

Good News

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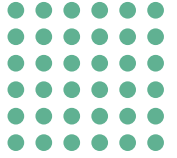
Division Office





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Ardmore School





Probability Carnival



The Grade 6/7s just finished their statistics unit with a Probability Carnival. Students worked in groups to design and construct a carnival-like game with a probability factor. We had different games such as dice rolling, marble picking, coin flipping and much more!



Great work grade 6/7s!



Cross Country at Ardmore School



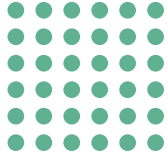
Each year, Ardmore students participate in our school-based Terry Fox run in support of the Bonnyville Cancer Clinic, as well as the LSAA Cross Country meet. This year our wolves raised \$500 for the Bonnyville Cancer Clinic.



Unlocking our Greatness

We began the year with an early visit from speaker Jon Hansen, thanks to our Parent Advisory Association. Jon gave us the code to unlock our greatness. This provided us with a great way to remind students of our 3 R's - respectful, responsible, and resilient.





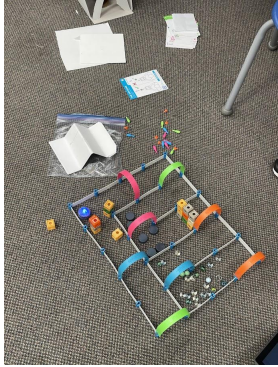
Art Smith
Aviation Academy

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Art Smith Aviation Academy



Grade 7-9 Options/Skills Class

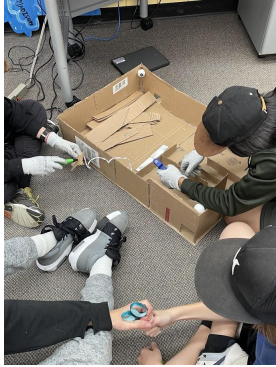


Exciting times in our Grade 7-9 Skills Option Class! This term, our students are diving into some incredible hands-on projects:

Woodworking: They're building ping pong tables for our school! Right now they are at the painting stage for these tables.

Handheld Sewing: Students are getting crafty and learning valuable sewing skills by creating drawstring bags, hair scrunchies and little pouches.

Coding: In our coding class, they're designing obstacle courses and programming Spheros to navigate through them. It's a fantastic blend of tech and fun!



Fire Prevention Presentation



A big thank you to the 4 Wing Fire Department for helping keep our community informed and safe!





Grade 1E and 1/2F enjoyed the beautiful outdoors and went on a nature walk!

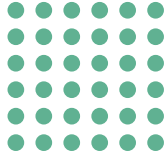


Grade 9 Science today made TRAILS bracelets. The bead colours were based on dominant or recessive genes, that caused traits that were passed down from their parents!

Huge congratulations to our amazing cross country runners!

Way to go Lightning!





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**Bonnyville
Centralized
High School**



School Spirit



Our student council hosted a Battle of the Grades Tug-of-War contest





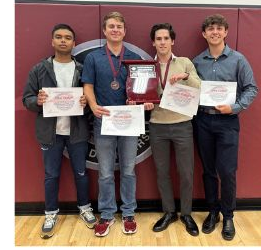
Our grade 12s and the Grad Parent Committee hosted an amazing fundraiser on Oct 17 selling Mr. Mike's burgers!

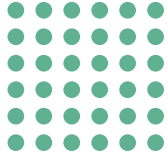
Grad Fundraiser



AWARDS DAY

BCHS hosted an Awards Ceremony, recognizing the achievements of students from the 2023-24 school year!





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**Cold Lake
Elementary
School**



Orange Shirt Day

Orange Shirt Day was observed on September 26th. Students were given a presentation on Orange Shirt Day and our classrooms did activities on Orange Shirt Day and Kindness.



Fall Walks & Tim Hortons

Some of our classes got to check out the community by going on fall walks to promote active living as well as learning about seasons. A number of lucky classes went on an adventure to Tim Horton's where they were invited to decorate donuts.





**Cold Lake
High School**





CLHS Staff and students had the privilege of attending 4 days of culture camps with elders from Cold Lake First Nations learning and practicing traditional skills.

Our Indigenous Studies
class sold student
designed buttons and
shirts for Orange Shirt Day



Sales raised over \$500 for
the Chanie Wenjack
Foundation

ON THURSDAY WE
WEAR ORANGE...



