



Parent and Guardian Update

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Upcoming Events

The Reading Tree has its first leaves. Ask you child(ren) about their home reading bag.
Wednesday, November 4th 2:00PM Singing and Dance Practice
November 10th: 11:30 Remembrance Day Assembly
November 12th Picture Day
November 25th Volleyball Jamboree in Tahsis
December 2nd Port McNeill Skating and Movie Trip

Reading at home with your child

When reading with your child, try pausing occasionally and asking, "*What do you think the character is feeling right now? What makes you think that?*" Rather than focusing only on sounding out words, this helps children think deeply about the story, build empathy, and strengthen their comprehension skills. Even a few short conversations about characters, problems, and predictions can make reading more meaningful and enjoyable.

Primary: Mr. Christall - The primary class has Halloween on its collective mind. In addition to much talk of trick-or-treating and candy, the students have been busy decorating the classroom with delightful Halloween colouring. They've also been adding to the Heart Collage. While not very Halloween-y, it is a rather nice feature of the classroom. Feel free to have a look next time you're visiting the school.

Intermediate: Ms. Curtis - Since we added some popular additions to our classroom library, our 15 minutes of independent reading in the morning has been focused and enjoyable way to start our day. We've been learning about using descriptive language in our writing, and how to write short poems with an AABB rhyming scheme. In science we have been tumbling rocks and



What is happening in class



noting the effects of erosion. In math, we've reviewed our place value knowledge, and now we're learning multiplication strategies up to 12x12.



Junior: Mr. Kraul - Our class has had a busy and exciting few weeks! We are continuing to make our way through *Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief*. We are now more than halfway through and hope to finish the book in November. In math, students

have been learning to multiply decimals and applying this skill to practical situations, such as calculating earnings from an hourly wage. We also decorated our classroom door for Halloween week! In PHE, we continue to practise our volleyball skills as we prepare for games with Kyuquot next week and the jamboree in Tahsis at the end of November. Our class also enjoyed having Monty the ball python as a pet for a short time. Sadly, Monty passed away following an accident over the weekend, and he will certainly be missed by our class. We look forward to another month of learning, teamwork, and new experiences together!

Senior: Mr. Romyn - Over the last two weeks, we have been busy in Seniors class. Students are currently preparing presentations for their research projects on unique communities, including topics such as space station communities and underwater research station communities.

Last week, we travelled to Campbell River for a field trip, where we hiked to Ripple Rock and Elk Falls and participated in a rock-climbing activity.

Earlier this week, we completed our Intermediate First Aid certification, building valuable safety and emergency response skills.



**E-Scooters
and Bikes**

We are seeing more eScooters. They have specific rules that are different from bikes. Here is a link for more information:



Bring your helmets!



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