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## Welcome to 2020!

Welcome to our second edition of the Maskus Star. We hope you enjoy reading about everything that 7-3 has been doing in class, as well as all the exciting things

that have been happening at Acadia, and in our community.

Some key features of this edition are the student work samples and poetry that are included. As well

as more photos!

Student's focused on writing transition words into their paragraphs. See if you can find them all as you read!

Enjoy!

## Student Spotlight: Tis! By Kara C.



This month's star student is Tis! He is more formally known as "Princess Tis." Firstly, Princess Tis is 12 years old, and his favorite subject is math. Princess Tis is weird but funny. His favorite animal is a dog and his favorite colour is yellow. Princess Tis's favorite teacher this year is Ms. Maskus. While Princess Tis has a lot of favorite things he is overall a good guy and has a laugh out of everyone.

Just a disclaimer Tis being called princess Tis as inside joke in our class, and I have permission from him to refer to him as Princess Tis. Lastly the reason we call him princess Tis is because in our new unit Brave New World we are the royal family with Tis as our ruler for the country we have created.





(Above) Book Bingo  
Winner Emma!

## Book Bingo

By Emma Y

Did you know that 7-3 loves to read? Well 7-3's book bingo, encourages us young readers to participate in monthly reading challenges to win a golden ticket, which can be used to go to the library for 15 minutes. You can also put the golden ticket into a draw, to win \$5 Tim Horton's gift card.

Each month there's a different task like, four corners,

one line anyway, middle six, and blackout (Fill out the whole card) In each box there's a challenge that involves reading such as, read a biography/ autobiography, write an online book review, read a scary book, etc.

Last month's task was to get a row, anyway. We had the golden ticket draw on December 5th. The winner was...Emma! Some of the

other people that got a line are, Shivaali, Eashaar, Pragma, Himiksha, Sienna, Dani, and more. So, congratulations to the winner for winning the draw, and to everyone else for completing this last month's challenge!

All in all, book bingo is just a fun activity to encourage students to read, and although you physically get a prize, the real prize is the

## Woods

By Jacob W

Have you ever wanted to make your own shelf? Well now you can. The grade 7 students are learning how to use all the tools and machines in woods class with Mr. Coe, and they will learn all the safety rules. When the students finish all the safety tests they will start planning their shelves on paper. Then they will cut out their pieces with the scroll saw, sand them with the disk sander and screw them together with a screw

driver or drill. They will also be able to take their shelves home and do whatever they want with it. So if you're interested in making your own shelf, you will really like woods.

### Morning Meeting by Sina K.

Have you ever wondered what your kids do in the morning? Morning meeting is an activity that the 7-3 students participate in, during morning meeting the 7-3 students greet each other, share news articles, do an activity, and even tell jokes. One activity that they do is 4 corners, where one person goes in the middle of the class and says the name of one of the 4 corners. The names of the corners are chosen by the class, Example: Corner 1, Corner 2, Corner 3, Corner 4. If you are in the corner that the person in the middle said, then you have to go and sit down. The only way to win is by being the last one standing. The 7-3 students say they enjoy morning meeting a lot, and that it's a great way to get to know each other.

# Brave New World By Evelyn T

Have you ever wondered what would happen if a bunch of 12 year olds ruled the world? Well, a class room activity called Brave New World has answered that question!

Brave new world is a really fun social studies activity set up by our teacher Ms. Maskus, and to get started you are put into a group with about 4-5 people and then your group plans out on a piece of paper what you

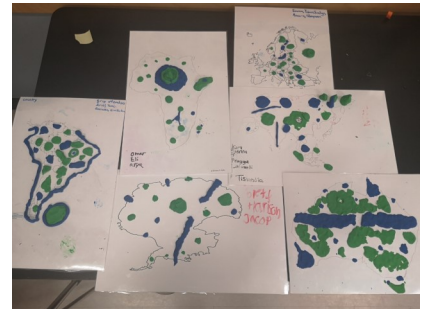
guys want to name your country, your national animal, plant and also your flag, in addition to that, you get to choose a continent and that entire continent becomes your country!

After that's out of the way you are given a certain amount of money and a few cards to represent your natural resources, based off the continent you choose. After you get your cards, we roll to determine

how much certain resources cost so you can sell or buy.

Now that you have everything you need to get started you can debate with you group to figure out what your first action will be; You can sell, trade or buy resources, attack or defend, create or break alliances and you can make a purchase of infrastructure, security, social services, basic needs and luxuries.

Brave New World was an awesome experience and I hope that we get to do it again.



