



NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

REMINDERS:

- Please ensure that your children are dressed appropriately for the weather. The weather is getting a bit cooler now that we are heading into November.
- Please call the school if your child is going to be absent for any reason. If there is no answer, leave a message on the voicemail.
- Please ensure that your child has a water bottle and a pair of **outdoor and indoor shoes.**
- If you have not done so yet, **Please submit a copy of your child's birth certificate to the office.** If you are not certain if we have a copy of the certificate, please call the main office.
- Lifetouch photo retakes has been scheduled for **Tuesday, November 25th.** If your child missed the September photos or if they would like to retake their photo, please let the front desk know.
- If you are dropping your child/children off late, **PLEASE** wait until they are inside the school before you drive off. As well, please do not drop your children off no earlier than 8:15am as this is when some staff are at the school. If students are dropped off earlier than 8:15 am, there may not be anyone to let them into the building.
- If your child is to get off anywhere other than their regular drop off (whether it's your child's regular bus or a different bus), **PLEASE** call Bryan (780-815-3334) and inform him of these changes before you call the school. This information is in your school bus contract that parents/guardians sign every year. As well, this will help our after school time run more smoothly here at the school. Thank you!

REMEMBER! ONCE A WEEK, TAKE A PEEK!

Just a reminder to check your child/children's heads at least once a week. If treatment is needed, Forbes Pharmacy in Cold Lake will provide Free Treatment with your child's Alberta Health Care Number & Treaty Number.



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NO SCHOOL DATES:

- NOV 7** - PD Day (no classes for students)
- NOV 10** - No school for staff & students
- NOV 11** - Remembrance Day (no school for staff & students)
- NOV 28** - In Lieu of P/T Interviews (no school for staff & students)

IMPORTANT DATES:

- NOV 2** - Daylight Savings time ends
- NOV 3** - VOLLEYBALL GAME - TBD
- NOV 5** - Remembrance Day Ceremony
- NOV 4 - 7** - Spirit North Visit
- NOV 17** - VOLLEYBALL GAME - TBD
- NOV 17-21** - Indigenous Art Classes
- NOV 25** - Lifetouch Photo Retakes
- NOV 27** - Parent-Teacher Interviews



**Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held on Thursday, November 27th
from 3:30—6:30 pm**

**If you have any questions regarding this day, please reach out to your child's
homeroom teacher.**

We look forward to seeing all your smiling faces!

All Parents & Guardians!

Join our John N.A. Janvier School Facebook page for updates on school announcements.

PLEASE NOTE: The page is set on private for the Safety & Privacy of our students. If you do not use the name you have on your child's registration form on social media & we don't recognize the name, we will not accept you. Please call the school and let us know what name you use if you would like to be added onto our Facebook page.

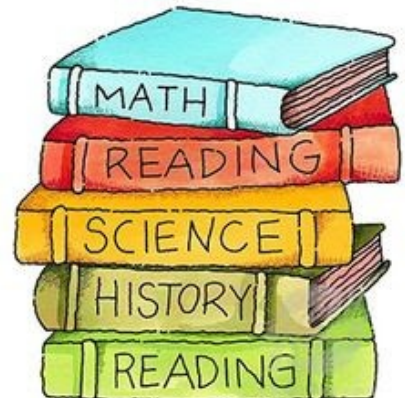
November 8th is Indigenous Veterans Day. It is a day to honour the contributions of First Nations, Metis, and Inuit people who participated in Canada's military efforts. For more information, please visit:

<https://www.veterans.gc.ca/en/remembrance/people-and-stories/indigenous-veterans>



Did you know... ?

