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November News

Dear families,

November is upon us. This weekend the clocks get set back an hour so we have brighter mornings and darker evenings. Our days will continue to get shorter until Dec. 21st. At Wowk, the school year truly feels like it is in full swing. We have had several busy weeks of food days, cross country, book fairs, and pumpkin carving. A continued thank you to all of our families for supporting the Jessie Wowk community.

In the next month we will roll out our school matrix and introduce our students to our C.A.R.E.S. acronym. Students will learn what each letter stands for and examples of that positive behavior in our community. Students are encouraged to share this with their families and to show their families these behaviours.

As the weather begins to get colder and rainier, we encourage students to be dressed appropriately to play outside in the wet and cold. Outside time is an incredibly important break time for our students and we aim for them to be outside every day unless it is pouring with rain. As the flu and cold season has arrived we ask--If your child has been vomiting or has diarrhea, keep your child home for 24 hours minimum. Germs are easily spread with large numbers of people indoors and we want our Wowk community members to be healthy. If your child is not able to take part in all of the activities at school then they should be at home resting. This would include staying inside during recess and lunch.

Ms. Rooney

Me to We Club

On Wednesday, October 18th, Mr. Angman and Ms. Rooney took a group of 15 students to Rogers Arena to take part in WE Day. WE Day is an event hosted by the WE organization to share and promote the message of "WE" and to inspire students across Canada to take part in the WE Movement. Inspirational speakers both famous names and local individuals who have over adversity, as well as amazing music and slam poetry artists helped to share the message that united we are stronger. Over the next 8 months, Ms. Froh and Ms. Rooney, with help from our community will work with our ME to WE club members (any student in grade 4 through 7) is welcome to join to help make our community and our world a better place.

Our first event will be "WE SCARE HUNGER". We will be collecting food for the food bank. During the week of Nov. 6-10, families are encouraged to bring food for the local food bank or to donate cash. This is an excellent time of year to do this—as the food bank always needs donations—if we can help to stock the shelves then let's do it.

Green Team

The Green Team is back and ready to do some exciting green projects throughout the school and the school grounds. Ms. Gustafson and Mr. Angman will be working with the team over the course of the school year. The first project in the works is the school garden and getting it ready for its long, winter sleep. The beds have been cleaned out and are waiting for some blankets and seed to help keep it warm and cozy throughout the cold months, so that in the spring it will be ready to GROW! We are excited to see how things develop over the next couple of months.

Scholastic Book Fair

Last week Ms. Hutchinson organized The Scholastic Book Fair at Wowk. We are pleased to announce that the school raised almost double the amount projected! Thank you very much to Ms. Hutchison for bringing the book fair to Wowk, to our parents who helped out by supervising and assisting with the sale and to all of the students who helped out by keeping the crowd under control. At one point, Ms. Rooney found 4 grade 6/7 students on the floor in the corner reading books! Can you believe it?

The money raised allows our library to get more books for our students to read, some exciting activities and games to have in the school, as well as raising some funds for other exciting projects (which are in the works!).

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

Cross country Fun!

Congratulations to all of our cross country runners who ran their hearts and legs off at the Cross Country Fun Run held at Spul'u'kwuks Elementary on Wednesday, October 25th. Wowk had over 25 runners to represent the school. The weather was fantastic and the fall scenery provided an excellent backdrop for our runners. Thank you to Ms. Yan who came to help out on the day of the run. And a HUGE thank you to all of our parents who brought their children early for practices and who drove to and from the run. We could not do this without your support! A final thank you to John Kibblewhite, principal at Spul'u'kwuks Elementary for organizing the event and hosting it. Our cross country runners were:

Ethan Chan Katrina Chan Sophia Chen
Rhianna Ellwyn Eric Gao Levina Guo
Felix Hang Ryan Hao Elizabeth Khong
Elina Khong Ethan Lam Gavin Law
Sophie Lee Eric Li Constance Liang
Hailey Liu Olina Liu Milanda Miao
Annie Ren Kingsley Song Kevin Su
Judy Su Maanya Talwar Krysten Wang
Misha Wang Emma Xu Lindsay Yang
Jonathon Zhou



Family teams

Over the past week students have done 2 activities in their family teams. Family teams are groups of 8-10 students in Kindergarten who will get together about once a month to do an activity or to simply just be together. Our grade 5, 6 and 7 students are leaders for the younger students and work with them to complete activities or to play together. The goal is for students across the grades to get to know more students throughout the school and to build the connections between students and between students and staff. This fits well with our school story. Ask your child what colour and number their family team is and who their big buddy is. What does your child like best about family teams?

Pumpkin Carving Extraordinaire

Thank you. Thank you, Thank you! To the parents who came to help set up and clean up for this event. The activity ran very smoothly. Thank you to the staff who had organized activities for the family teams to return to as students finished carving pumpkins. To the students who brought in pumpkins. Thank you to our older students that helped our younger Timberwolves carve. And a final thank you to the parents for the amazing light display of Jack'O'Lanterns! The gym glowed with eerie and funny and original creations. Take a peek at some of the pictures.

Remembrance Day Assembly

Please note that our Remembrance Day Assembly will be in the afternoon and will start at 1:30pm. There will be performances by several of our classes as well as our senior band students being led by Ms. Khoo. Family members are invited to come and be a part of the assembly.

Upcoming dates

Every Wednesday is PIZZA day—remember to send your plate!

Friday, November 3—Photo Retake Day and Axé Capeoira workshops for all students

Monday, Nov. 6 through Friday, November 17—HIP HOP lessons provided by the PAC

Friday, November 10th—Remembrance Day Assembly at 1:30pm

Friday, November 17th—Hot Dog Day - \$2

Monday, November 13th—Remembrance Day Holiday—School Closed

Tuesday, Nov. 14 through Thursday, Nov. 23—PAC fundraiser—Gift cards

Thursday, November 23rd—SUBWAY food day—sponsored by the PAC

Friday, November 24th—Curriculum Implementation Day—Schools Closed

