

## November

### Monthly Theme: WE CARE



*What simple things can we do to show that we care about others? About our community? About the environment?*

### **Communication of Student Learning (COSL) Presentation at Council meeting by grade 1 teacher Sheri Wigmore**

### School Population – Quick Facts

- 698 students, 29 classrooms K-5
- 27 teachers, 13 support staff
- 100 students or 14% are identified with specialized or exceptional needs (IPPs/PLPs)
- 35 students or 5% are English Language Learners
- 47 students or 7% self-declare as First Nations, Inuit or Metis
- Students in English programming: 330
- Students in French Immersion programming: 368

### Highlights:

- **Remembrance Day Ceremony** on November 10<sup>th</sup> was a success with 2 groups 10:30am and 1:30pm – parents and families attended the wonderful event which included student MCs, bilingual programming, and student performances
- **Métis Awareness Week as a blast Nov. 15-18<sup>th</sup>**
  - o Métis singer, artist and knowledge keeper
  - o Special classroom activities, too!
- **Parent Coffee Principal Chats** started monthly in October – time to connect, ask questions, give feedback. There was one on Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> 9:30-10:00am
- **House Teams Kick Off Assemblies** on Nov. 24 and 25<sup>th</sup>
  - o Students will be introduced to their house teams and are encouraged to wear their team colours!
  - o Special activities are planned for each month as House Teams Days – wear your colour
- **We started Student Morning Announcements** on our Intercom System, to help celebrate each day. Different student leaders come each day to help with announcements – in both French and English with Mme Hooper and Ms. Prud'Homme.
- **We are designing** supervision, lunch options, and small groups to support multiple students throughout the day, at recess, and during lunch eating times. We also tried eating in the gym as a large group last week to give teachers an extra break 😊

### Staffing Updates

We have posted a learning assistant position and we have booked substitute assistants for additional support in the meantime.

We welcome a student teacher to Mrs. Hilderman's grade 4 class, Ms. Sawyer!

### Upcoming School Events:

- **November 24-25<sup>th</sup> House Teams Day and Assemblies!**  
Wear Your House Team Colour (Kinders on Nov. 24, Gr. 1-5 Nov. 25)
- **November 30<sup>th</sup> is CREATIVE HAIR DAY!**
- **December's theme** is WE DO OUR BEST
- **K-2 Christmas Concerts** are aiming to please with musical performances! Stay tuned in your emails for more details!
  - o Dec. 12, 13, and 15<sup>th</sup>
- **No Parent Principal Chat** in December, resuming in January with an RSVP sign up
- **Staff Christmas Potluck Lunch** is December 21<sup>st</sup> – we need parent volunteers to help with supervision!

### School Goals & Continuous Improvement – Updates

#### On-going work to build success in learning across the school.

- Increase of small groups for learning supports in literacy, numeracy, emotional regulation, and French Immersion learning

- Available funding for additional resources and supports for the new curriculum and for Learning Disruption Funding, similar to what was in place last year.
- Increase of student leadership opportunities in school announcements, events, and learning buddy classrooms across the school.

### Staff Learning Opportunities in November

1. Grade 4-5 teams worked with Learning Specialists to 'dig into data' and discuss and learn how to best design instruction for literacy and numeracy supports.
2. Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> PL Day Staff started the day with a grounding circle, learning about an Indigenous practice
3. Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> PL Day Staff participated in 3 sessions choosing from a variety of topics and presenters:
  - OT Workshop on Interoception with Holly Robson (RVS Occupational Therapist)
  - SLP Workshop on Speech and Literacy with Michelle Schmidt (RVS Speech and Language Therapist)
  - Embedding Indigenous Perspectives in Learning with RVS Learning Specialist Rick Gaudio
  - FASD Learning Session with the Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Society
  - Drumming Activity for Mental Health with RVS Family School Liaison (FSL) Jen Rowe
  - Universal Design for Learning with RVS Learning Specialist Jillian Knoblauch

### School Goals Workbook –

### 2022-2023 Areas of Focus

#### School Goal #1:

#### **INCLUSION & ENGAGEMENT**

Universal Design for Learning  
Sharing Knowledge & Learning Walks

*How might we design inclusive learning experiences to support all students to succeed?*

#### School Goal #2:

#### **LITERACY &**

#### **NUMERACY ACHIEVEMENT**

Digging Into Data  
Instructional Design & Coaching

*How might we design literacy and numeracy learning to promote student growth and achievement?*



Class Community Projects with Mme. Danielson's grade 2 students and working in the community with seniors each month!



Metis Week was so much fun learning from special guests in the school!

Here are pictures of the Metis singer, Erin, and Métis Knowledge Keeper, Jodi!



Staff learning and working together on the PL Day on Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> and successful Remembrance Day Ceremonies!