...FOR THOSE WHO
DID NOT RETURN
HOME

...FOR THOSE WHO
ARE SURVIVORS

... FOR THE FAMILIES
WHO HAVE BEEN
CHANGED FOREVER

WE WEAR ORANGE
TO HONOUR YOU

THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 26



ROYALS AWARD WINNERS

Grade 10
Natalie Erling
Mady Nichol

Grade 11
Michael Lyons
Preslee Jacque

INTEGRITY COMMITMENT PRIDE



GOVERNOR GENERAL'S
ACADEMIC MEDAL

Each year the Governor General's Medal is awarded to the student in each high school with the highest academic average. CLHS would like to congratulate this year's recipient, Sara Iftikhar.



2023-24
COLD LAKE HIGH SCHOOL
ACADEMIC AWARDS

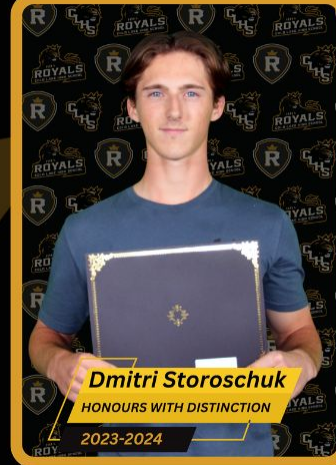


Cold Lake High School
honoured students who embody
our core values of
INTEGRITY, COMMITMENT & PRIDE
at our Academic Awards.



Kate Daniels
ACADEMIC HONOURS

2023-2024



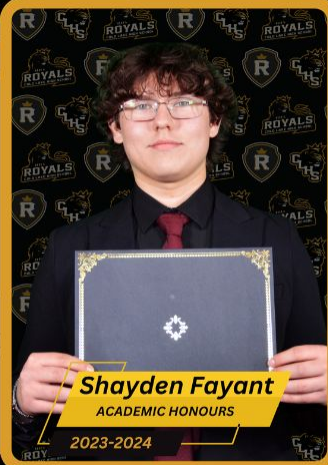
Dmitri Storoschuk
HONOURS WITH DISTINCTION

2023-2024



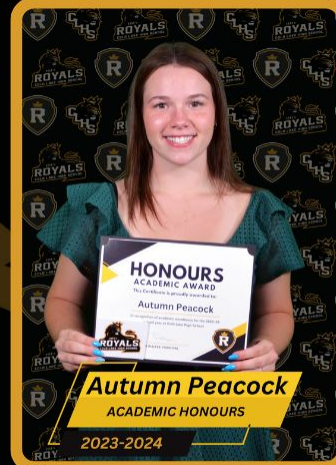
Ariana Robertson
ACADEMIC HONOURS

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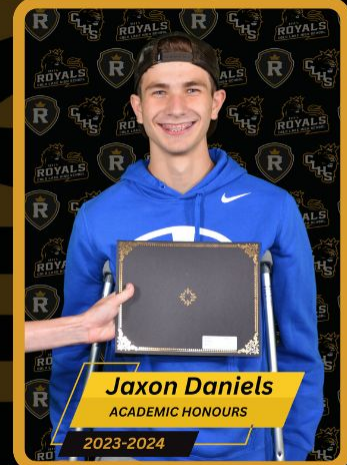
Shayden Fayant
ACADEMIC HONOURS

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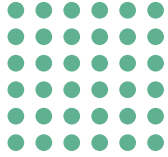
Autumn Peacock
ACADEMIC HONOURS

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Jaxon Daniels
ACADEMIC HONOURS

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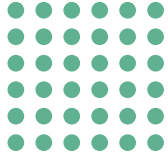
**Cold Lake
Outreach
School**





CLOS Volunteers With Local Food Bank

The CLOS team is excited to support our Local Food Bank through our latest involvement with the Walmart Food Recovery program. Every Tuesday a group of student volunteers is responsible for helping to load and unload food donations to support our community.

