

Around Dawson

With Assistant Principal Barbara Diamond

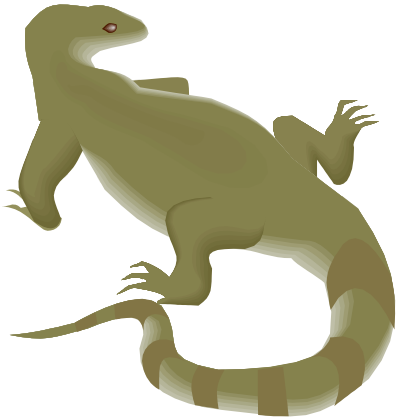
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**Grade 5 Learns About the American Revolution from the Experience
Of both American and British Soldiers**



As part of the study of the American Revolution, fifth graders were visited by Guy Morin who explained the uniforms, equipment, weapons and tactics that were used during the Revolutionary War. Morin, who has been involved with the hobby of re-enacting battles since 1970, believes students can learn a lot about history by understanding what soldiers of the time period did. His presentation is unique in that he not only talked about American Revolutionary soldiers but also British soldiers so students could begin to see history from both points of view.

Grade 3 Enjoys the Rainforest Reptile Program



An explanation of rainforest reptiles and the ways they interact with their ecosystem was presented by the Rainforest Reptile Show. Students were able to see some of the reptiles they have been studying up close and volunteers were able to touch and hold some of the reptiles as part of the program. Students also learned about locomotion, vision, sense of smell, the growth of teeth and how lizards use their tail for defense. Specific reptile characteristics were taught by the herpetologist who has extensively studied all 24 species of Crocodilians.



Happy Summer!



At this time I would like to wish all our students and their families a summer vacation spent together relaxing and refreshing for the upcoming school year. Enjoy the sunshine. Visit the town pool and walk the Rail Trail. Don't forget to visit Gale Free Library. The summer months can be a great time for reading favorite books and discovering new fiction and non-fiction reads as well.

Until next time,

Barbara Diamond