## Reading Buddies by Taiwo O

What is reading buddies all about? Reading buddies is a program in which older students serve as role models for their younger peers. In fact, our class is participating in the program with the grade 4 Dalhousie students. During this period time we try to connect and relate with our buddies to

know them better. There are many benefits to this program, for instance the younger students can develop and use new reading strategies. In the beginning of the program we read and find out what books our buddies like to read then we create books for them. In all I think we as a class are going to

have a great and wonderful time with our grade 4 buddies.



Above: Reading buddies at Dalhousie

Left: Participating in Brave New World! "Antarctican" has a massive amount of defecting citizen

Top Left: The world as created by 7-3



# Found Poems by Pragya S.

Do you like writing poetry? Well, the students in 7-3 have written a found poem and we'll walk you through writing one for yourself. First of all, a found poem is a type of poetry produced by using words, phrases, and sometimes even sentences from a newspaper, magazine, book, etc. First you have to pick a

source. In our case we used The Bridge Home, a book written by Padma Venketraman. We also had the criteria of keeping at least 3 elements of poetry in our poems. The elements were like having a simile, metaphor, alliteration, etc., in our poems. In addition to that, we also had to keep the mood of the

poem in mind. For example, if you got a happy section, then your poem should also be happy. 7-3 had a fun time crafting our own unique and creative found poems, and we hope you do too!

## Found Poem Student Work Examples

Sorry  
By Dani

I hurt you  
The rain slammed in my face  
My eyes were blinded with tears  
This was your home  
And I walked away  
"I'm Sorry."

Gone!  
By Victoria

He's Gone  
He was Loyal  
He's just a dog  
I called for you  
You didn't respond  
He's dead and Gone

## Beauty and the Beast by Dani R

Who doesn't love musicals? I sure do! Beauty and the beast is a classic and we finally have our cast! For example, we have Kyla as Belle, Nathaniel as Beast, following so many more amazing

people. We have started rehearsals and are really coming together. We even performed in the talent show as a sneak peek for the show in May. Our cast is eager for the play and so should you! Without a doubt this will be the best play Acadia has ever seen!



## Cooking by Himiksha

Do you like cooking/ sewing. Here is some information about cooking/ sewing. It is always in room 204, Ms. Pawluk teaches, and she is kind and helpful. There are 8 lessons for cooking and after that, 2 lessons of sewing. In the first class you will learn

basic stuff such as veggies and dip. You will also have lessons after each lab. But before you start, you must write the rules. In the first lessons of sewing, you will learn how to sew on buttons, and in the final class you learn how to sew on shapes. Ms. Pawluk

thinks that cooking and sewing classes are important, because if you are living on your own then you can use these skills. For instance, cooking. If you don't know how to cook, then you will be starving. On the other hand, Sewing is important because if your clothes are ripped, then you know how to sew it back together. Therefore, I had a great time with Ms. Pawluk, learning about cooking and sewing. And I hope you would have a great time too

## Star Teacher: Ms. Capizzi by Shivaali P.

All the teachers are special at Acadia, but do you know who was extra special this month. Ms. Capizzi! First of all, Ms. Capizzi started her amazing adventurous journey at Acadia in 2017.

"I was fortunate enough to have Acadia as my first school I taught at," says Ms. Capizzi. Did you know Ms. Capizzi has taught a variety of different grades at Acadia such as gr.7,8 and 9.

She has been and still is coaching many sports

teams, for example volleyball and basketball. She started teaching because she was an Irish dance teacher at a young age of 12 and soon realized that she enjoyed teaching. Her favourite sports are hockey, basketball and volleyball. She also likes to binge watch Netflix in her spare time and owns a cat named Piper. Ms. Capizzi absolutely loves to play with Piper. She has also taught the feline many tricks such as sit for a treat. Ms. Capizzi's top 2 favourite books are Won-



der and Night. She has had many memorable moments while at Acadia, and is looking forward to continue to collect more.

Below: A sample of the finished Piktograph of an invasive Species



## Spirit Week —By Sienna B

Come on Acadia, show your spirit! Acadia's sports council planned and amazing spirit week. Including 5 days of dressing up and fun activities at lunch. For example, pajama day, formal day, color day, and so much more! Friday is color day,

where each grade wears a different color. The 9's will wear black, 8's will wear blue, and 7's will wear white. Some activities include karaoke, amazing race, guess that emoji, and carnival games.

