

MARCH 2025



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SCHOOL

Website

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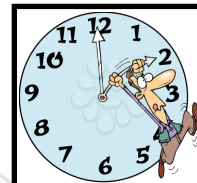
Parent—Teacher meetings will take place from 4:15—6:30 on March 13th and 9:00-12:00 on March 14th.

Appointments will be booked online at <http://www.parentinterviews.com/benito-school>

There is a link on the Benito School Website



Kindergarten graduation photos will be taken on March 20th. We will let you know what time at a later date.



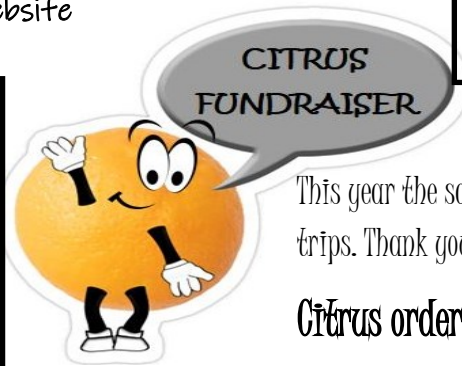
Mar 9, 2025 - Daylight Saving Time Starts

Turn clocks ahead 1 hour.

Hot Lunch March 21st



Taco In A Bag! Forms are due March 18th. Late forms will not be accepted!



This year the school made over \$1800 for our school field trips. Thank you to everyone that helped make this a success!

Citrus orders will be here March 11th!

Spirit Week



March 24th-28th



March is Perfect Attendance Month

Daily school attendance is important for all students. Students who attend school regularly are more engaged in learning, have a greater sense of belonging to the community and are more likely to obtain a high school diploma. Did you know that even missing school 2 days a month a student misses the equivalent of one month of school a year?

Parent Teacher Conferences

March 13th 4:15-6:30 & March 15th 9:00-12:00



<http://www.parentinterviews.com/benito-school>

Creating an Account

1. Go to the address for your school: [http://www.parentinterviews.com/\[your-school-name\]](http://www.parentinterviews.com/[your-school-name])

The specific address will have been provided by your school. If you don't already have the URL please contact your school.

2. Click the **Create New Account** button.
3. Enter your name, email address, phone number, and choose a password.
4. Click **Continue**.

Adding a child to your account

1. Click **My Account** from the main menu.
2. Click **My Children** from the dropdown menu.
3. Click **Add Child**.
4. Complete the *First Name* and *Last Name* fields.
5. Click **Continue**.

If you are unable to book online please contact the teacher to make an appointment.

Scheduling Appointments

1. Click **Make Appointments** from the main menu.
2. Add a *Student* to your account by completing the form.
 - if you have already added student(s) to your account you won't see this step
3. Select the *Student(s)* you would like to book appointments for from the list.
4. Choose a date, or a specific timespan, from the available options.
5. Choose the *Teacher(s)* which you would like to meet with from the available options.
 - if you are scheduling appointments for more than one *Student* this step will be repeated
6. For each *Teacher*, use the dropdown menus to select from the available appointment times.
7. Click **Continue** to reserve your appointment times.

OPTIS Help Center.



Parents

Guides for parents



Teachers

Guides for teachers



Administrators

Guides for administrators



Monday March 24th—**Hat Day**

Wear your favourite or unique hat.



Tuesday March 25th—**Wacky Tacky Day**

Wear mismatched and outrageous outfits.

