

The 7-Thr33 Press



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7-3's First Newsletter!

Welcome to 7-3's first newsletter of the 2020-2021 school year! This newsletter will highlight

the many interesting things happening in the class, school, and outside of our Acadia community.

Each student has selected a topic to write about from our brain-

stormed list of topics. We hope that you enjoy learning about all the things we are doing in class!

A lot of our normal routines have been changed due to the pandemic, but these students have been fantastic at making the most of these unknown times

Student Spotlight: Susan By Sara N-M

Seven three's star student is Susan! Susan is a talented learner. She gets her work done 99.99% of the time. Susan went to Ecole St-Avila, and now attends Acadia Junior High, in grade 7. Susan's favorite color is light purple, and her favorite book is "real friends". Susan likes to eat, sleep and breathe. Breathing is her favorite activity. Her favorite movie is anything musical theater, (she wants to watch Hamilton one day.) Her favorite season is summer. I asked Susan if she wanted to change something about school, and she said she wishes that, "everyone doesn't have to wear masks!" And I strongly agree. She dances for fun! Susan says her dream job would be either a designer or a professional cook. Also, I asked Susan how she feels about how we raised over \$200 for Terry Fox and she said she was happy for us getting one more patient cured of cancer. Then I asked her if you can change something about Covid what it would be? She said that she wishes Covid would disappear. She is such a good friend. So, now you see why she is 7-3's star student!



Book Bingo Winner Tamir!

Book Bingo

By Ms. Maskus

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 read outside of the class for 15 minutes (or outside by the window if the weather is nice). 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 line, anyway. So, congratulations to the winner

Tamir, 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 reading and learning along the way.

The Most Dangerous Tools in Applied Arts—Shukan S.



(Above) A Very Safe
Woodshop!

There are a lot of tools in Applied Arts which are all good for different purposes. One thing for sure they all can harm you if not used properly. Some can decapitate humans while others

can chop fingers. The most dangerous tool in woods is a table saw. There are more than 40 000 accidents an year. Some accidents include falling off a ladder and their back hits the running blade of the table saw or hitting their head on the table saw. The most dangerous tool in electronics is the chop saw. It's a saw with an open rotating blade which can cut steel in seconds. You may get your fingers chop your fingers

off. The most dangerous tool in foods is a knife. There are more than 320 000 accidents an year. So there you go the most dangerous tools in Applied Arts. I hope you learnt something from this article. Under the instruction of Mr.Coe, Mr.Nardella, and Ms. Pawluk , I guarantee you that you will be safe. Stay safe, especially with these tools.

Terry Fox Run By Tara O.

Hey! Today I'm going to be talking about Terry Fox in 7-3! Anyways, you may have noticed chalk in front of the school and Dalhousie Forest at one point. On September 30th, we went on a Terry Fox walk! Our class did research on quotes and information about him to

write in chalk on the sidewalk. So even in November, it may seem like a weird time to be talking about Terry Fox, but it's still great to know what he did for Canada! Besides the walk, we also did a fundraiser and we earned over \$200! Our teacher offered



prizes as milestones to help promote the fundraiser. \$200 would get us a Kings Park Day, a class pet (a fish/crab) and a Slurpee run to 7/11! Today, we just got the crab and we're currently voting for a name on Edsby.

Orange Shirt Day by Ayaz A.

On September 28th, every single year, We acknowledge Orange Shirt Day. There was a girl named Phyllis. Her grandmother bought her a new orange shirt. Her teacher cut her hair, and stripped

her of the shirt and she never saw her shirt again. This happened to the Indigenous People in Canada. The Indigenous are the First People of Canada. We recognize the day as

a way to make up for the damage caused to Phyllis and all indigenous people. On Sept 28th, be sure to wear an orange shirt.



Pictured Right: Staff all wearing the orange shirt

Image Source: ctvnews.ca/canada/every-child-matters

Art Class by Keisha P.

Mrs. McKeil is our art teacher in room 103. Art happens four times a cycle for 7-3. These are our Halloween sculptures. The clay we use is model magic. It is really fun to use. Lots of students made pumpkins and scary faces. After, we paint the sculptures.