Doesn't that sound like fun? Also, it will take place from December 16 -20, the last week before winter break. Can't wait to see what you come



## Invasive Species Projects by Eashaar H.

Are you bored? Do you have nothing to read, then read 7-3's invasive species project. 7-3s Invasive species projects have started, everyone is working very hard on their project, following on that statement an invasive species is a over-

growing population of any species, the invasive species eats anything they enjoy, they were usually from the eastern hemisphere, then they would move to North America. After a while of waiting on the projects, Ms.Maskus said we are now going to be present-

ing our projects on Monday December 2, 2019 we only had 3 days to rehearse that we are going to say in addition everyone's presentation went really well. In conclusion everyone's presentation went excellent they all had descriptive words there presentation all had many pictures and everyone's presentation went magnificent.

## SPA CLUB

by Temilola

Have you heard about the spa club, if not here are some reasons you should be there. The spa club started as a knitting club until it was noticed to be attended by the introverts often, so they decided to change the name of the club the next school year, so the knitting club became a club where everyone could make friends. It is really important because not everybody is accepted into a particular group but everyone is accepted in spa club, it is a really great club because it is not just selected for a specific group of people, it is to show that everyone belongs somewhere.

## Acadia Basketball Teams excited to get playing! By Coach Maskus

What an exciting time of the year! Basketball Season!

This year, both grade 7 teams had over 60 students try out for each of the Boys and Girls 'Nash' level teams. Students are selected to be on one of two grade 7 teams at Acadia. If a student is not selected for the Nash team, then they are still given the opportunity to play on the "Fox" level team. No wonder Acadia has such a strong reputation as a "Basketball" powerhouse.

All teams work on developing skills, learning the game and playing in competitive games. The major difference between the different levels is that the Nash teams participate in weekend tournaments, where the Fox teams only play weeknight tournaments, with two games in the evening. 7-3 has students playing on ALL of the Grade 7 teams! These students include: Brett, George, Laneah, Eashaar, Arya, Elijah, Omar, Himiksha, Shavaali, and Amara,

### Grade 7 Boys Basketball by George K.

Do you want to know what's happening with the grade 7 A basketball team? Well me, reporter George is here to tell you. On the team are 11 people and started with a lot of players and which also, meant that there was going to be a lot of tryout practices.

The season hasn't started

but the coach says that we look like a potential team, also people didn't care if they made the A or B team, they just wanted to play basketball. Ever since the basketball started, we've had two games and we have lost both but that's the reason we practice what lack on. One

thing that we practice a lot are layups and doing with contact so we can get a foul with the and one. Being on the basketball comes with a lot of responsibility and with one year of experience I think that we dominate next year thank for listening, George out

### Grade 7 Girls basketball By Laneah S

January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020

The team Grade 7 A girls' basketball team have lost their past games and tournaments, but they are improving their skill very fast, practicing 4 times a

week. The team has a game today AJH VS. HJI at Acadia at 4:15, and another game on Thursday January 23<sup>rd</sup> AJH VS. ECS at HJI their game will start at 5:30 the girls will also have a tournament on Friday

and Saturday at George waters.

Good luck girls!



## Movie Review: Frozen II by (HRH) Tis

Don't know what movie to watch? Well guess what? I've got the perfect one! it's "Frozen 2", on the other hand, it perfectly matches the season, and it's the sequel to "Frozen". Frozen 2 brings all your favorite characters

together. Anna, Elsa, Kristoff, Olaf, and Sven leave Arendelle to travel to an ancient autumn-bound forest of an enchanted land. So that they can find the origin of Elsa's powers to save their kingdom. I personally give the

movie a 5 out of 5 because it contains great meaning of love, kindness, and trust.



## Grade 7 Band Concert by Ms. Maskus

The grade 7 Band students have been practicing non stop in preparation for their upcoming band concert on Tuesday January 28th at 7:00pm.

The grade 7's are playing 3 songs and an introduction song. You will enjoy hearing compositions such as "The Lost City", "Dragon Slayer" and many more!

The lost city is a favourite of the students, because of the changes in the key instruments playing. It is a delight for your earbuds!

The grade 7's will begin the show

### Participation By Ms. Maskus

Acadia Jr. High is very excited for our upcoming "Participation" day on Friday, February 7th 2020. the day is filled with students having

selected from a variety of activities (indoor and outdoor) to encourage being active during the winter months. A clear favourite among 7-3 is

going to be the Assiniboine Park Trip, which is run by Ms. Maskus.

We will all be hoping for some beautiful weather.

Be sure to dress appropriately!