- **A child who is 10 minutes late misses 32 hours a year of lost education**
- **A child who misses 1 day a week loses 2 months a year of education**
- **Half a day a week missed throughout school life equates to 1 full year of lost education**





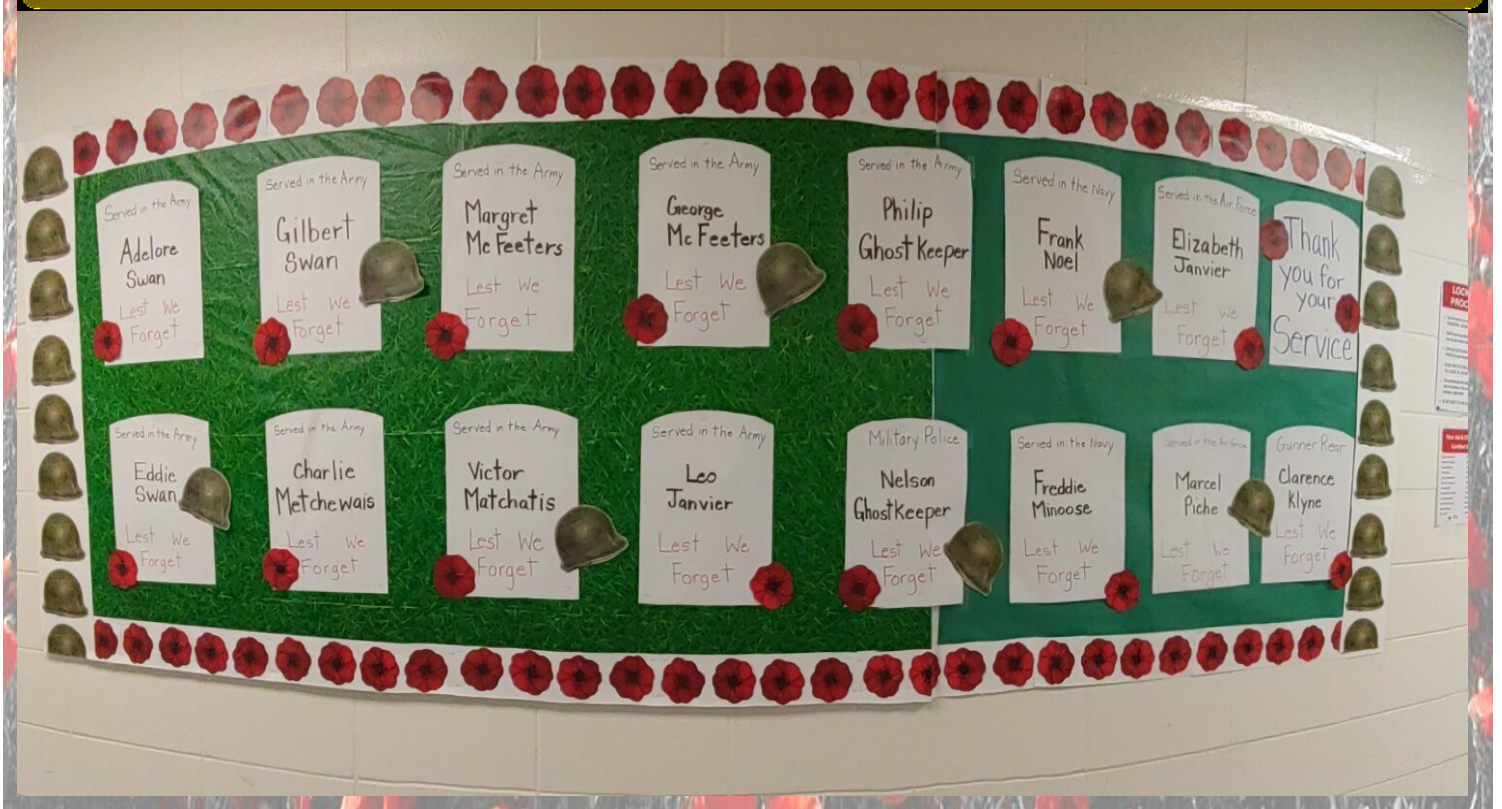
NOVEMBER 11TH WE REMEMBER...



In Memory of the Veteran Members of the Cold Lake First Nations that served in various military departments.