This is a colour wheel. It has opposite colours. They are in the shape of an eye. The hardest part is matching your skin colour! We made the skin colour test strips and wove them into hearts.

Art is important because it helps people relax, helps you be creative and helps you express yourself.

Student Art Work from Grade 7



Top: Model Magic Sculptures
(Halloween Themed)

Top Right: Skin Colour Study,
woven hearts (Water colour)

Right: Eye Colour Wheel

Photo Credit: Ms. Maskus



Math Class by Jessica L.

Hello parents this paragraph is about our math class. The students in 7-3 are really good at math. Mathematics is actually a very versatile subject, but the learning process is a bit difficult and you need a lot of practice. Here is what 7-3 is learning in math now! Let's get started.

For now we are learning dividing decimals, before

we've learned multiply decimal and place value. We have exercises choosing topics from the text book. Don't worry if you don't get enough exercise. We also learned many fun facts about math, for example, a number divided by a number smaller than one is bigger than the original numbers. And we get a lot of strategy prob-

lems, like the "window Strategy" and long division. Our math class is not as boring as the classes I had in China. We have a lot of fun math games to play such as a multiplying and adding game, "SKUNK", "Closest to one" Ultimate tic-tac-toe. It's not just about playing games and having fun, but also about getting a lot of practice.

To sum up, we have learned multiplying decimals, place value, and dividing decimals. We have a lot of games to play with, oh and don't forget to practice. We have a math test this week!

300 Nights by Simone E.

"300 nights" is about indigenous children that were forced to go to residential schools. In the schools they were tortured, starved, and beaten if they disobeyed or had spoken in their native language. The schools stole their pride and culture. Over 28,000 kids were not able to make out of the schools alive.

The reason we take the time to recognize residential school survivors is to learn from our past mistakes and to honor them. Seven three students are going to honor them by writing a song or poem, learning 300 words in their native language, educating others about this topic, etc. I hope you will find this sum-



mary useful and take some time out of your day to honor the people who were not able to get through it.

Phyllis Webstat stayed in an Indian Residential school for 300 nights. 7-3 is commemorating her time spent without her family through a class project.

Spirit Week —By NavVeer S.

The best 4 days of the 2020 school year have been Oct. 27-Oct.30. Why you ask, because of spirit week! Acadia Junior High decided to create a spirit week because starting on Nov. 2; the school is going to blended learning. Because of this, the staff are trying to make this final week of school very fun and enjoyable. How they did this was by assigning a

theme for every day. For instance, Tuesday was pyjama day, Wednesday was sports day, Thursday was Acadia colors day and Friday was costume day! Everybody enjoyed dressing up for spirit week. Another exciting activity we did was the Halloween Kahoot that the whole school participated in.

Finally-saving the best thing for last-there are going to be prizes for the class with the highest percentage of students dressed up for spirit week. Another way to get prizes is to be the class that wins the Halloween Kahoot. The classes that won the prizes were: 7-7 for dressing up and 9-3 for winning the Kahoot. Spirit Week sure was awesome!



7-3 Spirit Week: Friday
October 30th 202

Top: Spooky Gouls

Right: Class Pic

Bottom: Medieval
Queen and Batman



The hardest working
band teacher: Mr. Fer-
guson, during the at
home Band class on
Teams

Band! Everyone's Favourite Class by Vanya B.

Band is by far the best subject – no offence math and science! Of course it's the best, we've got the music, we've got the theory, and of course, we've got the cheesy dad jokes! It is also awesome because of our outstanding band teachers, Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Thomas. But don't be fooled, band isn't just jokes and laughs, it is also very important. It is important, because many students who may not do as well in school, excel in music, which may give them a feeling of accomplishment. Playing music can also be very relaxing, it gives you a break from all that learning and school-work. Due to covid-19 we started the year by playing our instruments outside, but as the weather gets colder, we started staying inside to do theory more often. We like doing theory inside, but we miss going outside to play our instruments, we miss getting the chance to make music with our peers. Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Thomas are making staying inside very fun with their relatable stories and lessons, but we hope to play our instruments soon.