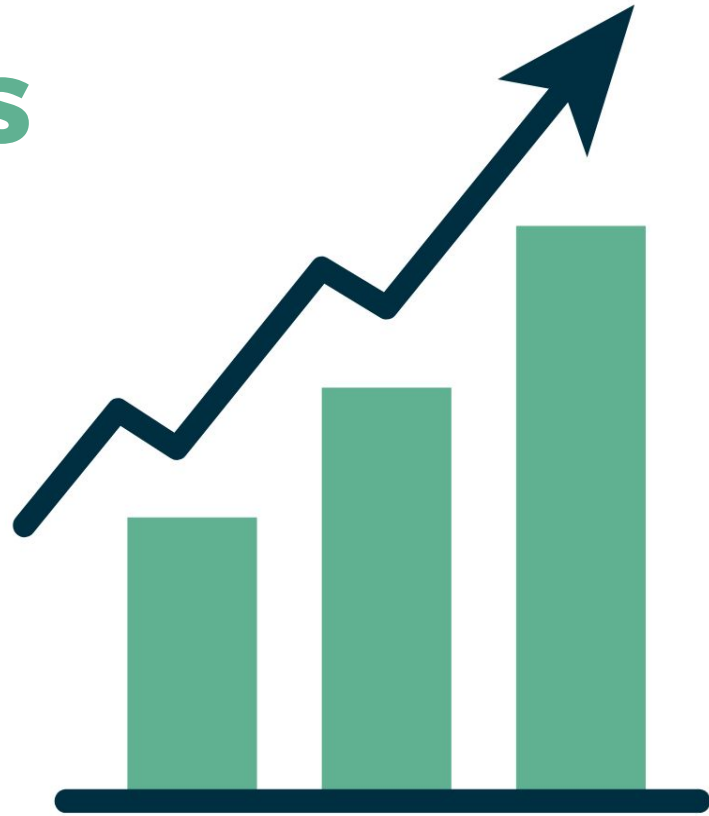


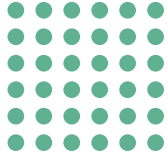
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Crossroads Outreach School



**School
Enrollment is
UP this year!**





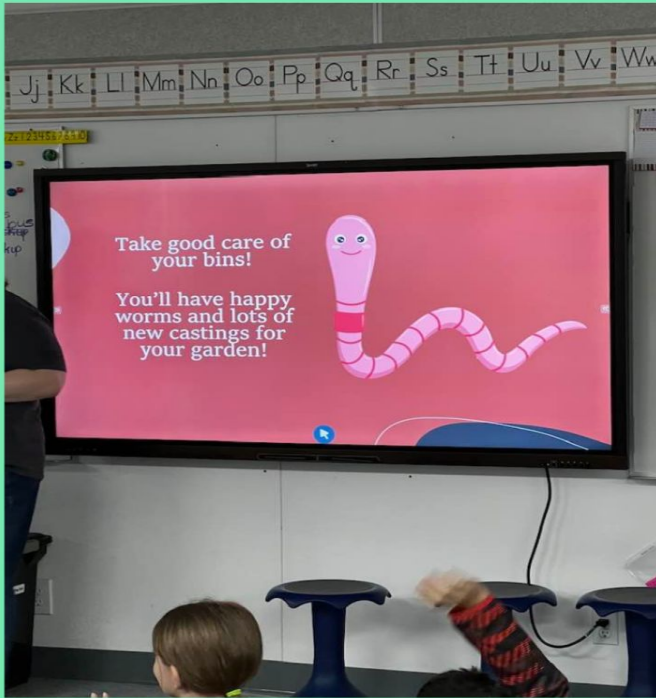
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**Duclos
School**



Vermicomposting at Duclos

Our friends at Lica came in to present vermicomposting to our Grade 4 students. Vermicomposting is the processing of organic wastes through earthworms. Each class got their own bin so they can learn how to reduce food waste in their homes.





Truth and Reconciliation Day

Our friends from the Bonnyville Friendship Centre came to join us on orange shirt day. Cynthia and Shiloh held an assembly with all the kids and then went to each classroom to read to them about the meaning behind Truth and Reconciliation Day.





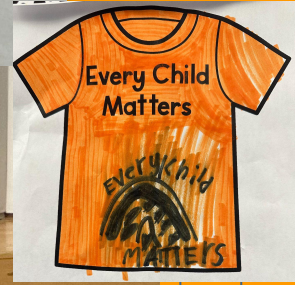
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**Ecole
Plamondon
School**



Orange Shirt Day

Emma a ninety year old survivor of residential schools shared her story with us at Ecole Plamondon and helped us to understand some of the hard things many children faced in residential schools



A Streetcar Named Desire: Grade 12 - Citadel trip to Edmonton



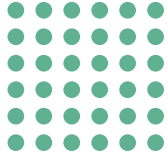
Grade 12's went to Edmonton to watch a Streetcar Named Desire at the Citadel. For many it was their first time seeing a live play.



