

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

OCTOBER NEWS



Halloween Safety

This Halloween we want all of our students to be safe while they Trick or Treat and then stuff themselves with candy. Here are a few simple things that you can do to be safe while still having fun:

- **Stay Visible:** try to incorporate reflective tape into your costume and candy bag so that you are visible to cars when trick or treating. Use glowsticks or flashlights too!
- Always look both ways before you cross, because cars may not see you in the dark.
- Stay on the sidewalk when possible.

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Truth and Reconciliation

On Truth and Reconciliation Day this year, each class did a variety of activities to learn about and mark the day.

Mrs. Murphy's class cut out and decorated feathers and wrote messages on them saying things like 'you will not be forgotten' and "you are brave". They glued them on a big cut out orange shirt and hung it on the door.

Ms. Nickerson's class wrote about what we thought the Indigenous families went through during residential school. Our class also read Shin-Chi's Canoe, which is a story about a boy who is finally old enough to go to residential school with his older sister. We also cut out feathers and then added either a sentence, or some powerful words that we felt suited to the topic.

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- Only go to houses with lights on or decorations because some people have their lights off if they are sleeping or don't want to be disturbed.
- **Buddy system:** Never go alone. Make sure you have an older sibling or trusted adult with you when trick or treating.
- Never go into someone's house unless accompanied by a trusted adult.
- **Candy Safety:** Before you eat your treats, go through them with a trusted adult to make sure they are safe. If you have any allergies, be extra careful.

Have a Fun and Safe Halloween!
(And don't eat too much candy!)



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Mr. Moore's class made feathers with kind messages on them, and put them on the classroom windows.

Partway through the day, each class gathered in a circle on the back field to share about what they have learned about Truth and Reconciliation, ask questions, and wonder. They were able to share their thoughts and feelings.

Ms. Cote

Ms. Cote and her students have been busy creating amazing art this year. One project they competed was called Happy Acorns. They used scrapbook paper for the acorns and painted the background with watercolors. They used autumn colors to match the mood of fall. The kindergarteners were very proud of their artwork and look forward to doing more projects for Halloween!

Mr. Douglas

In Mr. Douglas's classroom we are working on building rockets to see how far they could go and to see if you used different materials, would the outcome be different. We first started on the main body. We used file folders and some painter's tape, and we taped the main body until it was kind of stiff. Then we taped the front until it had a good seal on it. Then we started making the nose cone, the front of the rocket. We also used paper for the front of the nose cone. Finally, for the fins we used either paper, a file folder or both glued together.



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The Day of the Dead

Did you know that the Day of the Dead is a multi-day Spanish holiday celebrated in Latin America? It is typically celebrated November 1st and 2nd. It is a celebration that honours deceased loved ones. Families wash and decorate the graves of loved ones with things like flowers, most notably marigolds, pictures, and trinkets that were special to them. There is often a big parade on the streets, and they also decorate their homes. The most well-known flowers used on Day of the Dead are marigolds. The Spanish translation for Day of the Dead is Dia de los Muertos. Coco is a popular movie about the Day of the Dead.



Library

Please make sure you check our School Library Webpage on occasion. Each month's newspaper can be found there, along with any district competitions and initiatives involving the library or literacy as well as reading tools!
<https://learn71.ca/aspen-park-elementary-library-commons/>



X- Country

It's been a great X-Country season with one race remaining. Racers showed grit and determination at Huband, Brooklyn, and Airport schools. Our team had many top ten finishes and some first places as well. We want to give a huge shout out to our senior runners who are still competing in grade 7!

Battle of the Books

To date we have 3 members, and can take up to 3 more, who have started reading this year's 6 titles for the Battle of the Books competition. The district competition will be held at Cumberland Community School in February. Here are the titles of this year's selections: Spotting Dottie, Lost at Windy River, Impossible Creatures, Picture a Girl, Mortified, and Lost in the Backyard. See Ms. Mathew if you are interested in joining.

Reading Links Challenge

Grade 4/5 Reading Links Challenge has not started yet, but we've got 5 students who have expressed interest in being part of our team. We have room for one more person, but if there were a lot more, we could form a second team! See Ms. Mathew if you are interested in joining.

Congratulations
Lachlan, Beatrix,
Ava, Mary-Kate,
Emma, Teddy, and
Hendrick on your
first edition