Remembrance Day... A Different Way

By: Chenci S.

What Will We Do on Remembrance Day Without an Assembly?

Remembrance Day is a military memorial day to remember and honour the soldiers who have died in the line of duty. Traditionally, there will be an assembly held by our school in the gym.

However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this year will be different. Instead of gathering everyone to attend the assembly, our teachers and staff have some creative ideas to make that day special. To find out what plans the school has for that day, I asked Ms. Hagman to answer my questions. According to Ms. Hagman's information, there will be two novelties for all the students to participate in.

The first is, the band teachers and Ms. Hagman are going to film a video for all of us to watch no matter where you are.

Secondly, a link to the video will be posted on the homepage of Acadia. Besides, all of the students will be acquired to watch it at 11:00 am at home.

Even though we will have a Remembrance Day Without an assembly, we are still going to have a way to show our respect to the men and women who served and sacrificed for our country.



Image Source: https://www.vmcnd.ca/f/files/halifaxtoday/images/holidays/110817-remembrance-day-adobestock_163292658.jpeg;w=960

Fun Math Games to Play at Home By: Claire F.

Ms.Maskus taught us a math game called skunk. First each student gets a chart. Two dice are rolled. You decide to stand when the dice are rolled. You collect points this way. If you choose to sit, you don't get any points. If doubles are rolled you lose all of your points. If a one is rolled you lose your points in that round. You need at least 3 people to play skunk. We played skunk at the beginning of the year in math

class. In our class Ire, Mark, Tara, and Sara have won skunk! Who will won next? Skunk will help you learn math because you are adding or multiplying the numbers. It's a fun way to practice! Games help our class come together, But also learn in a fun way.

* See Diversions for copies and instructions for the math games of 7-3

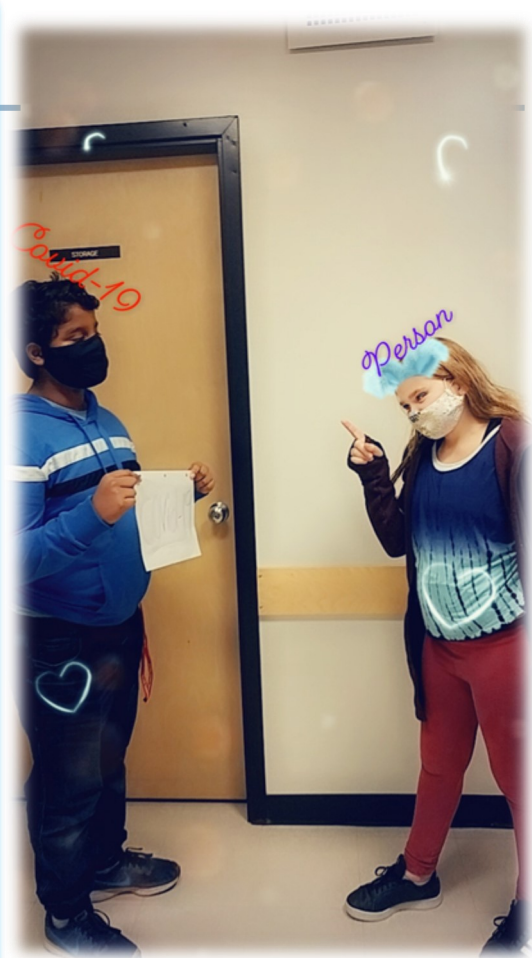
A Student Perspective of Covid-19 by Kasey C.

Have you ever wondered what it was like to be a middle schooler during covid-19? Well, I'm here to let you in on all the information you need to know. I did a survey of 7-3 on how easy or hard it would be to learn during split classes and part time online schooling, 70% said it would be harder, 20% said it

would be easier and 10% said it would be the same. Now for a student's perspective that really caught my attention." So now where doing split classes you know what I kind of like it you know now that's there's no kid behind me screaming in my ear... MASKS!!!!!!!!!!!! Don't

even get me started on masks. Look I know they keep you safe and all but I'm starting to get bad acne and my glasses always get fogged up. Oh, ya and in addition to this I'm happy because I'm with good friend of mine so that's fun." Well, that was the student's perspective.

