



November 2021 Newsletter

Principal's Message

Thank you to all of our families that made time in the evening on October 28th to engage in a conversation about your child's learning. These meetings, however brief, are important times to connect. I know it was a busy night for our teachers—having 20 on-line meetings in a row makes for a long night! Next time around, we are thinking of spreading these meetings over 2 nights. Our first term report cards will be sent home with students on December 10th. If you would like any information on how your child is progressing don't hesitate connecting with your classroom teacher.

Our annual book fair returned this past week after a year hiatus. It was a huge hit among our families and we sold close to \$3000 in books. In turn, we get approximately \$1200 of that back for our library to purchase new books. Thank you to everyone who supported the book fair this year. Thank you to Mrs. Williams for organizing this event and making it such a success!

We had 36 students in grades 5-8 participate in the Divisional Cross-Country meet on October 7th in Teulon. After a year with no extracurricular activities it was a pleasure to see our students out there being active and competitive. Special congrats goes out to our Primary Boys, and Intermediate Boys who placed 3rd, and our Junior Boys that placed 2nd. There were many "personal best" times on the day which is what we all want to see. Thank you to Mrs. Page for coaching and leading this group. Volleyball teams are practicing hard and we have started playing games as well.

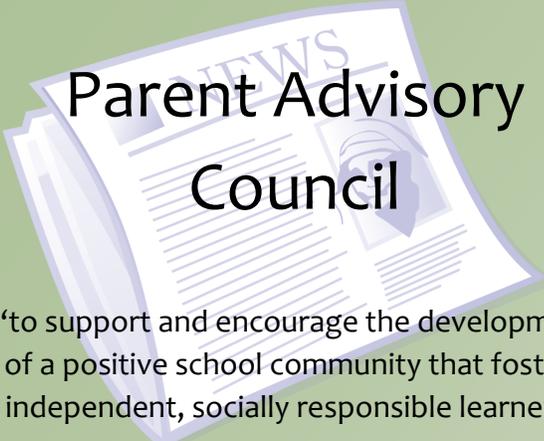
November is the month of Remembrance. We will be having a simple Remembrance Day ceremony at the school on November 10th. Please remember there is no school on November 11th and 12th.

I hope everyone had a great Halloween—as you can see from the pictures in the newsletter it was an eventful day at the school! Enjoy these last days of fall.

Yours in education,

Tim Lee





Parent Advisory Council

“to support and encourage the development of a positive school community that fosters independent, socially responsible learners”

Elections

Elections were held in accordance with our PAC Constitution on October 14th, 2021.

As there were no new nominations, the PAC members will remain the same:

President - Lynnette Lindell
Treasurer - Tara-Lee Koss
Secretary - Billie Jean Oliver

Thank you for your continued support!

Playground

A playground committee has been formed and will work in co-ordination with PAC. Current committee members are Lynnette Lindell, Jeannine Campbell and Tim Lee. If there are any other volunteers who would be willing to join, please do not hesitate to contact the school or Lynnette directly.



A meeting for a playground walk will be determined to make updated plans.

Meetings

Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month. However, due to Remembrance Day, our next meeting is:

Date: Thursday, November 18th
Time: 8:30 pm
Location: via zoom

Everyone is welcome to participate in our meetings! If you require assistance on how to join a virtual PAC meeting contact Lynnette at the number below.



Fundraising

1. Colibri - closed on October 4th. Total earned: \$93.50.
2. Vista Gift Cards - closes November 22nd
3. Shelmerdine's - closes November 22nd with pick-up on December 1, 2021; order forms are all on-line.

<https://www.shelmerdine.com/woodlands-pac-fundraiser-2021/>

Volunteer

We are looking for energetic individuals who are willing to join our PAC group. We work together to raise funds for the continued development of our playground and assist the school with various events. For more information on how to volunteer, please contact Lynnette Lindell @ 204-982-9372 or by email at lynnette@lansard.ca



Woodlands Parent Advisory Council Minutes September 2021 Meeting Minutes

Present: Lynnette Lindell, Tara-Lee Koss, Billie Jean Oliver, Brette Park, Roxanne Kotelko, Carolyn Spicer and Jennine Campbell

Regrets: Tim Lee

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:34 pm

Minutes: June 2021 Minutes were read. Tara-Lee Koss moved to have Minutes passed; Brette Park 2nd the motion.