Ecole Plamondon Jr. Volleyball Tournament



Junior Girls won their first tournament
Our Home tournament. The
boys also had a fabulous first
tournament



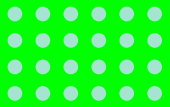
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Glendon School



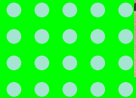
Literature at its finest.
Our Grade 11 and 12
students had the
opportunity to see the
live presentation at the
Citadel Theatre of a
“Streetcar Named
Desire.” The play is on
the diploma exam
reading list. Students had
an amazing trip and we
so excited about live
theatre. Exposure to
modern drama in real life
!

The Citadel



We look forward to the stories
and the memories that are
made with our grandparents.

Grandparent's DAY





FIRE SAFETY with the GLENDON Fire Department



WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE ARE ON TREATY 6 TERRITORY, A TRADITIONAL MEETING GROUND, GATHERING PLACE, AND TRAVELING ROUTE TO THE CREE, SAULTEAUX, BLACKFOOT, MÉTIS, DENE, AND NAKOTA SIOUX.

ORANGE SHIRT DAY

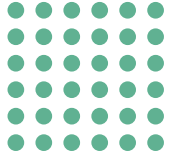


WE ACKNOWLEDGE ALL THE MANY FIRST NATIONS, MÉTIS, AND INUIT WHOSE FOOTSTEPS HAVE MARKED THESE LANDS FOR CENTURIES.



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Iron River School





Iron River School

October 8 at 8:31 AM · ⚙️

We would like to say a huge thank you to the Alberta Professional Outfitters Society (APOS) and Iron River Outfitters for their generous donations and sponsorship of our school trip to the Alford Lake Alberta Hunter Education Instructors Association Camp (AHEIA). Our students had the opportunity to take part in a wide variety of outdoor activities like fly and spin reel fishing for Rainbow Trout, shoot .22, .223, and shotguns on the range, do a 3D archery course, an orienteering course, and a blood trailing activity. They also spent a ton of time in the outdoors cooking, eating, building relationships, and connecting with nature. Because of APOS and our amazing local outfitters, Iron River Outfitters, which is owned and operated by two amazing IRS alumni, we were able to send our kids to this camp for three days at zero cost to the students or the school. We are so grateful for their generosity and thankful for their dedication to the next generation of outdoorsmen and women!





Fire Prevention Assembly & Relocation Drill

Our amazing La Corey FD gave an excellent assembly for fire prevention week! Then we all were able to check out the trucks and the sirens, try on the gear, get our vitals checked, and even use the hose to spray some fake fires out! After the assembly they helped us with our fire and relocation drill. To celebrate how well we did they gave us a pizza lunch that we all enjoyed outside and gave the kids all plastic fire hats! Great way to learn about and celebrate safety!







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**J.A. Williams
High School**



Charting Bright Futures: Highlights from the ELAA Post-Secondary Career Fair

Over 20 post-secondary institutions and trades representatives engaged with students, providing valuable insights into various career and educational opportunities.

Grades 10 to 12 students actively participated, asking questions about programs, career paths, and funding options.

Students received personalized advice on career planning and financial aid, helping them better understand their post-secondary options.

The event fostered **direct connections between students and post-secondary representatives**, guiding them in their future education and career decisions.

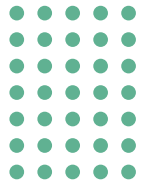


Charting Bright Futures: Highlights from the ELAA Post-Secondary Career Fair



Leveling Up: Our Esports Team Takes on the Mountain Time Zone!

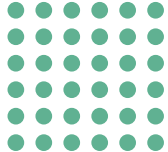
- **Competing in a regional league** against high schools across the Mountain time zone, including teams from the U.S.
- **Active teams in Mario Kart, Smash Bros, and Fortnite**, showcasing diverse gaming skills.
- **Fully inclusive program**, welcoming students of all skill levels and backgrounds.
- **Dedicated students practice three days a week** and compete weekly, demonstrating commitment and teamwork.





