



# HongDe Elementary School

## 洪德中英文雙語小學

### MESSAGE FROM OUR ACTING PRINCIPAL:

Dear HongDe Community,

#### Happy Year of the Rabbit (兔年快樂)!

Our newsletters are back! We want to keep our HongDe community of parents/guardians updated with what our students are learning and being taught at school. We will brief the events taking place as well as the curriculum in each classroom in our monthly newsletters.

In order to ensure our school and students are more environmentally friendly and responsible, starting March 2023, we are implementing composting. Our students are asked and taught to bring left over food home in order to reduce food waste. We will teach and guide them through the importance of green, black, and blue bins.

This month, our Grade K/1 class will continue to focus on geometric shapes, and their cross-curriculum subjects include Math, Art, and Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies (ADST). Students have been asked to complete a project on geometric shapes while demonstrating their mathematical, artistic, and ADST skills. Our Grade 2/3 class will continue to focus on shapes in a mathematical aspect where they explore the attributes of 2D and 3D shapes as well as creating a range of patterns. In English Language Arts, they will focus on learning how to plan and write their own stories. Our Grade 4/5 class will continue to learn the impact and importance of immigration in Canada, and how the human digestive system works. Sue, our Mandarin teacher, utilizes gamification that coincides with traditional Chinese stories, songs, and arts to captivate students' engagement, interest, and involvement in the traditional Chinese culture. Activities they have done includes: making Couplets Clip (兔子頭"春"聯), learning the story of *Nian* (年的故事), Yuan Xiao Festival (元宵節)/ Lantern Festival, making lanterns with rabbits (兔子燈), and Chinese glutinous rice balls/tang yuan (搓湯圓).

#### Events Taking Place in March 2023:    Look Ahead:

March 7, 2023	Lockdown Drill	June 16, 2023	Report Cards and Core Competency Self-assessment
March 13-24, 2023	Spring Break	June 23, 2023	Parent Teacher Conference on phone (5-10 minutes)

We have implemented a new way for parents/guardians to communicate with our HongDe front desk, and that is through our WeChat: 洪德中英文雙語

Please continue to complete a daily health check with your child(ren). If your child(ren) is sick or unwell, they need to stay home. We all play an important part in preventing the spread of illnesses, including COVID-19, in our community.

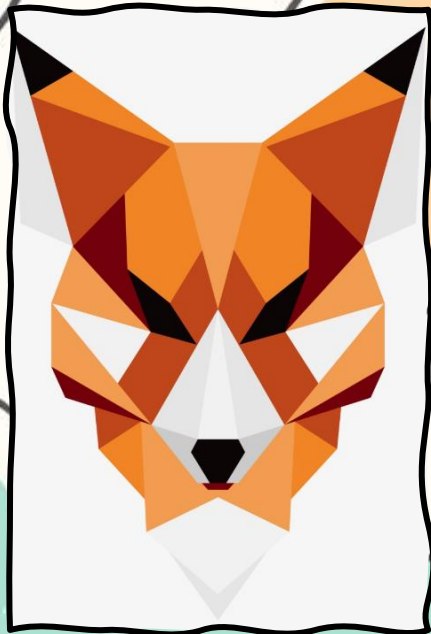
From all the teachers and staff members at HongDe Elementary School, we hope you and your family stay warm and dry during the cold, rainy weather.

Warm regards,

Acting Principal



**Grade K/1 – Ms. Chin**







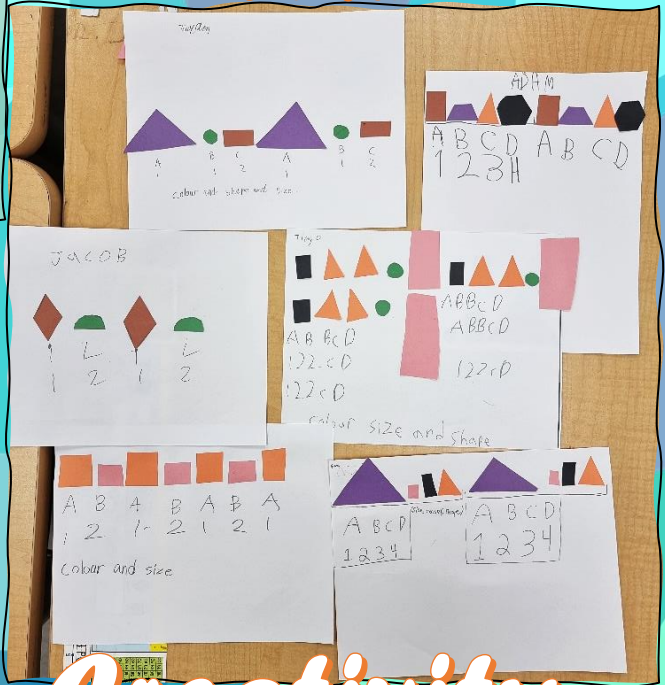
***Grade 2/3 – Ms. Sanfilippo***





# Storytelling

# Fun!!



# Creativity







*Grade 4/5 – Mr. Treacy*





# Mandarin – Ms. Chang



# March 2023 School Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 Lockdown Drill	8	9	10	11
12	13 SPRING BREAK	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 SPRING BREAK ENDS!	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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