

NOVEMBER

Del Van Gorder School Newsletter

DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov 02: After school floor hockey 3:15-4:15

Nov 03: Semester 1, term 1 report card High School

Nov 08: After school Volleyball 3:15-4:30

Nov 09: After school floor hockey 3:15-4:15

Nov 10: School Remembrance Day Ceremony, 11:00 am in the gym

Nov 13: Remembrance Day, no school

Nov 14: School Council meeting 7:00 in staff room

Nov 15: After school Volleyball 3:15-4:30

Nov 16: No Floor Hockey (Mr. Berrel away)

Nov 20 - 24: French Monitrice will be in our school

Nov 22: After school Volleyball 3:15-4:30

Nov 23: After school floor hockey 3:15-4:15

Nov 23: First report card, K-7

Nov 24: PD day, no school

Nov 27: Parent teacher conferences

Nov 29: After school Volleyball 3:15-4:30

Nov 30: After school floor hockey 3:15-4:15

Dec 06: After school Volleyball 3:15-4:30

Dec 07: No Floor Hockey (Mr. Berrel away)

Dec 14: Christmas Concert 7:00 in the gym

Dec 20-Jan 02: Christmas Break

From the Principal



It's been a very busy month, with many exciting things happening around the school. Our seniors have hiked up to the sheep viewing station. We've had canoe lessons on Fisheye Lake. The grades 4-7 are doing destination imagination every Friday. Our 1-3's have been learning how to make tall standing structures with just using paper; and our Kindergartens have been learning about colors and Halloween, and making plasticine pumpkin carvings. Speaking of Halloween, the costume parade was something to see!

Thank you to all the staff and parents who came out to the workshop on Reading. It's nice to see the commitment that our parents have to their children.

This year, we will be looking at integrating Kaska culture and language into some of our subjects. We will be hiring a .6 culture and language teacher to work with our teachers to help incorporate the Kaska Language and culture throughout our school. This is exciting as DVG has never had a culture and language teacher.

Cold Weather

I know that we have enjoyed an unusually warm fall, but the Cold weather is here to stay; please make sure that your students are wearing their indoor shoes at all times. Also encourage your children to wear a sweater or long sleeved shirt; thank you.



Winter Bus

The Bus is rolling now; so please make sure that if your children are taking the bus, that they are out waiting for it on time; thank you. The bus will drop off the students at the library entrance so that they can participate in Open gym in the morning before classes commence.



Volleyball

Our school volleyball program takes place every Wednesday after school from 3:15-4:30. Ms. Coates & Ms. Morrissey will be running the practices.



After School Floor hockey

The after school floor hockey program runs every Thursday after school from 3:15-4:15. New members are always welcome to join.

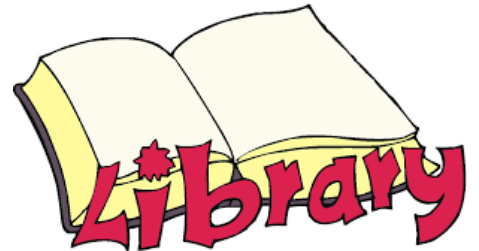


Jersey Day

As a part of our house teams, on Friday, November 3, students are encouraged to wear the jersey of their favourite sports team.

From the Library

I am excited to inform you that our school is registered in *The Forest of Reading®* - a highly popular recreational reading program for students in grades K4 to Grade 12. There are eight programs in the *Forest of Reading®*, a project of the Ontario Library Association, each planned for a different age group. All are designed to:



- promote reading for enjoyment
- increase awareness of quality Canadian literature
- enhance student powers of discrimination and skill in evaluating books
- provide opportunities to engage in discussions about books whether at school or at home.

Last year over 250,000 readers across the country read and voted for the best book in each category.

This is how the program works. Readers read from a list of ten Canadian titles nominated in the category that corresponds to their grade. Students must read a minimum of eight books to be eligible to vote, but may read with a buddy or adult if they are not yet comfortable reading on their own. Then, they vote for their favourite in late April. Our children will participate in selecting the winner of the *Blue Spruce Award* (Grades K4-Gr 2), *Silver Birch Award* (Gr 3-6) and *Red Maple Award* (Gr 7 & 8). Based on voting, the best book is announced and the author is honored with an award at the Festival of Trees™ in Toronto in May, 2018.

This program will commence once the books arrive at the library, hopefully mid-December or early January! Stay tuned...

You can learn more about *Forest of Reading®* at the Ontario Library Association website: <<http://www.accessola.com>>.

Remembrance Day Ceremony

Our school Remembrance Day ceremony will begin at 11:00. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please make sure that you are seated by 10:45; thank you.



Around Our School





Grade 4/5 pumpkin carving



Del Van Gorder Haunted House



Spooky Hallway!!!



Kindergarten thanksgiving turkeys