Life in the Shark
Tank: Building,
Creating, and
Innovating at JAWS!





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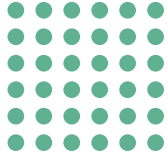
**Journeys
Learning
Academy**



Thanksgiving Hampers

This Thanksgiving, the team at Journey's gave back to their community by using funds they had raised throughout the year to assemble and distribute thoughtful Thanksgiving baskets.





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**Kikino
School**



Natalie

ORANGE SHIRT DAY

EVERY CHILD MATTERS

Why do you think it is important for everyone to wear orange on Orange Shirt Day?

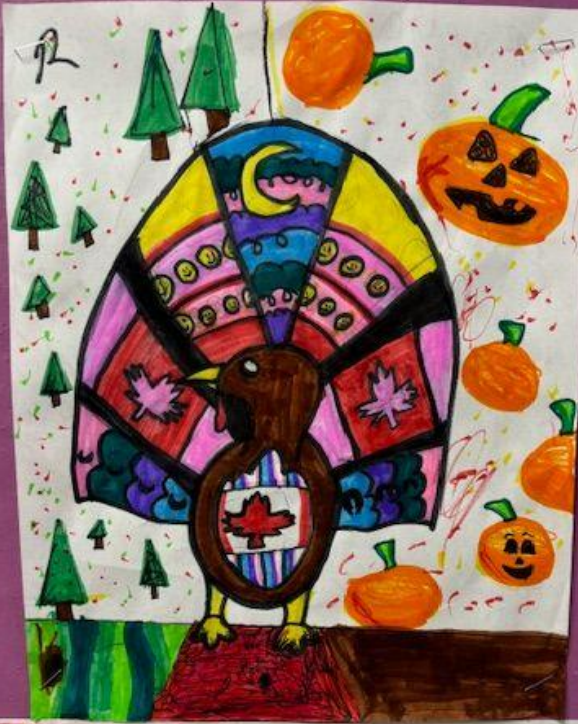
I think everyone should wear orange because, most of the survivors waited all their lives to get an apology. To recognise the people who survived, like Phyllis Webstad



Focus on
writing
that
matters.



Focus on
mental
health in a
way that
matters.



I am thankful for...

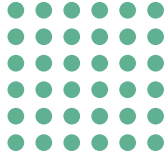
my mom because she feeds me and buys me stuff and I'm
thankful for my cousins because they make me happy
when I'm sad.

Kiya



We
belong.
And that
matters.





LAC LA BICHE REGIONAL
OUTREACH SCHOOLS

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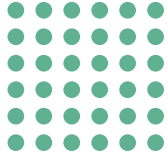
Lac La Biche Outreach School



Attendance is WAY UP!

We are BURSTING AT THE SEAMS!!
(In the best way possible of course)
LLBOS is happy to report that student
attendance is way up this year!





LEARNING TOGETHER ANYWHERE

LTA



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**Learning
Together
Anywhere**

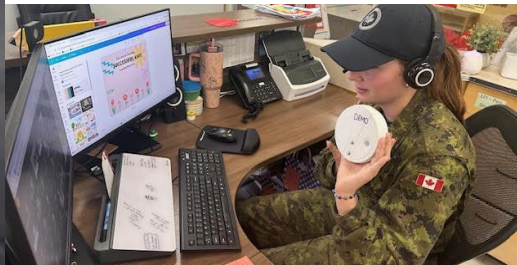


Fire Prevention at LTA



This week, Learning Together Anywhere School had the privilege of an online fire safety presentation from the 4 Wing Fire Department. They taught our students and staff the importance of fire alarms—how to properly install, test, and maintain them to ensure they're always working.

The session emphasized that smoke alarms should be tested monthly and that everyone should have a fire escape plan in place. A big thank you to the 4 Wing Fire Department for helping keep our LTA community informed and safe!





National Bring your Teddy Bear to Work/School Day

Learning Together Anywhere School had a beary good time celebrating our 'National Bring Your Teddy Bear to School/Work' day! It was heartwarming to see students and staff alike sharing the joy and comfort of their favorite cuddly companions, whether online or during meetings. Thank you to everyone who brought their favourite stuffies to school and made this day extra special!