Pictured Right:
The new Normal.
Accessorizing with
a mask.
Far Right: Students
doing a good job
of keeping the
virus at bay!



Physical Education Class by Sajid K.

We play soccer

Run for 5 minutes

Dance instructs us to play soccer. Mrs. picks our team for us. We play soccer until the end of the class. My team always wins by the way. After



we're done we head inside. Go inside and rest for three minute. You get dismissed for

your next class...

"Our class with learn responsibility and respect for living things through taking care of our Hermit Crab"

Meet our newest classmate! By Ms. Maskus

When the students reached their Terry Fox fundraising goal, I thought they'd choose the free period on the computers, or the week with no homework... but the students of 7-3 opted to get a class pet. Despite my trying to steer them towards the classic Beta Fish, they unanimously agreed on a hermit crab!

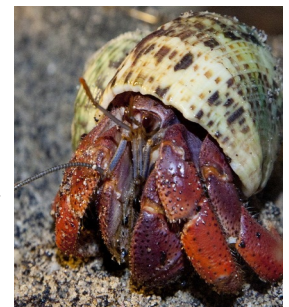
Our hermit crab joined 7-3 on Monday November 9th, and has settled nicely into his new home. I bought the hermit crab "used" after

trying to locate one in pet stores all over the city. They are kinda difficult to find! And I can see why! They are such an enjoyable little life to have around the class.

Hermes (as I affectionately refer to him as) loves to climb, borough and dig. He is very active in the early evenings and early mornings, making a couple appearences in the school day, and then hiding for the rest of the day. He requires a humidity over 70% and enjoys a tropical temperature of 22-29 degrees

celcius.

He has two small pools of water, one is treated with calcium, and the other is a salt water solution. I am hoping that he is enjoying his new home, and that our class can learn responsibility and respect for living things in helping to take care of Hermes (aka: Mr. Krabs, aka, Timothy Shell-omay, aka Kermit the Hermit...



French Class By Elisha K-P

A grade s favourite is FrenchWhich is all-thanks to Mr Buss

Why you ask is because he's funny helpful and most of all knows a lot about French

We get an opportunity to speak the language for example

Mr Buss; Comment tu t'apples

Me: Je m'apple (name)

Mr Buss: Quel est âge as-tu (age)

You get the point

It's important that everyone speaks French because you can connect with other people in other communities and in other countries it's a fun language if you actually make it fun

Movie Review: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader By Ire R.

Adventure, Enchantment, temptation, and betrayal are just a few of the events in the movie: Chronicles of Narnia: Adventures of the dawn treader. In this movie the characters: King Caspian, high king Edmund, and high queen Lucy get recalled to Narnia to help find a series of

lords and to unknowingly defeat the evil which lies behind the mist. In an interesting turn of events, unlikely heroes emerge, which makes us realize that even the most helpless person

can do great things. The kings and queen/kid are trying to reach the end of the world, Aslan's kingdom and see what lies beyond, I recommend this for anyone willing to get lost in the intrigue, excitement, and chicanery of



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Maskusbooktalk

Maskusmorningmeeting

Maskusmath

Maskusreadaloud

Enter in your id:

firstname (no caps)

Now you're ready to flip the grid!

How to Use Flipgrid

Through out this Chaotic Pandemic School year(s), teachers have been relying on useful online tools to help with the transition to online learning. Typically, I try to limit online platforms that we use to 5. One of

By Ms. Maskus

the best websites that I include in my top 5, online platforms is Flipgrid!

Flipgrid is a web based site (an app is available too) which records videos. This videos can be re-

sponded to with another video, so it's like having a conversation recorded as you go. We have used flipgrid to be able to continue our morning meetings and keep our class connected, despite being separated into two groups. I hope you love Flipgrid as much as I do!



