

Lightly School's Clearly Delightful News

October 2024

Mrs. Cassidy's Corner

It seems like this year is going to fly by if we are already at the end of October and November on our doorstep. Before we know it, Christmas will be here. We have been making good use of our time considering all of the injuries and days off as well, for in-services, meetings, and fieldtrips.

We had an excellent visit to the Zoo and Leaf. It was interesting to compare notes on who managed to see what animals and which were more active at that time. We saw many varieties of plants and displays at the Leaf. It was a great day and the ice cream was an excellent way to cap it off. Thank you to Martin and all the supervisors for their work.

I think the new HITV has been going very well and the students have been adjusting well. Janelle was able to go on a field trip to "Bruce D. Campbell Farm and Food Discovery Centre" in Glenlea. Having hands on opportunities makes learning so much more interesting. Janelle has also been very busy with her Foods and Nutrition class. She and some helpers were able to create a delicious soup that was a welcome addition to our Thanksgiving Feast. Everyone was able to help out with some part of it and we enjoyed Snuggly Dogs, and some tasty, creative apples. It is so nice to have our kitchen so students can have some experience with cooking and enjoying the fruits of their efforts. A big thank you to Linda, Priscilla, and Naomi for always being so accommodating with it.

Pumpkin sales have been going well, but there are still quite a few in the school. Hopefully we can clean a few more up this week, and raise a bit more money for our charity projects. Soon we will sit down and make a list of where we want to send funds. There are so many worthy causes out there it will be difficult to narrow it down. Speaking of pumpkins, we will be working on some activities with measuring and writing. Again, having some hands-on learning with rulers, measuring tapes, scales, and talking about different units of measurements.

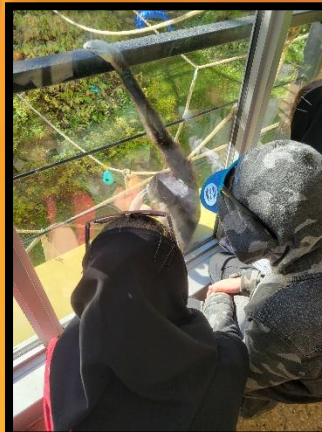
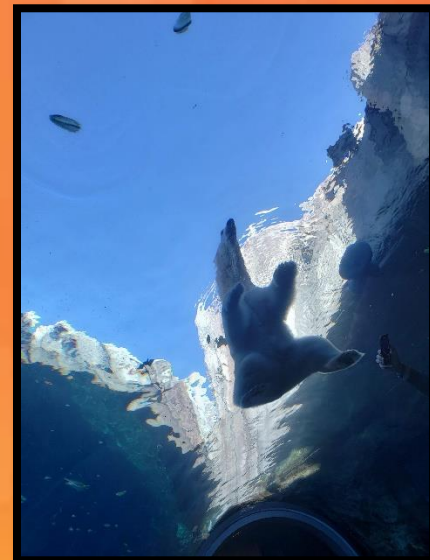
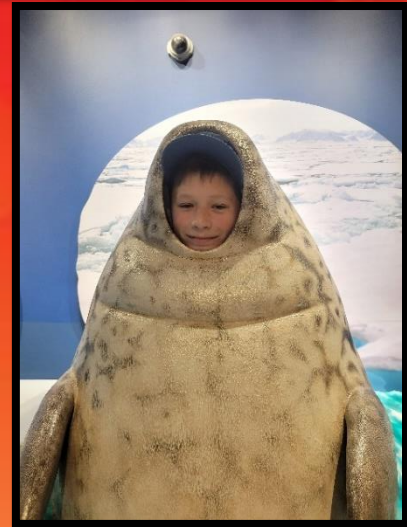
Thank you to everyone for making the time for progress conversations. It is so important that students see that we work as a team to help support them. We will be doing more assessments to check on progress and report cards will be out at the end of November.

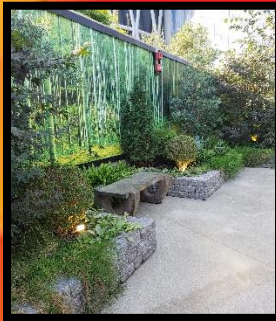
As always, any questions or concerns please reach out.

Take care,
Mrs. Cassidy

Zoo and The Leaf

I think we all needed a break when we left for the zoo one cold blustery fall day. The kids were SUPER excited to see the monkeys and the polar bears, But I think by end of the day they all had a new obsession animal. There were snow leopards, a talking white parrot called Joey, seals, a beautiful grey wolf and of course we can't forget the Canadian Geese who decided they blended right in at the zoo. The next stop was The Leaf, with all the pretty fall colours and nippy wind outside, The Leaf was a warm tropical oasis of green. We were blessed to be there during their Gardens of Japan Exhibition, we smelled Japanese incense and fall scents and walked along beautiful trails of rock gardens and lanterns. The day ended with a surprise trip to The Kiln in Stonewall for ice cream, the day before they closed for the season. It was a good send off to summer.





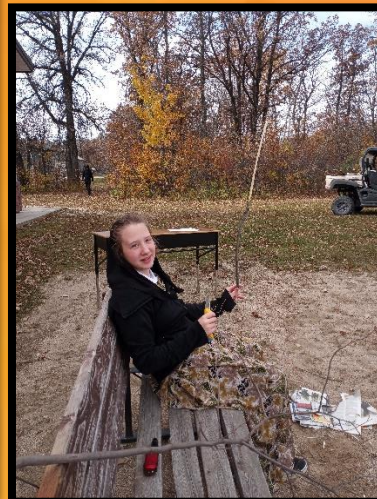
Thanksgiving

This year we had so much to be thankful for. Our crops are in, everyone's healthy, new babies and 1st birthdays to celebrate, new faces and happy beginnings. We had our own thanksgiving party at school with yummy food and games and a Viking film.



Early People in Our Land...

Our Early Years have been studying the past and some of its people. Megan and Kierstyn have been learning about the first explorers, the Vikings. Emily, Alexis and Emberly are immersing themselves in early settler life, their struggles and accomplishments. We combined the 2 units for an afternoon of games and campfires. Our Pioneer girls made dough for Bannock while the rest of the school started a fire. Special thanks to the older kids for helping set up the campfire and whittling green sticks for roasting. We played traditional games that would have improved balance, showed off your strength and given an idea of the warrior's bravery and prowess. The kids arm wrestled, threw hatchets (lawn darts), leg wrestled, played a Viking game called Kubb, another Viking game that involved blindfolding two people and letting them wack each other with a pillow and of course we roasted Bannock over the fire. They put on plenty of jam and butter and although some got a little burned it only made it even more delicious. We ended the afternoon with a couple games of tug of war, even our youngest students tried their best against each other.





From the Guidance Counsellor:

The theme for October's Guidance lesson was friendship. Back to school is a good time to talk about traits of good friends and how to make and keep friends. We discussed how having friends make us feel and how we would feel without them. We looked at ways to resolve problems that sometimes arise with our friends. We will continue to explore this theme next month as well.

A Recipe for Friendship

You will need:

- ♥ a pinch of happiness
- ♥ 1 handful of kindness
- ♥ 2 spoonfuls of gentleness
- ♥ 1 litre of sharing
- ♥ a teaspoonful of helpfulness
- ♥ 3 heaped tablespoons of laughter
- ♥ 50g of smiles
- ♥ a sprinkling of cheerfulness
- ♥ 100g of love



Method:

Mix all these together. Then you will have the perfect friend.