~Thank You for your Service~

AIR FORCE	NAVY	ARMY	MILITARY POLICE	GUNNER REAR
Marcel Piche	Freddie Minoose	Adelore Swan	Nelson Ghostkeeper	Clarence Klyne
Elizabeth Janvier	Frank Noel	Gilbert Swan		
		Eddie Swan		
		George McFeeters		
		Margret McFeeters		
		Charlie Metchewais		
		Victor Matchatis		
		Leo Janvier		
		Philip Ghostkeeper		





In Flanders Fields

*In Flanders fields, the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe;
To you from failing hand we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We should not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*

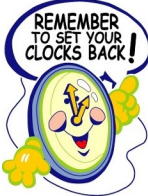
~ John McRae ~



November Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 	3 VOLLEYBALL GAMES - TBD	4	5 Remem- brance Day Ceremony	6	7	8
	Spirit North Visit (Nov 3-6)					
9	10	11 	12	13	14	15
16	17 VOLLEYBALL GAMES - TBD	18	19	20	21	22
	Indigenous Art Classes (November 17 - 21)					
23	24	25 Lifetouch Photo retakes	26	27 Parent- Teacher Interviews	28	29
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November Lunch Menu

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 	3 Soup & hotdog	4 Rice & egg rolls	5 Chicken burger & veggies	6 Spaghetti & meatballs	7	8
9	10	11 	12 Taco salad	13 Pizza subs & chips	14 Soup & bannock	15
16	17 Soup & sandwich	18 Rice & egg rolls	19 Chicken burger & veggies	20 Spaghetti & meatballs	21 Soup & bannock	22
23	24 Soup & hotdog	25 Ham & scalloped potatoes	26 Taco salad	27 Pizza subs & chips	28	29
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Kindergarten

Happy November from the Kindergarten classroom!



As we prepare for November, we take time to reflect on October. October is the month of thanks and we have many things to be thankful for. We are tankful for family and friends.

Thank you Mrs. MacKay for all you do for us. From helping us with jackets, shoes, schoolwork and so much more. We are also thankful for the treats you bring sometimes like the awesome Monster cake. Thank you to Ms. Jamie for teaching us Dene and for planning all the cultural activities. We had fun making Fish scale art, cooking and eating fish, bannock and moose nose.

Of course, no October is complete without some Halloween fun. We learned a poem about 5 Little Pumpkins and a song about 5 little Ghosts. We counted pumpkins and ghosts, made ghost and pumpkin crafts and even cut open a pumpkin to count all the seeds. We also took time to compare Fiction and Nonfiction stories about spiders. We learned many facts about spiders so be sure to ask your child which ones they remember. We also made spider webs and spiders of course.



We are looking forward to November. We will continue to explore new things and learn. In Language Arts, we will continue to work on letter recognition, learn Nursery rhymes and look for rhyming words. In Math, we will learn about 2D shapes and 3D objects as well as continue to work on number sense and patterning.

We will be learning in social the importance of Remembrance Day and learn about the veterans from Cold Lake First Nations. We will take part in the Remembrance Day School Ceremony on November 5th.

We will share our learning folders on November 27th when parents and guardians come for Parent/Student/Teacher interviews.

See you then,
Mrs. Bayer

Kindergarten Pumpkin Patch Fieldtrip



Kindergarten Pumpkin Patch Fieldtrip



Grade One

Dear Grade One Families,

The school year is in full swing now with everyone settling into the class routines. One routine that is extremely important is the need for a good night's sleep. Children ages 6-11 need about 9-11 hours of sleep each night. On weekends, try not to neglect school night routines. Try to avoid electronics before bed and in the bedroom.

We are continuing to build literacy skills. Through whole group instruction, small group instruction and individual practice, we are building reading, writing, and spelling skills.

In Math, we have been learning about sorting, patterns, and number sense. We are counting forward and backward, and focusing on 5 and 10 as important bench mark numbers. We also use math starters, and the calendar daily for learning about number sense.

In Science, we are learning about the Scientific Method and in Social Studies, we are exploring ways of exchanging goods and services.

The home reading program has now begun. Check your child's backpack for their reading books and information for parents.

Please read with your child each night for about 15 minutes. A tracking log is included to record the name of the book, the reading level of the book, and if it's a "good fit" reading level (not too hard or too easy). Reading "good fit" books is very important for students to progress as readers. Children need to spend the majority of their independent reading time engaged in books they can decode themselves.

Please enjoy a safe Halloween weekend!

Leanne Williams



Poppy Poppy



Poppy poppy what do you say?
Wear me on Remembrance Day.