Flipgrid

Science Class: Building Structures by Ms. Maskus

The students of 7-3 are getting ready for their end of unit project! To get ready to build our bridges and structures, we learned about the different kinds of structures, and had a little structure vs structure Olympics!

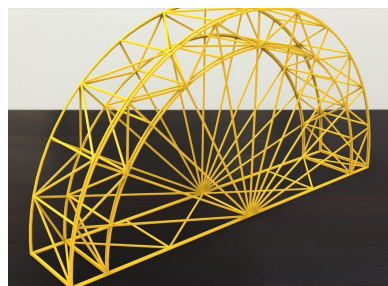
Each student made a frame, shell and mass structure, and we tested each prototype for strength, height and volume. We came to the conclusion that each form was better

than the other structures in one category. After all of our tests, we put it to a vote! Which was the “Gold Medal” Structure that 7-3 voted for?

With the bronze medal, Frame Structures (What? Guess you all don’t like living in houses!)

Silver medal goes to mass structures. We love how strong they are! And the Gold medal goes to Shell Structures!

We are looking forward to putting our knowledge to the test in our final projects!

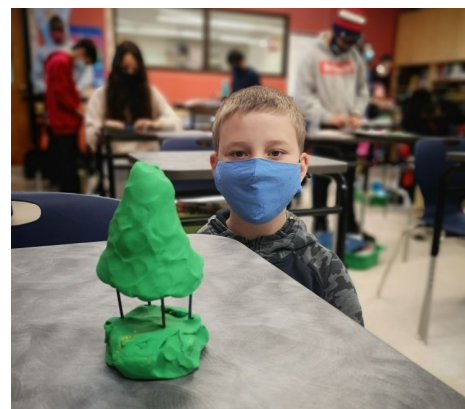


Pictured below (Left to Right):

Kasey has a “Mass”-ive headache!

What the “Shell” is up with Naveer’s thumb?!

A mini Gazebo Frame house



.Morning Meeting with 7-3 by Susan L.

Morning meeting (which is the best part of the day) is what 7-3 starts the day with. It is something we all participate in (almost) everyday, since the first day of school. The main purpose of morning meeting is to get to know each other a little more, grow as a class, and talk about stuff that is going on in the world. As we progress more as a class, we will start talking about important aspects in our own lives, and global issues. Morning meeting always starts with a greeting activity a classmate chooses. Some of our all time favorite greetings are, telephone greeting, or just plain and simple popcorn

greeting. One time when we played telephone greeting, Sara started and whispered, "good morning 7-3", and at the end it turned out to be ABRA-CADABRA! Which gave everyone a pretty good laugh. The student who is running each task is always determined on the whiteboard. Once greeting has ended we move on to the next task called book talk! Book talk is exactly what it seems like, you give a short presentation about a book you have read before. The student running book talk has an option to present their book talk in the class live or film a video on Flip grid beforehand. Once the student has finished their little

presentation, the class moves on to share, which is the next task. Share is where a student gives a short summary about a science related, or current event article, or they can talk about something on the news they've heard about recently. Once they have given a short summary, they also ask an open question about the topic for the class to discuss. The last and best part about morning meeting is activity! Activity is where a student chooses a game for the class to play. Some of our favorites are. ZAP, the number game, or never have I ever. Once we've finished the game, Ms. Maskus wraps up the meeting and we take our seats. Now you know how superior morning meeting is and why we like it so much, since we got all the amusing activities, maybe your class could try it out once



What's Happening in the National Sports Leagues? - By Tamir K.