Wednesday March 26th—**Grade Colour Wars**



Kindergarten, grade 1 & Grade 2 wear **red**

Grades 3&4 wear **blue**

Grades 5&6 wear **yellow/orange**

Grades 7&8 wear **green**

Staff wear white



Thursday March 27th—**Emoji Day**

Draw/colour/ cut-out your favourite emoji and tape it to your shirt



Friday March 28th—**Pajama Day**

Wear PJs and bring your stuffy

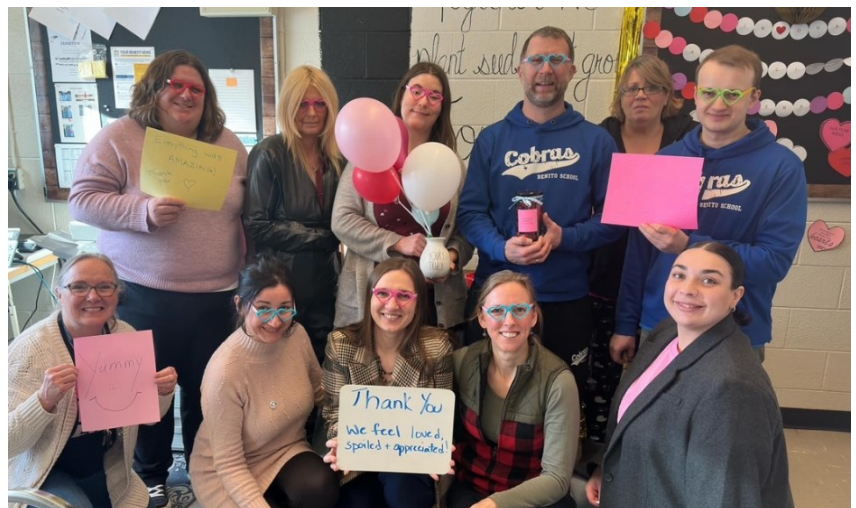
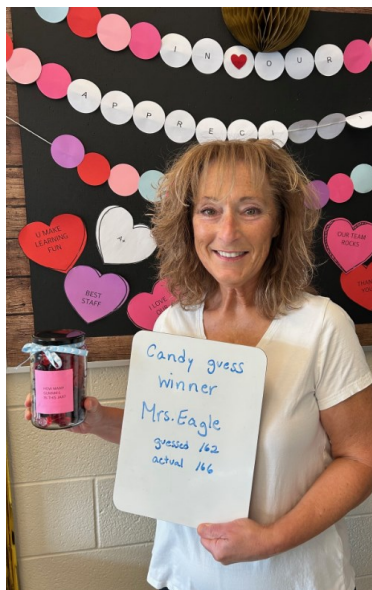
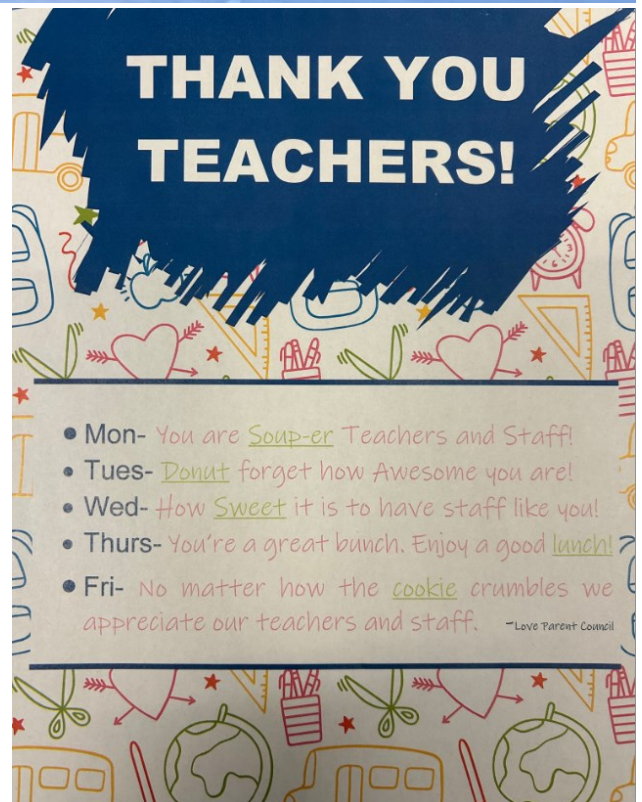
Also... **Escape the School for Spring Break!!**

Support Staff will be hosting a series of escape rooms on March 28th for teachers and students in the afternoon.

Hopefully they can escape and not spend Spring break at school!!

THANK YOU

Benito School Parent Council



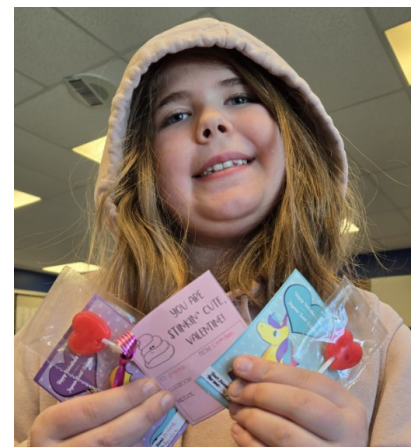
Grades 3&4



The Grade 3/4 Class has been studying the North. Check out our exhibit at the Benito Library.



Benito School applied for and received 4 book sets of decodable books (80 books in all) call Cedar School Books. This was made possible through Dyslexia Canada who received a donation from Kyndryl that was able to provide this for our school. Decodable books focus on certain concept/rule and that coordinates with our new UFLI curriculum we have been using in the early grades.



THANK YOU FOR THE SALADS

GROWING TOGETHER

Have you ever wondered how fresh lettuce grows in the middle of winter? Thanks to SVSD and Partners, our schools now have their very own indoor hydroponic farm—a system that grows fresh, healthy greens all year long!