Poppy poppy what do you tell?
Many soldiers in battle fell.

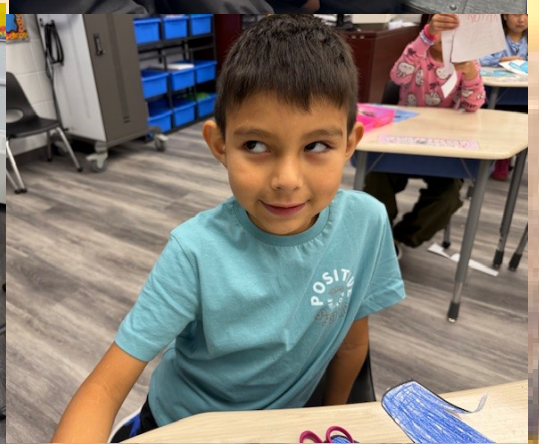
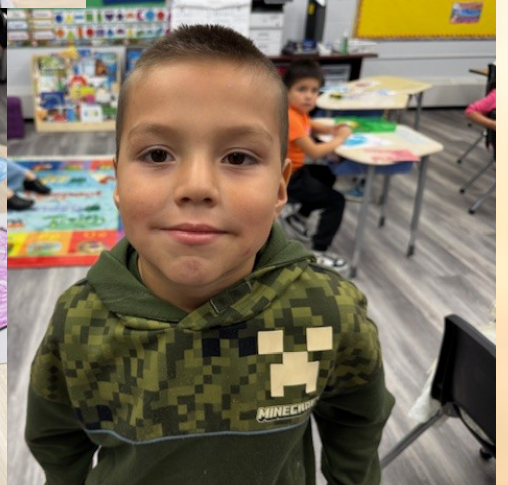
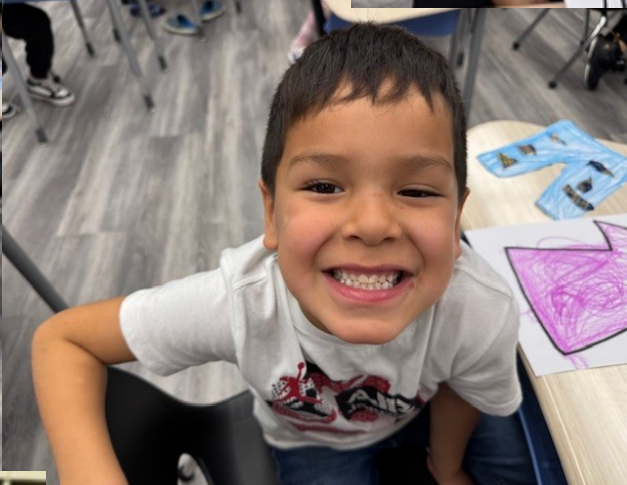
Poppy poppy what should we
know?

That peace on earth should
grow, grow, grow.

Gr 1 Pumpkin Patch Fieldtrip



Gr 1 October Moments



Grade Two

October has been such a fun and busy month in Grade 2! One of our highlights was our trip to Charlotte Lake Farms for the pumpkin patch — the students had a wonderful time exploring, learning, and enjoying the fall weather. We also celebrated Thanksgiving with a special class dinner, and it was so nice to see families come together to share in the day. Another special experience this month was our Culture Camp at the school. We made bannock, created fish scale art, tasted smoked fish, and listened to Mr. Piche's stories — a wonderful way to learn from our community and connect with Dene culture.

In Language Arts, we've been learning the difference between narrative stories and informational texts, noticing how authors organize their ideas to teach or to tell a story. In Social Studies, students have been exploring Canada's physical regions and are now beginning to compare Alberta's natural resources with those found in other regions across the country. In Science, we've been studying bodies of water, looking at local and provincial examples, and learning how small creeks flow into larger rivers and eventually reach the ocean.

In Math, we wrapped up our work with numbers to 100 and have started practicing addition strategies. We've also been exploring geometry, describing and sorting 2D and 3D shapes by their attributes. In Art, the classroom looks festive with all our pumpkin and Halloween creations. It's been a wonderful month of learning, creativity, and community connection!