This is a recap of major sports leagues in the crazy 2020 season! On March 11th the NBA stopped and shut down due to Covid. Fast forward to May 30th the NBA re-opens in the Orlando bubble. A lot of teams showed change, but the Los Angeles Lakers came out on top winning the championship. Everyone expected the Los Angeles Clippers to win it all, but the Lakers prevailed. The MLB season that was supposed to start in March got kicked back all the way to July. The MLB re opened but there was a catch. Instead of them playing 300 games, they ended up only playing 150 games. Out of those 150 games and the playoffs, the Los Angeles Dodgers Prevailed and won their first championship in 32 years! On March 12th, the NHL announced that they're going to stop the season due to Covid until further notice. They re-opened in a bubble in Edmonton for the western teams and Toronto for eastern teams. At the end two teams from both bubbles (Tampa bay lightning and the Dallas stars) went to play the finals in Edmonton, Alberta. In the end though, it was The Tampa Bay Lightning winning the championship. I hope this article showed you how important sports are ,especially in a time like this for entertainment and distracting people from events happening outside!



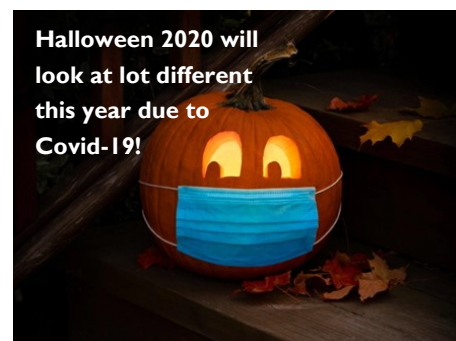
Pictured above: Labron "King" James, after winning the 2020 NBA Championship with the LA Lakers.

Photo Credit: <https://bleacherreport.com/articles/2910962-nba-finals-2020-heat-vs-lakers-schedule-odds-and-early-preview>

Halloween by Jylee S.

What do I think I'll do on Halloween? I will be at my dad's house and have lots of fun with my dad, sister and my step siblings. I won't have a costume so the most I will have of a costume is paper

claws. We might have a party if it's not too dark outside. My sister and I will play outside and wait for the blue moon because there is supposed to be a blue moon in the sky on Halloween night. I am looking forward to



seeing it. The last thing my sister and I will do is watch a scary movie. Halloween will be different this year but I am still excited!

Math Games to Play at Home!

Closest to 1

You can play this game with a partner. Partner A rolls one dice.

Roll	Tenths (.1)	Hundredths (.01)
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		
8		
Total		

Roll	Tenths	Hundredths
1		
2		
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7		
8		
Total		

Both players choose which column to put that number value in (either in the tenths or the hundredths)

Player B rolls one dice. Each player chooses which column to put their number.

Repeat for 8 rolls in total. The player closest to the one wins!

*** Hint: It is best to add up the sum of your columns as you go!

Complete the game without using a calculator!


Puzzle No. 190261, 5X5, easy 00:00:07 OFF PAUSE				
2÷		2-		5
2-		20×		2÷
6+	2÷	3		
		10+	2-	2-
4				

Ken Ken:

Fill the 5 x 5 grid with the numbers 1-5. The numbers do not repeat in the rows or columns. The result of the blackened borders are indicated with the operation and number in the top of the blackened area. (For example: 20x means that three number multiply together to make 20.


You can play KenKen online at <http://www.kenkenpuzzle.com/game>, and customize the game to suit your level! Happy Ken-Ken-ing!

Make a table that looks like this:



Game of SKUNK

S	K	U	N	K



How to play

- There are 5 rounds in SKUNK, one for each letter.
- The goal is to try to get as many points in each round for the highest total score
- Before the roll of a pair of dice you will choose to STAND or SIT. If you sit you do not earn any points for that round, but you also cannot lose any points. If you choose to sit, you cannot stand back up until the round is over.
- A round ends when a 1, or doubles are rolled, or if everyone decides to sit down.

How to EARN Points

- You must be standing BEFORE the dice are rolled
- You add (or sometimes multiply) the two numbers showing on the dice.
- You add the total in the column
- You add the totals of all your columns for your final score!

How you LOSE your points

- If a 1 is rolled and you are standing, you lose your points in that round.
- If doubles are rolled and you are standing then you lose ALL the points you have earned in the game so far!

Diversions

By: Tori (2019 7-3 Alumni)

Sudoku

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

		3	6		
	2				4
5				6	
	3				5
3				1	
		1	4		

