



John J. Sark Memorial School Newsletter

May 2026 – Etqoljewiku’s



Principal’s Message

Kwe’ JJSMS families

Weli - Etqoljewiku’s! I can’t believe we’re heading into the last two months of the school year! We had a busy April here at JJSM School! The grade 5/6 class hosted the Heritage Fair, featuring projects on Mi’kmaq cultures and participated in the Provincial Heritage Fair! Wela’liog to all the students for their hard work and for sharing their learning with others.

Pentmuiku’s (April) is birds-laying month. Students have been learning about **wa’wl (eggs)** and **sisip’k (birds)**. We have been talking about animals that lay eggs, nest building, and identifying and naming the different sisip’k we see and hear out on the land.

We have **sqolj (frog) wa’wl (eggs)** in the classroom, quickly turning into tadpoles. We have started our pond visits to get outside for some critter dipping! The students love these days!

Our grade 5/6 had the opportunity to go to CBC studio and try out the radio and TV broadcasting. This was an amazing day for students to see behind the scenes!

We look forward to a busy and exciting month of Etqoljewiku’s (May) here at JJSMS. Remember to send outdoor clothing and footwear, as we often have experiences out and about in the community! **Siwk** (spring) is coming, and hopefully, so are the nice, warm days!

App Nmutles,
Christy Rossiter



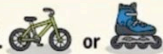
Every Child Matters – Every Child Belongs – Every Child Can Learn

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- May 1 PD Day (no school)
- May 12 Wear Purple for Family Violence Prevention Week.
- May 18 Victoria Day (no school)
- May 21 Pjila’si to Pre K (3:15 –4:pm)
- June 4 JJSMS Mawi’omi
- June 17 PreK – Gr.5 Shining Waters trip
- June 18 Report cards
1:30pm Grade 6 Graduation
- June 19 Grade 6 Sandspit trip
PreK – Gr.5 Beach Day@ Belmont Beach
Last day of school for students

WHEELS AT SCHOOL

Student scooters, bikes, rollerblades.



WHEN CAN I USE THEM?

During recess/lunch



not during class

SAFETY FIRST!

Must wear a helmet!



WHERE DO THEY GO?



Park them when you arrive!

May Birthdays

Etqoljewiku’s Ajipuna’

Cruze, Lena,

Harmony, Kailani, Melanie.

SPRING SAFETY REMINDER

As spring arrives, more students are biking and scooting to school.

DRIVERS:

- Slow down on roads around the school
- Watch for students at crosswalks
- Be alert for bikes and scooters
- Give cyclists plenty of space

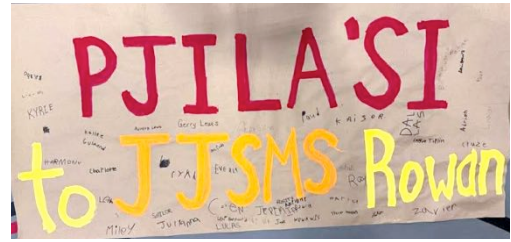
Let's keep our students safe as they enjoy the spring weather!



Speech & Language Activity Suggestions

May is a wonderful time to focus on **spring, flowers, and growth** while supporting your child's speech and language development. Talking about what your child sees outdoors—like flowers, rain, and sunshine—helps build everyday **vocabulary**. One of the most effective strategies is **modeling**, where you repeat words or phrases correctly without asking your child to repeat them. Keep language simple, use short sentences, and describe what is happening during daily routines. Repetition and natural conversation help children learn new words more easily. Just like flowers grow over time, your child's communication skills will continue to grow with consistent support.

Rowan MacDonald 2026 Easter Seals Ambassador Visit to John J. Sark School



Mi'kmaq

Pjila'si Sqoljuiku's!
 Welcome May! We are now in the Frog croaking moon, which is what Sqoljuiku's means. The Sqolj-k (frogs) is calling out to one another as the newtipuk (pond) comes alive again. The Msiku (grass) is growing, wasuekl (flowers) are making the land colorful and the jujijk (bugs) aq sisipk (birds) are alayja'timk (flying around). We sang the Honour song and drummed on setting day for all (ocean) as you go get lots of jakej (lobster). Make sure to take time to say wela'lin to kkij (you mother) and Welalioq to Kisu'lk (creator).

Apnmultes!
 Pjilasi – welcome
 sqolj-k – frogs
 msiku – grass
 jujijk – bugs
 alayja'timk - flying around
 jakej – lobster
 Wela'lin – Thank you

Sqoljuiku's – May
 newtipuk – pond
 wasuekl – flowers
 sisipk – birds
 kta'n – ocean
 kkij – your mother
 Welalioq – Thank you all.



UPEI Engineering students supporting Our Land-Based learning.



Outdoor Adventures

