac got our students involved with clubs and the response by students wanting to join was astounding. Our games and puzzles club has 60 students on four different teams and our STEAM DREAM TEAM has four teams for a total of 86 students participating. All clubs meet during recess in the Maker Space and have a range of students from grades four to seven involved.

The games and puzzles club members have access to playing board games or have an option to work on puzzles with their peers. It allows them to socialize and engage in opportunities to play fair with others.

Our STEAM DREAM TEAMS receive challenges that have them work together as a team to meet a goal. What does STEAM mean? It stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math and all activities tie into some of these various components represented by STEAM. We look forward to challenging our students to work as a team and to solve a challenge that engages them in critical thinking.

We ended the month with many of our students joining in on our SPIRIT DAY by wearing their coziest of pajamas, which made for a very comfy Friday. Our next SPIRIT DAY will be on Valentine's Day where we're asking students to wear red and white! We look forward to a month filled with love and a sense of family for our school community!

February Calendar

February 1 & 2 – Golf in Schools w/RRGC

February 3 – PD DAY – **NO SCHOOL**

February 6 – Parent Council Meeting

February 8 & 9 – Dental Screening

February 8,9, 10 – Turtle Concepts w/ 7&8s

February 9 – Island Science Technology Competition in Mindemoya

February 14 – Spirit Day – Wear red & white!

February 16 – Chess Tournament

February 20 – Family Day – **NO SCHOOL**

February 22 – Anti Bullying Day – wear pink!

February 22 – Biidaabin Hockey Tournament



The pictures show our students enjoying our PJ spirit day. Many students also engage in our games club and science club. The steam team's first challenge was to build the tallest structure out of spaghetti and marshmallows. Currently the tallest stands at over 60cm with more teams still needing to complete the challenge.



Students are preparing to participate in an Island Wide Science Competition. They will be travelling to Mindemoya on Thursday, February 9th.

FAMILY DAY TEA

When: **Friday, February 17, 2017**

More information will be sent closer to the event. We are inviting all parents to attend! Stop in at the office and we'll call your child down. Students can **ONLY** attend with a parent/guardian.