Music Presentations

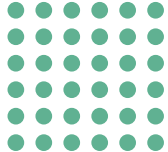
MUSICPLAY ONLINE

THEMES & VARIATIONS

Mrs. Heather Dempsey, retired art and music teacher with NLPS, presented information sessions for parents/caregivers and students on the online music platform, MusicPlay. The following day, Mrs Dempsey presented her “Best of Three” music websites with everyone.

Thank you for sharing your knowledge and passion with our LTA family,
Mrs. Dempsey!





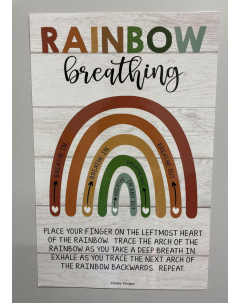
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Nelson Heights School



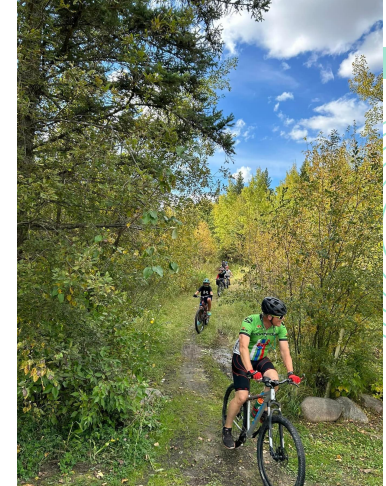
Wellness Class

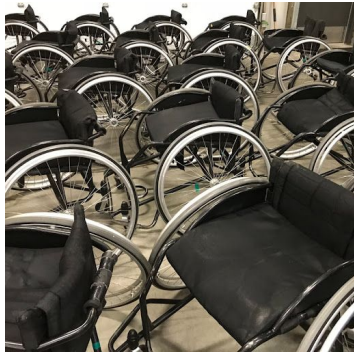
Nelson Heights students have been taking part in wellness classes in a unique space where all learning needs are met. Students take part in makerspace and wellness lessons in an attempt to learn strategies that will help them be successful.



Athletics at NHS

Mountain Bike is done, Cross Country is over and Volleyball has begun. NHS students even have volleyball club after school.



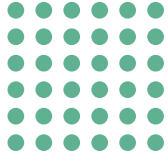


Hi Lights School Wheelchair Program



Phys Ed Program with inclusion in mind. Students at NHS had an opportunity to learn about accessibility and inclusivity all week in Gym class.





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**North Star
Elementary
School**

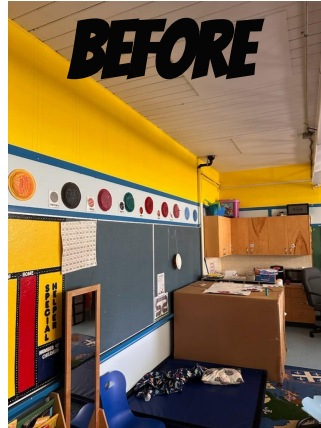


New Paint Job!

A full team effort led to an important upgrade to a room that is a safe place for many of our students! Advice taken from NLPS Inclusive Ed, advocacy from our NSES Team, help from health and safety and careful and timely execution from maintenance allowed for an amazing two day transformation of this learning space. Room 119 is now a welcoming, calming learning environment for all who use it!



AFTER



BEFORE

AFTER





Pocket Hearts

Ms. Soice reached out to a retired teacher who was looking to give back to students and teachers. The result was a handmade crochet pocket heart for every student in our building! Thank you so much for these gifts and for sharing your talent, and giving of your time. These random acts of kindness fill our school with the love the students and staff need.



FIRST ASSEMBLY

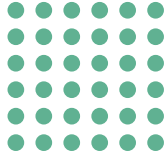
We had our First Assembly of the year at the end of September!

We practiced our Focus Sequence for October, recognized Birthdays by handing out books for all those who celebrated over the past few months, and announced the return of Bear Tickets.

Our PBIS focus for this month is being respectful, responsible and safe our hallways and washrooms!



