

# **KELSEY SCHOOL NEWS**

## October

September flew by quickly with back-to-school routines, starting new classes, new topics, and assessment. We are well underway with learning in every subject and are settling into a good routine.

Students in High School are being challenged with various assignments and should be working to ensure all work is completed on time for all subjects and teachers. Every due date for every assignment is important.

### **WELCOME!**

Welcome back to Ms. Cartier! We would also like to welcome our two part-time EAs, Ms. Leah and Ms. Long to our Kelsey School. Thanks to all for the team effort that keeps us moving along each day.

### **KINDERGARTEN**

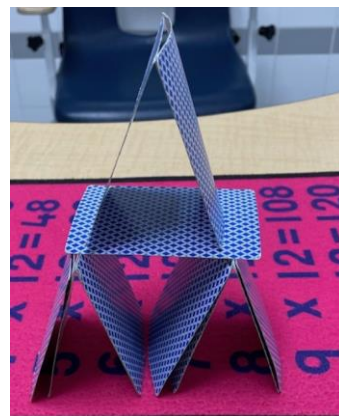
A big welcome to our SEVEN new kindergarten students! Welcome Aleesa, Alex, Brayden, Joyce, Lindsey, Moses and Tanya! We are happy that you are here! Our kindergarten students are learning school routines, expectations and learning their ABCs and 123s in English. They are learning proper pencil grasps, colouring control, scissor safety and how to look at and listen to stories. Mrs. Coutu is grateful for Miss Leah and all of her kindergarten expertise! Our grade two and three kindergarten buddies are eager to translate when needed, show the littles how we do things and help make school a fun place to be! We are all learning together in the elementary classroom and are adjusting to the new routine.

### **STEM CHALLENGES**

This year we are incorporating STEM activities into our weekly schedule for all students in grades two through nine. STEM is an acronym that stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. It's an approach to learning that

integrates these areas and encourages students to develop skills like problem solving, creativity and critical thinking. And, in our case especially, it encourages team work, cooperation and learning from other students, both younger and older than you. We are all smart in different ways, and STEM activities give you a chance to showcase your skills and teach others in your mixed grade group.

Our first STEM task was to build the tallest card tower possible in a given amount of time. All groups were given a standard deck of 52 cards, a carpeted surface to build on and were asked not to bend any cards. In science, we have learned that a triangle is a very stable shape, with a strong base. Students encountered challenges such a curvy card, slippery surfaces, bumping tables, windy talkers and other things that made their towers tumble down. When the bases were built wider and stronger, it was easier to layer the flat cards for the next level. Keeping calm and trying again when the cards spilled was encouraged and each team kept trying in the time given. We were able to build towers that were four, three and two layers tall. Some used more cards than others, but this task was looking for the tallest tower. Great teamwork!



Tis the season to count our blessings, and the teachers at Kelsey School have many to count!

We appreciate all the meals and baked goods! You sure do know how to make us feel special!

A huge thank you to the cleaning crew that cleans the school during the summer and on the weekends. We appreciate the care and effort you put into keeping our school building a clean and safe learning environment.

### **Thanksgiving Fun Facts**

- We've celebrated Thanksgiving in Canada for 140 years, starting in November 6, 1879.
- The first Canadian Thanksgiving is said to have traced back to 1578 with explorer Martin Frobisher. He had been trying to find a northern passage to the Pacific Ocean and held his Thanksgiving celebration not for harvest but in thanks for surviving the long journey from England through the perils of storms and icebergs. On his final voyage to the far north, Frobisher held a formal ceremony in Frobisher Bay in Baffin Island (present-day Nunavut) to give thanks to God and in a service ministered by the preacher Robert Wolfall they celebrated Communion.
- Alternatively, some say that the origins of Canadian Thanksgiving are also sometimes traced to the French settlers who came to New France with explorer Samuel de Champlain in the early 17th century, who celebrated their successful harvests.
- The French settlers in the area typically had feasts at the end of the harvest season and continued throughout the winter season, even sharing food with the indigenous peoples of the area.



## **BOOKMOBILE**

Bookmobile will be looking a little different this year. We will start the year off with Book Bins. Mrs. Palcat will be dropping bins off at the school. These books will remain at the school for students to read. Students will not be permitted to take any of the books home.

After Christmas the new bookmobile will be returning to its regular schedule.

## **PROGRESS CONVERSATIONS**

Progress Conversations will take place on Thursday, October 24th. Letters with appointment times will be sent home. Please let us know as soon as possible if you cannot make your appointment time and need to reschedule. We look forward to seeing you all.



October 14<sup>th</sup>- Thanksgiving

October 17<sup>th</sup>- Early Dismissal at 1:50 pm

October 24<sup>th</sup>- Progress Conversations

October 25<sup>th</sup>- Inservice Day (No School)

November 8<sup>th</sup>- Inservice Day (No School)

November 11<sup>th</sup>- Remembrance Day

December 21<sup>st</sup>- January 5<sup>th</sup>- Christmas Holidays

January 6<sup>th</sup>- Inservice Day (No School)

January 7<sup>th</sup>- School Resumes

February 17<sup>th</sup>- Louis Riel Day

March 31<sup>st</sup>- April 4<sup>th</sup>- Spring Break

April 7<sup>th</sup>- School Resumes

April 18<sup>th</sup>- Good Friday