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Caudle Park Elementary

Newsletter 2022

Notes from the office

November has arrived and it comes with a flurry of activities within our building. It is the month for parent - teacher interviews and a host of other opportunities for students to learn new things about themselves and the world. We see so much progress on the first floor with primary routines, independence and students' knowledge of letter sounds and numbers. The older students are beginning guided lessons and project work. We are still needing to monitor the washroom on the top floor, hoping that students show increased respect for the school. Thank you Ms. Barrow for starting the school year with our grade 2 class! We look forward to having her back subbing on a regular basis. Welcome Ms. Boudreau who will continue teaching that class for the remainder of the year!

Site Construction

Operations continue to work out details around site construction and we are **still waiting on the start date**. We are anticipating work to begin the week of Nov 14th. We will proceed with regular routines until we get final confirmation and Emilie will email families the day before construction begins. The brick layer has commenced some brick repairs in the interim on the back exterior walls.

Flu Shot Clinic

The school will be having a flu shot clinic for all family members. It will be held on Tuesday, November 8th from 7:30 am - 9:30 am in the gymnasium. The vaccination is free for anyone with a current NS health card, and the health nurse is able to vaccinate anyone 2 years of age and older who has a NS health card. Feel free to stop by for this vaccination.

Caring Schools

Our Caring School's theme for November is **respect**. This coincides with Remembrance Day, honoring those who served for freedom and acceptance in Canada. Respect means that **you accept somebody for who they are, even when they're**



different from you or you don't agree with them. Respect in your relationships builds feelings of trust, safety, and wellbeing. Respect doesn't have to come naturally – it is something you learn. This month students will be encouraged to practice respect in many ways.

October Conference Day

An important element in providing the very best for our students involves ensuring that our teachers have opportunities to engage in conversations about their practice. Each October, a conference day occurs that brings some of the experts in education to Nova Scotia. Each area of specialization had specific workshops to bring the latest information to teachers, and our teachers were in attendance at many conference sites across the province. It was a wonderful day to exchange ideas and hear about new and exciting ways to engage and develop our students. Over the next few weeks, our teachers will be sharing the highlights of their individual conferences with their colleagues as they meet in their professional learning communities.

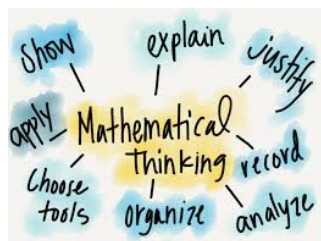
PTA / SAC

Thank you to all families who supported the first fundraiser of the year. It was quite successful. The PTA recently sent out a survey through the school messenger. They are looking for parents who might be interested in volunteering with the preparation of this year's fundraisers as well as on the day of the event. We are always relieved to have many hands to help out with jobs as big as planning an event to as small as sorting items or running a booth for a couple of hours. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey to help us plan events and fundraisers.

Makerspace

Our makerspace will be a busy place over the next couple of months! Each year, our Grade 5 students study an integrated unit on entrepreneurship. They work in groups to create a small business, manufacture products to sell and host a sale at the school. Students work on business plans, budgeting and bringing the business to life. We would like to add a new space to the makerspace...a sewing corner. We are looking for a **donation of a working sewing machine** and thread/ fabric. Let Emilie know if you can help us out!

Learning about Learning!



Last month, we looked at our literacy goal of helping students reach reading benchmarks. This month we will look at the Math goal which is improving achievement in computational fluency.

Computational fluency is the ability to use strategies to

figure out math facts quickly and efficiently. A student who has computational fluency would be able to use strategies together with the facts he or she knows to figure out a more challenging problem. Through game play, students can build number sense that is quick and accurate. It encourages flexible thinking as opposed to limited computation like memorization of facts.

Remembrance Day Assembly

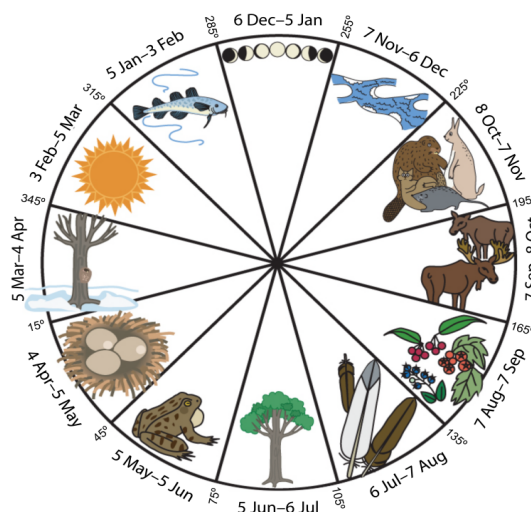
We will have our first assembly since covid on November 10th. Students will be remembering Veterans and all those who worked towards freedom in Canada. The assembly will take place at 9:30 pm in the gym. Families are welcome to join the assembly.

Cultural /Arts Open House

In lieu of a holiday concert, we will celebrate student learning in January. We plan to connect this event to Family Literacy Day which is Friday, January 27th. On this afternoon families will be invited to the school in the afternoon to see Cultural / Arts displays and literary performances. More details will follow in the new year!

Did you know that....

- *There is an app for safe arrival*
- *We have 219 students in our school*
- *Cars should not be on the schoolyard during school hours*
- *Pack a small water bottle and cutlery each day*
- *The Mi'kmaq moons are like a calendar - November 7th starts Rivers are Freezing - Keptekewiku's*
- *Parents may pick up hot lunch if their child is absent by 2:30pm, otherwise the meal will need to be disposed*



Dates to Remember

- Nov 8 7:30-9:30 am Flu Shot Clinic Open to all families!
- Nov 10 Remembrance Day assembly 9:30 am (all welcome)
- Nov 11 NO SCHOOL Remembrance Day
- Nov 21 Scholastic Book Fair Begins
- Nov 28-30 Report Cards go home this week