Treasurer's Report: Regular PAC Chequeing: \$5,686.45
Playground Chequeing: \$13,122.37
Playground Savings: \$ 9,415.00

Books have been audited and are ready to go for next Treasurer

Treasurer suggested that \$10,000.00 be transferred from the playground chequeing into the playground savings. All agreed.

Treasurer also suggested that because the auditor is reviewing both the PAC books and the Playground books, that the cost be alternated between each committee. All agreed.

Fundraising:

- Colibri information was sent out on Sept 20 and 21st; Fundraiser closes on October 4th.
- Gift Cards – will still use the same organization as we are only running it once during the school year. Would like to have this sent out before Thanksgiving
- Shelmerdines – will be discussed at next meeting to finalize the dates
- Cash Prize Raffle – similar to that of the 50/50 with a few changes as to when to close and have tickets returned.

Principal's Report: as per email provided by Mr. Lee and read by Lynnette Lindell

A couple items of note from the admin side of things:

- Student population is 133 with 19 Ks. Biggest class is 23 (7/8), smallest class is 17, average class size is 19.
- Re-opening plan available of website. All students and staff are wearing masks at school. 2 cohorts just like last year. Staggered entrances/exits. We can start extracurricular activities and field trips again. Grade 7-8 Life skills programing is back on at WCI.
- Calendars, important dates, updated handbook can all be found on the website.
- Terry Fox Run this Friday.
- Orange Shirt day / Truth and Reconciliation activities on Sept.29. No school September 30th.
- Grade 5-8 field trip to Birds Hill on October 1.
- Progress Conversations October 28th.
- Christmas Concert – not sure.
- Swim Program – not sure.
- 7-8 Ski Trip – with current restrictions – No.

New Business:

Elections will be held during the October 2021 meeting; all positions are open; 2-year term;

As we had a few new parents join; sending out mass email with the zoom link will continue;

Discussions were had regarding changing back to in-person meetings and then possibly doing a combination of in-person and have a few join on zoom, if they choose.

Discussions were had on the date of the meetings changing

Will set October meeting at a later date and will send out mass email as to when the next meeting will be.

Need to set up a time to walk the playground to determine requirements and next steps forward.

Next PAC Meeting: to be determined

Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

**Woodlands Parent Advisory Council
October 2021 Meeting Minutes**

Present: Lynnette Lindell, Tara-Lee Koss, Billie Jean Oliver, Brette Park, Jeannine Campbell, Casey Tully, Tim Lee

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:41 pm

Minutes: September 2021 Minutes were read. Tara-Lee Koss moved to have Minutes passed; Jeannine Campbell 2nd the motion.

Treasurer's Report:

Regular PAC Chequeing:	\$5,686.45
Playground Chequeing:	\$3,122.37
Playground Savings:	\$19,407.82

There are still a couple of cheques that need to be processed. The one for the auditor as well as closing the Colibri fundraiser.

Fundraising:

- Colibri closed on October 4th. Waiting on email from Colibri to determine final totals. Lynnette will try to get in touch with our contact;
- Gift Cards – forms sent home on last week of September. Closes on November 22nd for timely submission and delivery; Order form is on the website.
- Shelmerdines – will have an order return date of November 22nd. Billie Jean to contact Shelmerdines to set delivery date;
- Cash Prize Raffle – will be tabled until the new year;
- Craft Sale – there were a number of inquiries to holding a craft sale. At this point unable to hold one and will reconsider for next school year.

Principal's Report: We had a smooth start to the new school year. We currently have 132 students enrolled which is an increase from last year. 19 students in Kindergarten. Largest class size is 23 and the smallest is 17.

Masks are being worn by all students and staff. Parents have been doing a really good job of either picking up their kids when sick and keeping them at home until symptoms are gone. An email went home with the MB Health Screening Questions. This is the tool referred to when determining if a student needs to be picked up. All staff in our building are fully vaccinated. We are currently at a standstill in letting additional people into our buildings for sports or volunteering. If parents are coming into the building for very short periods of time that is fine or if they are scheduled to meet with someone they will be allowed to come in. These things are generally when there is minimum exposure to our vulnerable students.