A collage of images related to the school's focus sequence and PBIS program. At the top, four panels show different poses of a blue bear mascot with the text "I CAN MOVE", "I CAN HOLD", "I CAN SPEAK", and "I CAN PAUSE". Below this is the text "October Focus Sequence". The middle section contains two photographs of a large assembly in a gymnasium, one showing the audience and the other showing a presentation on stage. At the bottom, the text "Bear Tickets" is displayed above the statement "I can be respectful, responsible and safe in the hallways and washrooms!". To the left of this statement is a checklist with the items "Well thought", "Respectful", "Responsible", and "Safe", each with a checkbox. To the right is a small image of the bear mascot holding a "Bear Ticket".



Vera M. Welsh



Elementary School

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Vera M. Welsh Elementary School



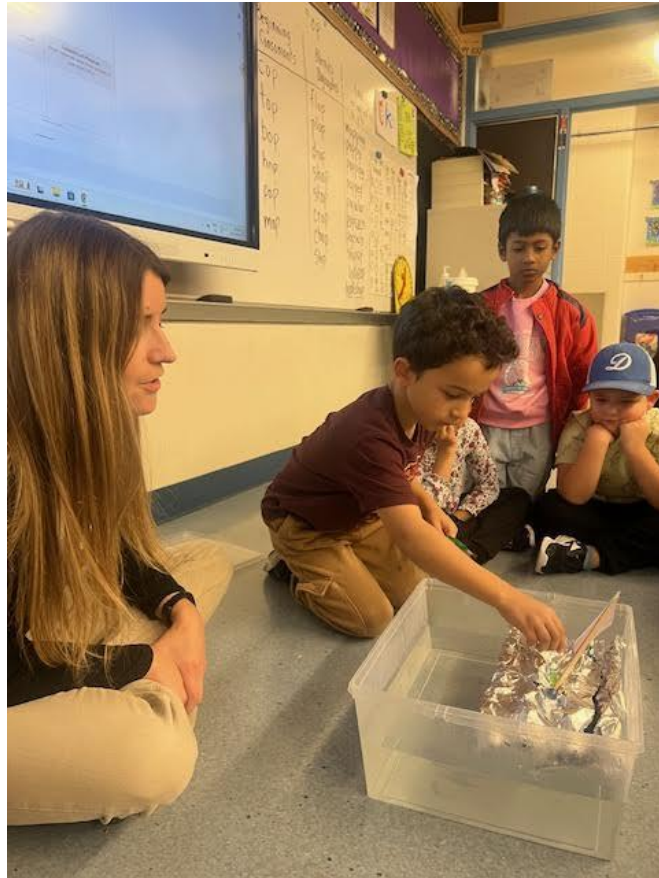
BUILDING BOATS & BRIDGES

*THE POWER OF
PRODUCTIVE STRUGGLE*



Exciting things are happening in Mrs. Lyons' Grade 2 class! Our young engineers are diving into a hands-on project focused on productive struggle as they design and build boats and bridges.

The students are exploring essential questions: What is the purpose of their designs? What materials can they use? Can their creations withstand testing? And what improvements can they make along the way? We can't wait to see their creativity and problem-solving skills in action throughout the year!



Boat and Bridge Building Project Marking Guide

4 Exemplary	Excellent! Design and plan was clear and neat. Materials were appropriate for type of bridge or boat. Bridge or boat was held up to a test.
3 Proficient	Good! Good design and plan. Material was okay for the bridge or boat. Bridge or Boat was completed and held up to strength or floating test.
2 Progressing	Okay! Design completed. Material okay for type of bridge or boat. Bridge or boat didn't really stand up to strength stability or floating test.
1 Not Yet	Needed more work! Design incomplete. Bridge or boat also incomplete, and needs more work to stand up to strength or floating tests.
0	Opt! Bridge or boat not complete.

Comments:

Dear Parents,

On Wednesday October 16th, we will be building either a small boat or bridge using different kinds of materials. I am asking that you send some materials to school that your child can use to build their boat or bridge. You do not need to build anything at home; just bring in materials to build with.

Materials might include:

- Paper
- Cardboard
- Fabric
- Aluminum Foil
- Playdough
- Popsicle sticks
- Toothpicks
- Straws
- Plasticine
- Plastic bottle caps
- Bottles
- Foam
- Egg carton
- Legs
- Cork
- Toilet Paper Rolls
- String
- Tape
- Glue



Don't feel you need to go out and buy any materials; use what you have around the house already.

The bridge will be tested to see if it can support the weight of a small car or object, and the boat will be tested to see if it can float and support weight of 3 or more marbles.

