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A word from the office ...

Every time I approach the task of writing the monthly newsletter I am amazed at how quickly time goes in schools! October has evaporated! The adage is, "time flies when we are having fun" and we are. Our students are fully engaged in their learning, and the progress that is being made is remarkable.

I would like to thank all of the families who were able to participate in our Learning Conversations in October. The Learning Conversation is just one example of Ongoing Communication of Student Learning. The partnership between home and school is strong and I encourage you to engage fully with your child's teacher as the year moves forward.

Miss Laura, our lovely secretary, will be away from work for a while. We are happy to welcome Ms. Chantelle Roberge (Chantelle for the students) in as her replacement. I thank everyone in advance for patience as Chantelle and I navigate the office in this time of change!

Our virtue for the month of November is peacefulness. I wish all of our families peace and tranquility and I thank you for your continued efforts in supporting our goal of treating others the way we want to be treated.

Regards,

Dr. Charles

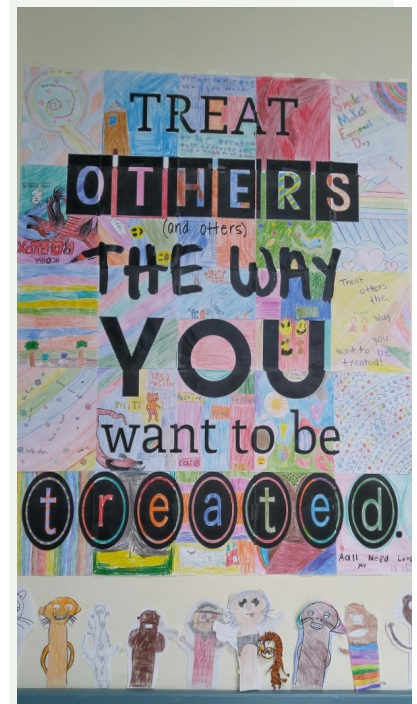
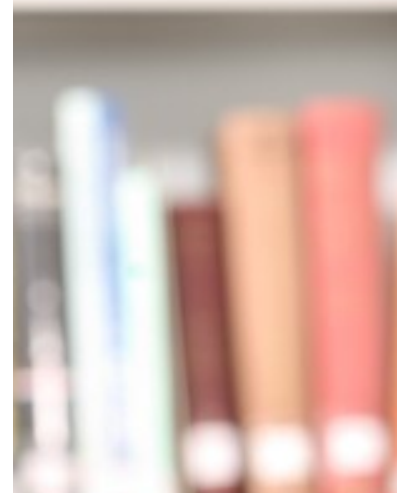
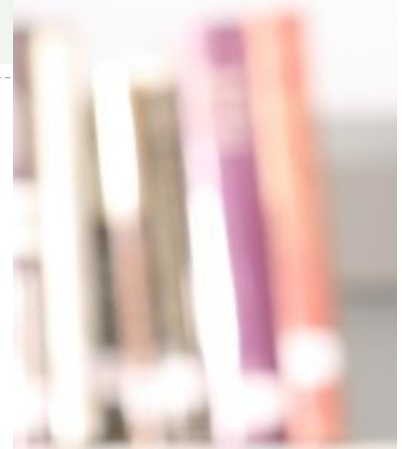
EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURES

The blast of winter weather this past weekend is a stark reminder that we need to be prepared for unforeseen events. At times, schools may be closed for emergency reasons. The following information is taken directly from the NLPS website.

Occasionally, schools are temporarily closed on short notice for emergency reasons. A heavy snowfall is the most frequent reason for emergency school closure, but individual schools can also be closed because of a power outage or furnace breakdown.

Wondering if schools are open today? For the most current updates, listen to local radio stations (WAVE 102.3 FM and WOLF 106.9 FM) in the mornings.

We also update our website and communicate via Twitter and Facebook with news about school closures, but please be aware that power outages or technical problems may prevent us from doing so.





REMEMBRANCE DAY OBSERVED

Cinnabar Valley students will be gathering in the gym on Friday November 10th at 10:00 am for our annual Remembrance Day Assembly. We are fortunate to have members of Branch 10 Legion join us for this event.

I welcome all students who are part of any of the Cadet programs in town, as well as students in either the Scouts or Guide programs to bring their uniform and

wear it for the assembly. These students will be part of the honour guard that walk in with the flag.

Ms. Collins K/1 class will be taking a lead role in the assembly.

Parents are more than welcome to join us for this solemn event.

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.*

SNOW AND OUR BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS

Be Responsible

Be Respectful

Be Safe

As we move into the winter months we will be holding all students to these expectations in regards to how they play in the snow.

Play, build and create in the snow. Slide within the set boundaries.

Listen to instructions.

**Treat others the way
you want to be treated**

VIRTUES

Part of having a educative, restorative and preventative culture in working with students around problem behaviours is ensuring that we are actively teaching what we expect student (and adult) behaviour to look and sound like. This year we have returned to the Virtues Project as part of this active teaching.

Our virtue for September was Kindness, tying into the introduction of the teaching of the Golden Rule. Thankfulness was the focus for October, with Mrs. Patton's class creating a thankfulness tree in the main foyer. In November our students will be learning about peacefulness. We will be building from the messages of our Remembrance Day assembly, to also looking at how we can be peaceful within in ourselves.

Generosity will be the focus for December, with students looking past what is often the tradition of "getting" during this month to more of the idea of giving, be it time, kindness, thoughtfulness or material items.

The work on the virtues not only supports the teaching aspect of our Code of Conduct, it also helps to develop students ability to think and reflect on the Personal and Social Core Competencies.