**PARTICIPATION**

## Movie and Talent Show by Arya G.

Hey, Acadia, we're going to the movies, for free! Yes, that's right, our school annually goes to the movies on the last day of school (before winter break.) in the morning we go to Kildonan Place's Famous Players. This year, all the grades

saw the very funny Jumanji III. You can make any additional purchases if you wish. We will come back and arrive at the school at period 5. From there on we will watch the talent show for the remainder of the day. However, you can also participate

in the talent show and show Acadia all your spectacular talent you've got! Overall this will be an awesome ended.

At the end of the Talent show, Mrs. Sampson revealed the grade that scored the most points during all of the spirit week activities. For the first time in 10 years, the grade 7's have won!

Let's see if we can win spirit



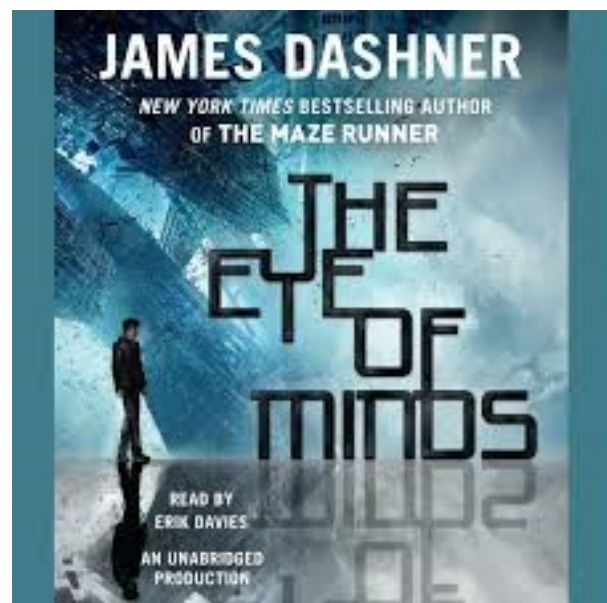
## Book of the

### Decade: The Eye of Minds a book review by Harrison P.

Are you bored?  
Do you have  
nothing to read?  
Then this book is  
for you! The  
book called "The  
Eye of Minds"  
which was made  
James dasher the  
author of the  
maze runner is  
easily the best  
book I have read  
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"Kaine" hacks  
people  
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while there in the VR and  
take out their only thing  
that keeps them alive and  
basically bricks them in-  
side the game forever. The  
main characters Michel,  
Sarah and Bryson are sent  
to stop him and must go  
on a quest to find him, but  
they learn something hor-  
rifying about Kaine but  
that's not as bad as what  
Michael finds about him-  
self... Anyway, this was  
the best book of the dec-  
ade



## Scheifele's 400th Point By: Elijah

On Sunday, December 8th the Jets played against the Anaheim Ducks in the MTS Centre here in Winnipeg where Mark Scheifele scored his 400th point!!!!!!

The game was a close one, the Jets won the game 3-2. Two of the Jet's goals were scored by Mark Scheifele. These two goals made his 400th point in his NHL hockey career. In the first period, the Jets scored their first goal when Kyle Connor back hand passed to Scheifele where he was able to do a quick snap shot and scored making the Jets ahead by one. Mark Scheifele's second goal, and their third goal of the night happened in the third period with less than 5 minutes to go. Scheifele's goal was rifled in from the slot after a nice pass from Laine to Pionk, then Wheeler rifgt to Scheifele during a power play.



This season the Winnipeg Jets have played 33 games. They have won 20, lost 11, and lost 2 games in over time and they are 9th overall in the NHL. They have been doing good so far.

Photo Source: <https://www.timescolonist.com/mark-scheifele-scores-twice-to-lead-winnipeg-jets->

## Bombers vs Ti-Cats: The Grey Cup by Brett D.

Did you watch the grey cup? Well here are my predictions and thoughts after the game. I am predicting that the Bombers will win because they have one of the best shut-down defence on the run. So, if they already shut down the run, they need to pay more attention to the

zone defence. Because the tiger's offence has a good quarterback that can throw deep and complete.

After the game my thoughts were that the bombers played outstanding and the way they needed to. The Bombers RB Andrew Harris Played great as

usual but what is crazy is that he won the MVP of the game and the most valuable Canadian award too! The ending score was 33 Bombers 27 Tigers. Good job Winnipeg!



Photo: Coach Mike O'Shea with the victory Gatorade celebration. Source: country600.com

# Diversions

By: Tori Cabral

## Sudoku

Rules: One number cannot be in the same 6 squares or row.

		<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>		
	<b>2</b>				<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>				<b>6</b>	
	<b>3</b>				<b>5</b>
<b>3</b>				<b>1</b>	
		<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>		