Thank you for supporting our learning and ensuring that we can do this hands-on learning experience.

Mrs. Lyons

My Bridge Design Plan

By: _____

Planning
List the materials you will use to create your bridge.

Materials
Draw and label a picture of the design of your bridge.

Design
What is the purpose of your bridge?

Suitability of Materials
What materials were most suitable for your bridge? Why?

My Boat Building Project Checklist

Name: _____

Check off each box as you work on your boat project.

- I can explain the purpose of my boat.
- I can explain my choice of materials to make my boat strong.
- I can explain my choice of materials to make my boat water resistant.
- I can create a boat that holds at least 3 marbles.

My Boat Design Plan

By: _____

Planning

Materials

List the materials you will use to create your boat.

-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-

Design

Draw and label a picture of the design of your boat:

Purpose:

What is the purpose of your boat?

Suitability of Materials

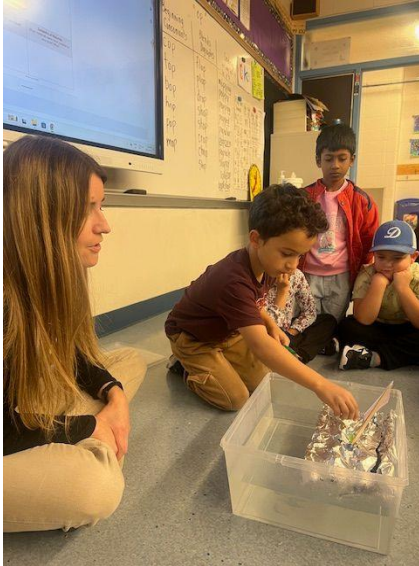
What materials were most suitable for your boat? Why?

My Bridge Building Project Checklist

Name: _____

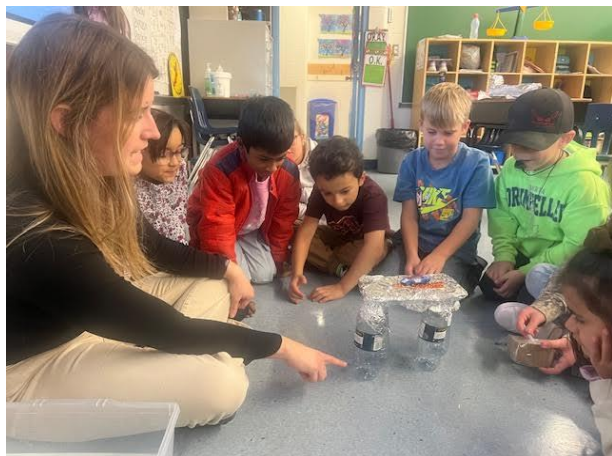
Check off each box as you work on your boat project.

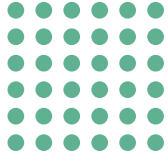
- I can explain the purpose of my bridge.
- I can explain my choice of materials to make my bridge strong.
- I can explain my choice of materials to make my bridge stable.
- I can create a bridge that holds the weight of a small car.



Productive struggle – it sounds like an oxymoron but makes perfect sense when utilized properly in a classroom setting. When students engage in this strategic challenge, they're encouraged to make more attempts than they may be used to and persevere through frustration to solve a problem. The goal is bigger than providing a correct answer — it's about the process of getting there. Students can foster critical thinking skills, persistence, self-regulation, and more with productive struggle. There are many strategies for teachers to implement this concept once it is clearly understood.

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We look forward to seeing all NLPS staff at our annual professional development day on Monday, October 28, 2024 at J.A. Williams High School in Lac La Biche!



Schedule at a Glance

8:30 a.m. - Meet and Greet

Enjoy a beverage and snacks (see menu below) and catch up with your colleagues.

9 a.m. - Welcome and Greetings

Greetings from the ATA Local President, NLPS Board Chair, and Superintendent.

9:45 a.m. - Body Break

Stretch and move in your seats.

10 a.m. - Keynote Presentation

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11:45 a.m. - Lunch

12:45 p.m. - Professional Development Session #1

The afternoon is split into two 60-minute learning sessions. Choose a session, find the location in the high school and enjoy learning and collaborating with your colleagues.

1:45 p.m. - Wellness Break

2 p.m. - Professional Development Session #2

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Thanks!

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