FRESH, LOCAL GREENS SVSD GROWCER PROJECT

LOCALLY GROWN

WITH OUR PARTNERS

We're excited to introduce the SVSD Growcer Project, a new initiative bringing fresh, locally grown produce to our students!

Thanks to the indoor hydroponic farm at the SVRSS, we can grow crisp, nutritious greens all year long—right here in our community.

With the support of the Kinsmen's Feeding the Future Fund, this initiative is helping ensure students have access to healthy, local food while also giving them the opportunity to learn about farming, sustainability, and nutrition.

Bi-weekly, SVSD Tiger's Café will be preparing pre-portioned salads for K-8 students to enjoy alongside their lunch. The program is designed to introduce students to fresh, nutritious food in a fun and accessible way. At first, not every child may be eager to try it, but we will encourage them to give it a go—healthy habits often start when they see their friends enjoying something new!

Important Notes for Parents:

- ✓ This is not a meal replacement—the salad is meant to complement the lunch your child brings.
- ✓ This program is also an educational experience, allowing students to explore where their food comes from.
- ✓ This is a trial program—we may adjust portions or schedules based on feedback and feasibility.

We're looking forward to seeing how this program grows—both in the classroom and on our plates!

A big **THANK YOU** to our partners and school community for supporting this exciting initiative.



The Benito School has been receiving 65 packaged salads every 2 weeks at no cost to us from the SVSD Growcer program



Candy Grams



Benito School's Snack Connoisseurs hosted a Valentines Day fundraiser to raise money for the Benito school band program (50% of the proceeds go to the band, 50% go to the club).



Grade 5/6 Poetry - The Meaning of Home

Home by Aiden Dickson

Home is a place where I feel warm and safe,
A shelter of love, a comforting space.
Home is where kindness surrounds me with care,
A place full of laughter that's always there.

Home is the bond that no distance can break,
The memories we build, the moments we make.
It's where we come together, no matter the day,
A haven of peace that won't fade away.

Home isn't just walls, a roof, or a floor,
It's the love in our hearts and so much more.
Wherever we are, wherever we roam,

My home by Emmitt Keller

Home is the place we need to be,
Home is the place for you and me.
Home is the place everyone should know,
A warm, safe space where love will grow.

Home has feelings, a house does not,
A house might be cold, or even hot.
But home is warm with love and care,
A healing place for hearts to share.

With pets and friends, be kind, stay true,
For kindness brings the best to you.
Home is the treasure we all should find,

Home by Andrew Lylyk

My home is a feeling, an unbreakable bond,
A place in my heart that I'll always hold fond.
No matter where life may take me away,
Home will walk with me, guiding my way.

From the door in the village that welcomed with love,
To the warmth of its heart, like the skies up above.
When I start something new, old memories arise,
Filling my mind with joy, lighting my eyes.

I know what home means may be different for you,
But to me, it's a place where love feels true.
It's more than four walls, a roof, or a space,
It's where I belong, my own special place.

Home is where I can let everything fall,
Laugh with my family and forget it all.
It's where I'm cherished, where I feel free,
A part of my soul, forever with me.

Home is where my heartbeat resides,
A constant companion, my life's guide.

Home by Hailey Stenberg

Home is something worth fighting for,
A place where I can love things more.
Home is a place that rests in my heart,
No matter how far we are apart.
Home, special or not, still belongs to me.
When I'm at home, I'm free.
Home is all I ask for.
I don't know what I could ever want more.
Every time I open the door,
I feel more love than ever before.
I love the creek at the top of my stair.
I enjoy my creek as the wind blows air.
I love my walls, so wide and tall.
I always know they will never fall.
Home is not just a place to eat or sleep.

Home by Richden Long

My home is a place where love thrives,
A place where we laugh and sometimes cry.
My mom is an island, happy and free,
And my dad is proud of our family.
My two sisters, curious and full of grace,
Are pretty mysteries I love to embrace.
I hope those around us come to realize
That not everyone is as fortunate as I.
That's why I wrote this poem to say:
A home is a place to enjoy each day,
To care for one another, and always be kind,
A place where love and safety you will find.

Home is where I love to be by Mason Fuchs

At home, I play on my Switch all day,
Building worlds where wolves run and play.
With Lego bricks, I create my dreams,
Castles and towers, and flowing streams.

Ozzy, my dog, is my best friend,
His wagging tail never seems to end.
We chase and laugh in the yard so wide,
With him, there's no need to hide.

My stuffies sit neatly on my bed,
Their soft, warm hugs fill my head.

Home is where the heart is by Trista Woytkiw

Home is the scent of fresh-baked bread,
A warmth that lingers as it's spread.
The tired smile of Mom at night,
Her eyes still filled with gentle light.

