

Lightly School's Clearly Delightful News

September 2024

Mrs. Cassidy's Corner

I think we are all settling into school routines and everyone is adjusting well. It has been a very busy September full of changes and challenges. We have new students in the school, Tianna has completed her first cook week, is in grade 12 and I am sure she looking forward to graduation. Time is passing, and change and challenges provide opportunities and can help us grow. I am looking forward to a great year!

I would like to thank everyone involved with our success in the garden with the pumpkins. We had a great day for picking and cleaning them all. We have sold quite a few already and are hoping to do well with raising money for charity. We will make a list of possible places to donate and then decide how to distribute the funds. Last year we donated to a wide variety of causes and hopefully we can do the same this year.

Speaking of worthy causes, thank you to everyone who participated in the Terry Fox walk. We had a beautiful day and did a few laps inside the colony, due to all the construction going on. This year's theme was, "No Matter What". I think it is a great example and inspiration to think about all the hardships that others endure and how they still strive to do great things. When times get tough, it is



easy to blame, or get angry, but we can overcome obstacles, "No Matter What". It was nice to see so many out for Open House. A big thank you to all who attended and work so hard to make the school be a great place to be. The list is long, as it takes a whole community of people to raise and teach children. Students have been making very good progress and I will be sending out times for progress conversations, which will take place on Oct. 21.

Just a few other odds and ends. The bookmobile is still under construction and they are hoping it will be finished early in the new year and so until then buckets of books will be dropped off on a regular schedule. I am sure that everyone will look forward to its return. Please check the calendar for other important dates. There will be information and permission forms for the field trip out soon. I hope we will have great weather and that we have an enjoyable learning experience.

Take care,
Mrs. Cassidy



Terry Fox Run

Come join us for our annual Terry Fox Run. Every year we take all the kids outside for a walk around the colony to raise awareness for Cancer Research. We have parents, grandmas and anyone we collect along the way join us. By the time the run is done we've collected a lot more than we started with. It's a great way to get the kids and the community involved in school, we love to see all the support and faces that show up.



Pumpkins For Poverty

For several years Lightly School has been doing a charity project called 'Pumpkins for Poverty'. Our students plant and raise pumpkins all through the summer and pick them in the fall. We sell them for \$5 each and over time we've been able to donate to so many deserving organizations. We actively involve the kids in every step of the process, from planting the pumpkins, to picking them, to selling them and helping us decide which charities they'd like to donate to. It's been almost 12 years since we started pumpkins for poverty and while the school has changed A LOT with plenty of new faces, this tradition is one we are very proud and grateful to have kept going. We are so blessed to always have pumpkins to sell and so many amazing people willing to give.