As there is a limitation in people being able to come into the building, Progress Conversations will be held virtually again this year. A letter will go home as to when and how to sign up.

In recognition of National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, Carl Swan come out and did a presentation for the staff and students;

Grades 5 – 8 went to Bird's Hill Park for a field trip; The younger group (K-2's) are going to a dairy farm on the 20th for a field trip.

Grade 5 – 8 went to Teulon for Cross Country. Woodlands brought home the small school banner.

Boys' Volleyball is up and running.

Remembrance Day – details still being determined how to do it.

Christmas Concert – discussions with Mandy Hallow are being had to determine what and how anything will be done.

Old Business:

Playground Committee to be formed (Lynnette, Tim, Jeannine) with a meeting date to be determined to do a playground walk. Billie Jean to review emails to see if we can find someone who is able to do rendering of updated plans; RM approached the Secretary Treasurer of ISD regarding proposed trails. Billie Jean to print out map of the proposed trails.

New Business:

Elections were held in accordance with the PAC's constitution. As no new nominations were presented our PAC Committee will remain the same.

President: Lynnette Lindell, by acclamation

Treasurer: Tara-Lee Koss, by acclamation

Secretary: Billie Jean Oliver, by acclamation

As Tuesday evenings do not work for Committee Members, the new meeting schedule will be the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Next PAC Meeting:

Thursday, November 18th @ 8:30, via zoom. (As the 2nd Thursday of November is Remembrance Day)

Adjourned:

Meeting adjourned at 9:19 pm

Classroom Corner 1/2H

Hello from Grade 1/2H! It's so hard to believe October is already over. We've been incredibly busy in our classroom.

ELA:

The grade 1/2s have been working hard on learning how to read, reading with fluency and reading with expression. We have also been working on writing a sentence, and adding in details to our writing. We often talk about how details make our writing interesting for the reader.

Math:



Number sense and counting have been our main focus for the last two months. Students practice their counting daily during calendar time. We have been skip counting by 10s, 5s and 2s. We also have used beans to learn how to organize our materials and count in groups of either 10s, 5s, or 2s. We have been practicing creating numbers from 0-20 and into the hundreds. Grade 1s have been introduced to addition and Grade 2s have been practicing using a variety of strategies when completing addition and subtraction questions.

Science:

The 5 Senses has been our focus for the month of October. We have completed many experiments and lots with food. We learned about our five sense, what part of the body we use with each sense, what happens if we alter substances and finally designed an object to protect our one of our five senses.



Pumpkin Fun:



My favourite part of October is pumpkins! We used pumpkins a lot in our math classes to practice different skills. One day we took 5 different sized pumpkins to the big hill and rolled them down. Students stood at the bottom of the hill and estimated how far each pumpkin would roll. This led to interesting discussions about the different criteria of the pumpkins to help estimate how far it would roll. We also used links to measure the circumference and cubes to measure the height of the pumpkin. Finally, we were able to pick a design and carve our pumpkin!



Field Trip:

We went on a field trip to Current Holsteins Dairy Farms located in Lake Francis owned and operated by Darren Hueging and Allison Pylpjuk. On our tour we learned about ways to feed the calves, how different equipment operates, how cows are milked and fed. It was amazing to have the opportunity to go on a field trip again. Thank you for having us!



Classroom Corner 7/8

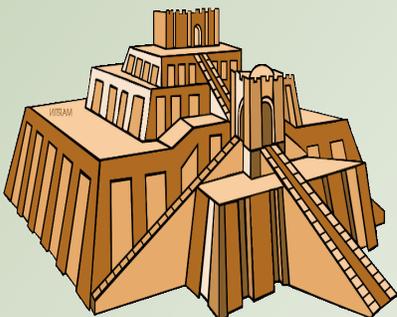
Wow! October has flown by. Our grade 7/8 class is a large class of 23 students. Our group is extremely creative. We have a handful of 7/8s who have created the "Kind Kids Crafts" club for grade 5-8 students where they make crafts as random acts of kindness for all members of our school. Last year they started after spring break and made a book member for every student and staff in the school! As well, we have a group of grade 7/8s who are planned our annual "Spooky Halloween Maze" for all students. This will be the second year it is taking place and it is so exciting to watch the students plan and organize the event for all the students. We definitely have some great leaders and role models in our school!