PERMISSION SLIPS

Students require written permission in order to participate on any activity that occurs off of the school grounds. Years ago we were able to take verbal permission over the phone when students forgot to bring their permission slip in on time. However, this is no longer the case.

One of our behaviour expectations around being responsible is “Return permission slips”. Please support your child in returning slips in a timely manner.

LOST AND FOUND

We have a huge pile of coats, sweaters, water bottles and other assorted items in the lost and found. The items will be donated to charity before the winter break. We are continually surprised at how quickly our collection grows ... especially the belongings that emerge from the change rooms in the gym. If your child is missing something, odds are it is here at school!

SPORTS REPORT

We have had a very busy fall in regards to sports! A huge “shout out” to Mr. O’Hara for supporting our Cross Country runners! We had a strong showing at the Zone run, and our runners faced horrid conditions at the Districts—can came back smiling! Congratulations to Katelyn Putz for finishing 4th in her age category.

Our Football team did exceptionally well, especially considering they were a mix of grade 5-7 students playing against mostly grade 7 students from other schools. We were fast, had great ball control and we worked as a team. The boys were eliminated in the second round of the playoffs in a “snow bowl”. Mr. Sharpe continues to be a huge supporter of our sports program, working once again with Coach Poles (Kirsten Lyle) to develop these enthusiastic players into a cohesive team.

Up next will be Triple Ball—a version of volleyball geared to elementary-aged players. We have had an enthusiastic response to the call for players and at this point it looks like we will have four teams—pee wee and bantam for both girls and boys. Mrs. Edwards and Mr. Sharpe will be taking the lead in this sport.

A thank you for all parents who support these sporting events by driving for the games. Please ensure that you have your paperwork done in advance so that you can help out.

PARKING LOT REMINDERS

Please be respectful of the “no parking/drop off only” area in front of the school. In particular, please do not park in front of the wide opening in the chain link fence. This is the wheelchair access and needs to be kept clear of vehicles at all times. Please note that we have students whose families must have access to the designated parking spots at both drop off and pick up due to the mobility needs of their children.



KINDERGARTEN SCREENING

Vision, Hearing and Dental Screening for the kindergarten students will be held at Cinnabar Valley on December 13. Please watch out for the permission slips.



How much for that doggie in the window?

We continue to be a community with a love of dogs, which is wonderful. Our furry friends bring great comfort and joy to families.

Some of our students are not as comfortable around dogs as others. With this in mind, please remember to keep your dog on a short leash while on the playground. As well, please keep all dogs to the outside of the playground areas and away from doors.

PRACTICING LOCK DOWN

The next of our emergency drills needing practice is a full school lock down. This drill will be coordinated with the RCMP, as they need to know our plan in order to support us in the event of a true emergency.

Prior to the lock down drill we are going to practice moving to our safe, off site location, so that all staff and students know where to go and what to do.

In the event of a true lock down, any staff or students who are outside the building will evacuate to this safe location. Lock Downs are called with there is a threat within the building. Having staff or students re-enter a

building with a known threat is counterintuitive.

We will send out notification prior to our actual lock down drill. The practice of leaving to our safe place will happen without such prior notice (it will be weather dependent!).



ZAP TIME

At Cinnabar we believe all students can learn. We also believe that ZEROES AREN'T POSSIBLE. Yet, at times, these two beliefs collide. The consequence of not doing the work is DOING THE WORK!

Getting to a point where ZEROES AREN'T POSSIBLE requires some additional support for some students. Beginning Tuesday November 8, and continuing every Tuesday and Thursday as long as there is need, ZAP time will be provided for those students who require extra time to get their work done. ZAP time will occur at long recess, and Mrs. Patton will be there to answer questions and support students in successfully completing their assignments.



The best case scenario is for students to get their work done in class or as homework. Yet ZAP time will give one more way of meeting students unique needs. We thank you in advance for your support of ZAP!

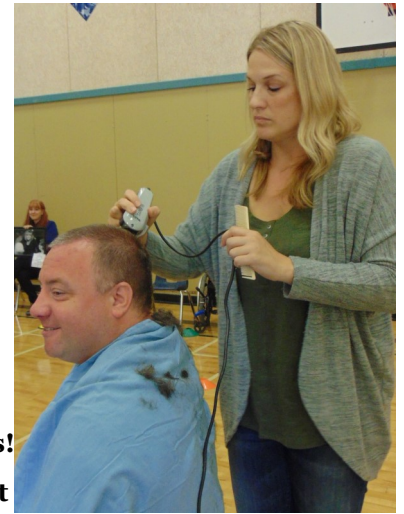


For More information or to report incidents of bullying please go to:

<http://www.erasebullying.ca/>

OCTOBER FUN ...

Cops for Cancer



Our Heroes!
Ms. Mullett
and Mr.
Sharpe!



Who are these
wonderful creatures?!!!



Fun with
Norman Foote



LOOKING FOR CRAFT ITEMS

Part of the new curriculum involves students working on developing a number of skills. Once such skill is sewing/textiles. We have a number of projects in mind for students to meet this curricular goal while supporting learning in other areas. We would gladly accept any donations of buttons, needles, thread, and small but useable scraps of material to support these projects. Please bring any donations to the office.

Thank you for your support.



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CALENDAR UPDATE

November 10—Remembrance Day Assembly

November 13—Stat holiday—schools closed

November 14-17—Kerri Isham at Cinnabar, working with grades 4-7

November 14—PAC meeting @ 6:30

November 24—Michael Mitchell “Canada Is” Concert

December 1—The NED Show—Positive Behaviour Assembly

December 12—PAC meeting

December 13—Kindergarten Screening

December 20—Concert Day

December 22—Last day of classes before Winter Break

January 8 2018—Welcome back to classes!