It's brothers jokes, sisters cheer,
The kind of laughter you hold dear.
The walls may stand, the roof may shield,
But love's the strength that home will yield.

Home is not just bricks or floor,
It's memories that mean much more.
A place where every heart can stay,

Reading Month.

On the first day of February, we did the reading
we could read and win a prize to see who read t
and by the end of the month of February. By the
the most books and to see how many minutes t
month, and they would get a prize by the most r
by the end of Friday.

From: Reyna Taylor Benito school student.



DOWNHILL SKIING

Hi PARENTS/GUARDIANS

THE GRADES 5-8 WENT SKIING ON FEBRUARY 27, 2025. IT WAS SO MUCH FUN AND SUCH A NICE DAY TO GO SKIING. WE WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU TO DUCK MOUNTAIN FOR PROVIDING A HOT DOG AND A DRINK. THANK YOU TO THE PARENT COUNCIL FOR COVERING THE \$15 FOR EACH STUDENT. ANOTHER THANK YOU TO OUR BUS DRIVER DENNIS FOR DRIVING US TO AND FROM DUCK MOUNTAIN WHICH WAS ABOUT AN HOUR DRIVE. THANK YOU TO THE PARENTS AND CHAPERONES THAT CAME WITH.

TREDEN-CADE

CANDY GRAMS

The Candy Grams the G.S.C sold were a huge success! Thank you to all who supported this fundraiser. We raised \$100 to put toward the Benito band program. The Good Students Club plans on hosting more fundraisers in the future, we thank you for your support!

-Katie

Basketball valley champs

We left Benito to the high school at 9:15 to play basketball against division teams. The teams were Minitonas, Bowsman, Ecole, we started to play at 10:30 and lost that game and the second game was at 11:15 and we lost that one as well and then we had lunch after that. Our last game was good but we lost, and every one that went were Jaxson, Burkley, Bryce, Kashton, Hunter, Mason and we left at 3:00pm.

By Hunter

//8 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The kids that went from our school were Jaxson, Kashton, and Burkley It happened on Saturday February 22. We did not have enough people for a Benito team, so we joined a Minitonas team. We played three games before lunch and after lunch it was playoffs and, we played two games in the playoffs. The games had 10-minute halves and with two timeouts. It started 9:30 and went to 6:00 We all had a lot of fun, and we hope they invite us again.

By Burkley

THUNDERHILL PRESENTS



SLALOM & BOARDERCROSS EXPLAINED

- BOARDERCROSS IS A RACE WITH 4 PARTICIPANTS IN EACH HEAT OF YOUR AGE CATEGORY RACE DOWN A RUN SIMULTANEOUSLY
- 1ST PLACE WINNER OF EACH HEAT RACES UNTIL 1ST, 2ND AND 3RD PLACE IS DETERMINED
- SLALOM IS A RACE DOWN A RUN, WEAVING BETWEEN BLUE AND RED POLES
- BEST TIME IN EACH AGE CATEGORY PLACES 1ST, 2ND, 3RD

MARDI GRAS SUN, MARCH 9TH



REGISTER FOR RACES AT THUNDERHILL BY 11:30 AM

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CANADIAN RED CROSS BABYSITTING

BY *Prairie First Aid Training*







DEADLINE MARCH 23RD, TO REGISTER VISIT OUR WEBSITE: WWW.PRAIRIEFIRSTAIDTRAINING.COM

Offers basic first aid and caregiving skills for youth 11-15 years old. Participants learn how to provide care to children in a variety of age groups, and how to prevent and respond to emergencies. The course also offers youth the skills to promote themselves as babysitters to prospective families.

Learn Virtually over zoom
When: April 3rd & 4th 2025
9:00am-12:00pm
\$65.00/student

Student manual and course package, will be mailed prior to the course. There will be an assignment to do between sessions

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THUNDERHILL MARDI GRAS



SUNDAY, MARCH 9TH

50/50 DRAW

ENTER TO WIN A PRIZE WHEN YOU REGISTER FOR A RACE

EGG HUNT

Delicious TH Kitchen Special

BOARDERCROSS RACES  **SLALOM RACES**

DRESS UP IN YOUR FAVORITE COSTUME

What's Happening at the Benito Library...



We have new movies and books for both children and adults. Come in today and borrow them out.

Story Hour Wednesdays 1030am to 11:15am. Ages 3 to 5. Make some crafts, reading, and play games.

Everyone is welcomed to come and see grades 3&4 school project of "The North" displayed at Benito Library.

FREE WIFI

Public Computers: 1 hour = \$1.00

30 min = \$0.50