

P.P.S. Highlights



The KP Kindergarten class has begun work on the alphabet including: recognition and phonemic awareness. Awesome songs and gestures have been helping to reinforce alphabet concepts. New and exciting hands on literacy centres have been helping to enhance language learning. Creating colourful fall trees and adorable scarecrows have helped to highlight the new season while working on important fine motor skills. Recent "bubblegum math" was a special way to practice creating sets and recognizing numerals to five.

The Grade 1C class enjoyed bringing their teddy bears to school on Wednesday. They had a picnic lunch with the bears in the courtyard and did many activities with them throughout the day. Mixing colours has been very messy, but a lot of fun in science class this week. They have practiced mixing primary colours to make secondary colours and adding black and white to get new shades of a colour. With the change of season, the students have begun learning about autumn and creating seasonal artwork. Several students have also been trying to keep the playground clean by picking up litter. Great work 1C!

The Grade 1W made beautiful fall trees to be displayed on their bulletin board outside their classroom. They were fun to make and add beautiful colour to the school. The students are enjoying science as they have added white and black paint to examine some shades of red and the concept of lighter and darker. They continue to learn new animated letters and words. They wrote their first spelling test in animated

literacy and did extremely well. Way to go, 1W!

The Grade 2As have been busy this week. They have started to write to their parents in their journals, which is an excellent way for them to communicate with their parents as well as practice writing. Writing paragraphs is a brand new concept for them and they are doing very well. We have finished our graphing unit and have started a brand new unit on basic facts. The students find this an easy review and are eager for more. The Grade 2As are quite talented and creative when it comes to music class! The freeze dance and the limbo were the most fun. The class showed school spirit by dressing up and raising money for Terry Fox. They are patiently waiting to see if the money raised is enough for Mr. Kemp and Mr. White to shave and dye their hair!

Grade 2S are really punching it out in math as they review their basic addition and subtraction facts to 10. They were delighted to use their highlighters to find key words in order to solve word problems. Students put their markers to use as they created beautiful warm and cool designs in art. This project related well to their topic of heat and temperature in science.

A friendly group of scarecrows decorates the Grade 3 bulletin board

now. They are each very unique and show student creativity. Making notes about a movie of Terry Fox produced great simple paragraphs. CAT testing to check out our basic skills has taken up most of this week. Comparing types of sound waves was interesting and students tried to identify which type different examples may have. Finding out how to change the pitch of sound is keeping everyone entertained. Cooperation and self health day was full of reflection, role play and sharing as everyone set goals to be their best this year.

What's new in Grade 4/5 V? They are well into the novel study, Holes, by Louis Sachar. Students are researching information about the author on the internet and will be writing a biography on him. In mathematics they just finished up a unit on number concepts. The Grade 5s were representing numbers to one million and learning about tenths and hundredths. The Grade 4s were representing numbers to one hundred thousand. Both are now looking at estimation strategies for adding and subtracting. In science the Grade 5s are studying electricity and magnetism, while the Grade 4s are studying waste and our world. In social studies the Grade 5s are exploring the different regions of Canada and

the Grade 4s are exploring the different regions of Alberta. In art the students have started painting. They all looked forward to The Terry Fox Run and raising funds for a great cause. Have a great week from Grade 4/5 V.

The Grade 5/6 class is looking forward to their first beef on a bun sale on October 3. They have been using their math skills to determine the price, create the orders, and calculate profit. They will use the money raised to help fund a field trip to Edmonton.

World School Milk Day was on Wednesday, September 24 and was celebrated in over 40 countries. Provost Public participated by having milk and cookies, organized by the Grade 6 class. Students learn better and are more alert when they are well-fed with a balance of foods from the four food groups. Drinking less milk can have both long and short-term effects on children's health. Early adolescence is a crucial time for bone development - up to 45 percent of our lifetime bone mass is built and consolidated during the teen years. With faster-paced lifestyles, today more than ever, students need the nutritional benefits of milk at lunch to help them achieve optimum growth and learning. Our school milk program at PPS can make a difference in students' mental and physical developments. It

also helps our school teach and support healthy lifestyles. We have white milk, chocolate milk, yogurt, and string cheese available in our elementary milk program, and the Jr / Sr high have skim milk, chocolate milk and yogurt available at the canteen.

The junior high boys volleyball team suffered their first loss of the season, losing to STA on Wednesday. They battled hard but unfortunately came up short.

Staff and students enjoyed dressing up for lazy day and spiffy day and donating \$2, as well as gathering pledges for their run or walk, to support The Terry Fox Foundation. Prizes were given to the best dressed in elementary and junior/senior high. The students enjoyed the opportunity to dress up and down!

Upcoming events for October include: early out on Wednesday, October 1; Beef on a bun and carrot stick sale on October 3; pic-

ture day on October 8; Buffalo Trail staff celebration day on October 10 in Vermilion and no school for students; Thanksgiving Monday October 13; family gym night October 16; and Panther activity day and Halloween parties on October 31.

The annual National Terry Fox School Run Day was held on September 24. Students, staff, parents, and so many others from babies to grandparents joined together to honour the dream of Terry Fox. An assembly started the marathon of hope with balloons that were purchased by the students. The sales from the balloons were matched by Eveready (Winterhawk). It made for a beautiful display of colour that filled the gym with a bouquet of hope. Together with the generous support of the community, PPS students raised over \$11,000 that will be handed over to the Terry Fox Foundation in support of cancer research.

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