~ Mrs. Gillis



Grade 2 Moments



Grade 3H

Important Announcements

English Language Arts (ELA)

- We have made wonderful progress with our UFLI program, focusing on phonemic awareness.
- Students are diligently working on grammar skills to enhance their sentence structure and storytelling abilities.

Mathematics

- We are currently learning to tell time, focusing on identifying 30-minute intervals and 5 minute intervals.
- We did a brief review of single-digit addition and subtraction, and we will soon transition to double and triple-digit operations. Moving into November we will be starting multiplication.

Science

- Our exploration of Earth systems has been enriching, covering changes and various landforms.
- We will be concluding this unit soon and will shift our focus to Living Systems.

Social Studies

- We successfully completed our unit on citizenship, which included a schoolyard cleanup as a community service project.
- Our next unit will delve into Time and Place.

Celebrations from the Month

- **Pumpkin Patch Field Trip:** A delightful experience that brought joy to our students!
- **Culture Camp:** An enriching opportunity to explore traditional food, art methods, and the significance of storytelling.
- **Volcano Projects:** A fantastic success in Science, with students enjoying their creations at home.

Additional Information

We are grateful for your ongoing support in fostering an enriching learning environment for our children. As we continue to work together, please remember to check our school website for upcoming events and resources.

Warm regards,

Mr. Haineault

Cut down as needed. Pardon the formatting. I tried to fix as I could. Uploaded pictures to 3H file for October. They do include some photos for the pumpkin patch and culture camp that may include some of the other classes and students.

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Grade 3J

In October, we had a Fall and Halloween theme. We wrote a menu for monsters, with delectables such as “Monster Mash Shepard’s Pie- Moldy potato with bloody sauce, sprinkled with cheesy boogers and crispy rats’ tails”. The students loved using the descriptive words! We’re beginning to see some real progress with our reading, as we continue using UFLI, which is a phonics based program. We celebrated reading 100 books at home with a hotdog and s’more roast! So please keep reading with your child at home. It really makes a difference, and I’m hoping they will learn to love reading!

In Math, we are moving into addition up to 1000. The Changing Earth is our topic in Science, where we have been learning about glaciers, dinosaurs and soil. In Art, we also created zombies with moving eyes, bats out of coffee filters and we are still working on pumpkin fairy houses. The month just blew by so quickly, I can’t wait to see how much we learn in November!

~ Ms. Janvier



REMEMBRANCE DAY

WORD SEARCH



R	F	W	N	P	P	P	O	P	P	Y
H	R	A	O	L	O	W	F	L	A	G
E	E	R	V	D	P	O	D	Y	E	S
R	E	M	E	M	B	R	A	N	C	E
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E	O	S	B	P	C	D	F	L	A	V
S	M	P	E	A	C	E	C	L	G	E
B	A	C	R	S	Y	M	B	O	L	R

NOVEMBER

REMEMBRANCE

PEACE

WORLD

DAY

SYMBOL

POPPY

FLAG

WAR

FREEDOM

SERVE

Grade Four

November 2025 Newsletter update

In **Math**, students have been busy exploring the world of numbers! They've learned about place value, skip counting up to the tens, and reviewed multiplication from 5x5 up to 10x10. Telling time using an analog clock has also been a fun challenge! Currently, they are diving into the statistical unit, focusing on interpreting data and charts. Additionally, students will continue their journey with addition and subtraction of decimals and fractions up to the hundredths place.

In **English/Language Arts (ELA)**, our students are sharpening their writing skills through the study of Text Forms and Structures. By identifying and applying various text forms, they enhance their understanding of content, literary style, and the rich tapestry of language traditions. We are also reviewing essential elements of grammar, parts of speech, and punctuation. Each week, students engage in writing a 5-sentence journal entry, allowing them to express their thoughts creatively. Looking ahead, they will explore Cultural Texts while utilizing the Empowering Writers Narrative Writing Guide to further develop their storytelling abilities.

