

Open Roads School

November

Newsletter

November has come and gone already - hard to believe we are almost at our Christmas break! A lot of learning took place this month...science projects, trips to Dryden High School, Remembrance Day - the list goes on!

With the weather we have been experiencing, we have already had three days of school bus cancellations. I try my best to post bus cancellations on our Facebook group, however parents should also be signing up to receive notifications directly from the bussing consortium as I may not always be able to post in our group. Visit <http://www.nwobus.ca/sms-alerts/> and click on "SMS alerts" to receive instant text notifications with cancellations, delays or early dismissals.

By now most people have joined our Facebook group, however we have recently had some new families join our school! A reminder that our Facebook group is our #1 source for updates, photos, news and more, so please join :) **We have almost five hundred members!!**



Open Roads Public School Facebook group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/openroadspublicschool/>

We also have a school website with TONS of info, community activities, links and much more!

<http://openroads.kpdsb.on.ca/>



READY... STEADY... BOOK FAIR!



Our first Book Fair of the year was a fun success as usual!! Students enjoyed checking out the books, puzzles, games and posters. Congratulations to draw winner Cameron (right), who won \$25.00 worth of books for herself, as well as \$25.00 worth of books for her classroom! Six other students also won posters as part of the draw :)



Thank you to everyone who was able to purchase books at our Book Fair - with the proceeds made, Librarian Mrs. Szmon was able to buy over two hundred new books for the library!



Ms. Ferriolo's grade 4 class learned some new skills as they prepared veggie pasta, spinach salad and apple cookies! Helpers from the Northwestern Health Unit and Dryden High School were on hand to assist. The class was learning how to make these items as they will be preparing the food for the upcoming Northwestern Health Unit family night coming up in December, here at school!





Cooking is a great skill to learn as you can prepare healthy, delicious food at home instead of buying more expensive, packaged foods!

Every year, our school recognizes Remembrance Day with a Remembrance Day ceremony. Our Grade 8 Fine Arts students performed "Largo" (2nd movement from Doraks' New World symphony) and O' Canada. Explore students performed a Reader's Theatre with facts and information about both WW1 and WWII. Their Reader's Theatre also included personal stories and photos from relatives who fought for us in both wars. Students in Mrs. Vandenbrand and Mrs. Peacock's classes also performed songs. Students learned why we don't clap after Remembrance Day performances, and did a wonderful job remaining silent and respectful.



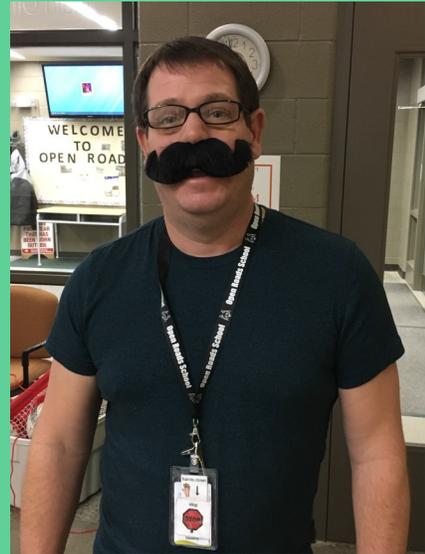


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During November we of course took part in everyone's favourite, SPIRIT FRIDAYS!!! By far this most popular this month was MOUSTACHE DAY, with tons of staff and students taking part!





Life is better



with a moustache

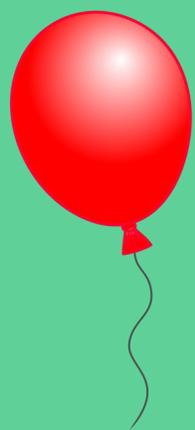
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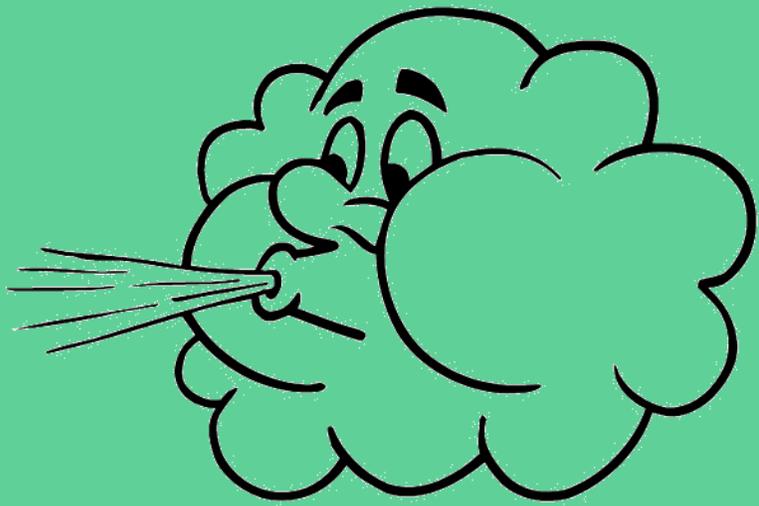
The grade 2's in Mrs. French's class have been investigating the characteristics of air! In this unit, they have been learning about how air is used by living things, and how you can have fun with air by creating hovercrafts! Once the students have released the air in their hovercrafts, they will move across the floor as the air is pushed out of the balloons through the hole in the CD!



Each year Mrs. French does this activity with her new grade 2 students, and every year the students love building the hovercrafts and learning about air!







Time for ART

Students in grades 6, 7 and 8 Fine Arts classes spent the day at Dryden High School during an arts day! They spent time creating and using puppets in drama, learned some new techniques and notes in music, and created some wonderful art pieces during art. Throughout the entire day, DHS students were also taking part, so our students got the opportunity to learn and network with their older peers. During lunch, they all got together for pizza in the gym!