In ELA, we are wrapping up our persuasive writing unit where students learned to use persuasive language, propaganda techniques, figurative language, and imagery to design and advertise a roller coaster. All students had to convince the reader that their roller coaster was the best ride at the amusement park. With attention grabbing phrases, call to actions, and special features, these rides sure sound fun... some even scary! On top of their writing, the students designed a billboard to advertise their roller coaster where they were able to show the design of their roller coaster as well as incorporating persuasive techniques into it as well.



In Social Studies we just finished our introduction unit on the early humans. Here, the students learned about the different eras of the first humans. Students even got to design a menu based on Paleolithic or Neolithic times! Ask your child to share one of their menu items with you! This past week we just started learning about Ancient Mesopotamia and Ancient Egypt. In the next few weeks we are exploring Ancient Mesopotamia and will do many hands-on activities such as creating our own cuneiform language and designing a ziggurat!



BOOKS ARE...

MIRRORS



WINDOWS

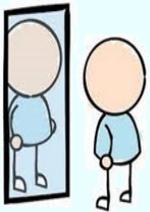


SLIDING GLASS DOORS



Having books in the classroom and library that our students love to read is important to us at Woodlands School. We are always adding new books of all genres to the classroom libraries and school library. These include fiction, non-fiction, graphic novels, mystery, fantasy etc. The libraries are also composed of books from many different reading levels.

We want the books in our classrooms and in our library to be **mirrors**, **windows** and **sliding glass doors** for our students.



In a mirror, we can see ourselves reflected. When students see themselves and their own experiences reflected in the books they read, it can be more engaging. This is why we strive to have books in our school that represent the students here.

Through a window, we can see new and familiar views. Books that are windows to us can provide us with new and familiar experiences, and encourage us to compare and contrast our experiences with those of others.



Sliding glass doors invite us to step through into a new environment or time. When students read a book that makes them want to learn more about a topic, this is a sliding glass door to them. They can step through the door into a new world.

THANK YOU! To Mrs. Williams for all your hard work in organizing and setting up our Book Fair! Our kids enjoyed looking at all books! It was a huge success! Happy Reading everyone!
You never know what adventure awaits inside!

Cross Country



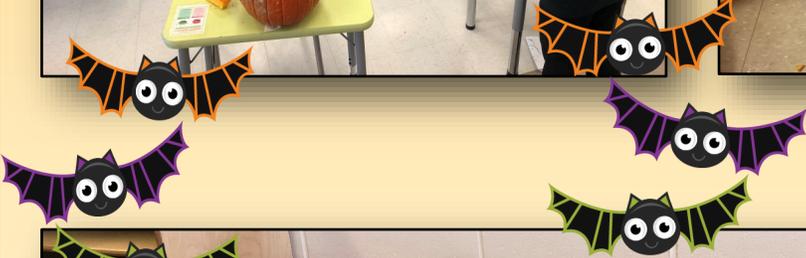
Congratulations



Getting Creative with Pumpkins



HAPPY HALLOWEEN!
From the 5/6 class



Happy Halloween from Woodlands School



November 2021

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Day 5	2 Day 6 K	3 Day 1  Early Dismissal	4 Day 2 K	5 Day 3	6
7	8 Day 4 K	9 Day 5	10 Day 6 K	11  REMEMBRANCE DAY 11 TH NOVEMBER No School	12 Inservice No Classes	13
14	15 Day 1 Grade 6 & 8 Immunizations 	16 Day 2 K	17 Day 3	18 Day 4 K  PAC Mtg @ 8:30 via zoom	19 Day 5	20
21	22 Day 6 K Gift Card & Shelmerdine's Fundraisers due	23 Day 1	24 Day 2 K	25 Day 3	26 Day 4 K	27
28 Hanukkah (Start)	29 Day 5	30 Day 6 K				