In **Social Studies**, we are currently immersed in our unit on Time and Exploration. Students are learning about early expansionism and exploration, as well as First Nations–European Relations and Treaties. In commemoration of Orange Shirt Day, we've dedicated time to understanding the impact of Indian Residential Schools. Next, we will delve into Colonial Conflicts and Transfers, examining the Treaty of Utrecht (1713) and the Treaty of Paris (1763), along with significant Acts and Legislation such as the Royal Proclamation (1763) and the Quebec Act (1774).

In **Science**, we are nearing the end of our fascinating Space unit, where students have been uncovering the wonders of Earth's solar system and constellations. As we look forward to our next adventure, the unit on Matter will help students deepen their understanding of the physical world by investigating matter and energy.

Lastly, in **Art**, students have been using their creativity to create stunning pencil compositions inspired by natural objects and forms. In November, we will transition into our Painting unit, where students will learn essential brush and painting techniques using both oil and watercolour paints. We can't wait to see their artistic expressions come to life!

~ Ms. Gladue

Gr 4 - Culture Camp outing



Gr 4 - Pumpkin Patch Fieldtrip



Grade Five

Grade 5 At a Glance

Social Studies – Physical Geography of Canada

Students are learning about the Interior Plains region of Canada and exploring its unique landforms, climate, and natural resources. Through maps and visuals, they are identifying how geography affects the way people live, work, and use the land. This unit helps students develop their understanding of Canada's diverse physical regions and how geography shapes our identity and environment.

Math – Multiplication Mastery

In math, students are working on multiplication strategies to strengthen their number sense and problem-solving skills. They are learning to use arrays, repeated addition, and place value to solve multi-digit multiplication problems. These foundational skills support future work in division, fractions, and real-world problem solving.

Science – Matter

Our current science unit focuses on Matter, its states, properties, and changes. Students are exploring how matter can be solid, liquid, or gas, and they are investigating how heat and cold can cause matter to change form. Through hands-on experiments and discussions, students are learning key scientific concepts and vocabulary to describe the physical world around them.

Language Arts – Descriptive Writing

In Language Arts, students are developing their descriptive writing skills. Using a picture prompt, they will describe what they see using adjectives, nouns, and verbs. Students are learning how strong word choice and vivid details make their writing come alive. They will also create lists of the nouns, verbs, and adjectives they use to build a rich vocabulary bank for future writing tasks.

~ Ms. Minoose



Grade Six

November Newsletter

In ELA, students have been working in the vocabulary and conventions unit; learning new words and suffixes, parts of speech, compound and complex sentences. In the new unit, students are listening and speaking using the form of foundation for literacy development and improve communication, collaboration, and respectful mutual understanding. At the end of every week, there is a vocabulary quiz. Students take words home at the beginning of the week to help prepare themselves for the quiz.

In Social Studies, students are learning about Formal and Informal civic participation within the Citizenship unit. Students also had a chance to cast a ballot and vote on a set policy that they wanted changed.

In Science, students are learning about the Living Systems unit. Students are learning about Technological Advancements that help ecosystems like time-lapse photography, drones and radio tracking collars. Students are also working on creating a code for a robot camera that can explore an ecosystem.

In Math, students have been working in the Geometry and patterns/algebra unit. In geometry, students have been working on translations and understanding the basics of the cartesian plane. Algebra students are learning about expressions; creating, and evaluating using the order of operations. Students will move on to analyzing and solving equations.

Reminders: Please ensure students are dressed appropriately as the weather is getting cooler. Jackets, toque, and mitts are essential to keeping students warm on cooler days. Water bottles need to be brought in from home as well as headphones/ear buds are still needed for technology usage.

Mrs. Stuckless



Gr 6 Memories



look what we made



Grade Seven/Eight

The month of October flew by fast!! Students completed three quick units in Math on divisibility rules, area of triangles and perimeters, and adding/subtracting integers. We will be circling back to these topics when we dive further into other numeracy ideas. In Language Arts, students have been reading a novel study, *The Outsiders* and attending LLI groups. Students will be working on improving their spelling skills and writing deeper, more meaningful responses to their reading to show their understanding and comprehension. We are aiming to write full essays by the end of the year. For Halloween, students were given an assignment that taught them about adjectives and how to use them to create descriptive writing pieces. Their goal was to try and sell a haunted house! I am looking forward to reading their final pieces of work.

In Social Studies, students completed their projects and will keep exploring the ways Canada became a colony and then a nation. First starting with the invasion, fur trade, colonization and treaty rights. In Science, students are wrapping up their first unit on planet earth. Students have completed a research project on a dinosaur of their choice. We will then be moving into Plants, Food and Fibre and learning about how sustainable food sources are important in the world and how it affects the human body.

November should be a fun month full of learning. We will also have Spirit North guests in phys ed and some health presentations on personal hygiene.

Please make sure your child has an indoor and outdoor pair of shoes. With the colder weather, muddy and snowy shoes will damage the brand new renovations in our school. Please help us keep the school looking brand new.

Students are expected to be outside at recess unless they have work to catch up on in the classroom. Please make sure your child is dressed for the weather. We have a lot of students who are cold because they do not have gloves, toques or a jacket. If you cannot provide these things for your child, please reach out to our student service and Home Liaison worker, Clarissa Favel or myself and we can see what we can do.

Thank you,
~ Mrs. Pischke

PHYS ED CLASS

In October, the grade 7/8 students went to English Bay Center to do archery. We also had Adarlard Blackman come and visit the class and talk to students about how things were when he was a young boy. We played Bocci ball and cornhole, and cooked with pie irons over the firepit. The students also went to the Humane Society for Beyond the Classroom.

As well, for this month students in Physical Education continued to play volleyball, boundball, dodgeball, pirates island, musical hoops, and played various games with the Omnikin balls. We also played a variety of tag games, Ultimate, and Hurley Whirley. We had 15 students qualify to go to the District Cross-Country Running Race at the Provincial Park. All students ran well and were good ambassadors for our school!! We also have a girls and boys grade 5/6 volleyball (triple ball) team as well as a mixed grade 6-8 team. All teams have played a game against students from Frog Lake and are eagerly waiting for the town teacher strike to be over so that the schedule can resume! Our next sport is basketball which will start in late November.

~ Mrs. Hamel



PHYS ED CLASS - Sage Picking



DENE CLASS

Edlanet'e selot'ine,

This month, the Kindergarten to Grade 3 students had a one day culture camp behind the school. They enjoyed the day watching fish being fixed, eating smoked fish and bannock, doing a fish scale art project, and hearing the story of the big fish.

Students had a wonderful day and expressed that they would like another camp soon.

~ Ms. Grandbois



WELLNESS TEAM

Wellness Team Update

It's been a fun and engaging month for the Wellness Team! We've had the pleasure of participating in a variety of activities that celebrate both health and culture. Recently, students attended Fish Scale Art, Fish eating, Bannock Making, and Storytelling sessions at Culture Camp organized by our amazing Dene Teacher Miss Jamie! What a beautiful way to connect with tradition and creativity.

Health and Wellness Appointments

We've also been taking care of our physical well-being, with visits to both the optometrist and dental hygienist at the Health Centre. Another great reminder of the importance of regular check-ups.

Looking ahead, we're excited to take part in some festive fun! The Halloween Costume Parade and Pumpkin Carving Contest are just around the corner. Plus, we'll be joining in an added fun school-wide Riddle Game, a playful way to build community and contribute to our school. culture of fun and connection.

Student Union Launch

We have secured our Student Union group and will start organizing ways to create a fun and exciting school year. Keep a look out for their ideas and watch them come to life.

Quick Wellness Tip:

Try to take 10–15 minutes each day for a screen-free family walk, chat, or game. Small moments of connection can make a big difference for everyone's mental and emotional well-being.

The Wellness Team is looking forward to November. Keep an eye out for our Remembrance Day Tribute. As well as an extra long weekend in November.

Wishing everyone a healthy and happy fall season!

With gratitude, your Wellness Team.

Clarissa Favel & Briana Desjarlais

HALLOWEEN PARADE!



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Remembrance Day Word Search

Instructions: Try to find all of the hidden Remembrance Day words in the word search puzzle below.

(Words can be spelled forwards, backwards, diagonally, up, or down.)



Word List

COURAGE	GRIEF	VETERAN
DAY	HOLIDAY	WEAPON
DUTY	PATRIOT	WORLD
FLAG	REMEMBER	WREATH

