



Newsletter!

Recipe: Pumpkin Pancakes

From the Kitchen of: Open Roads School



Ingredients

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| - 1 ¼ cups all-purpose flour | - 1 cup milk |
| - ¼ cup white sugar | - ½ cup pumpkin puree |
| - 2 tsp baking powder | - 1 egg, beaten |
| - ½ tsp ground cinnamon | - 1 tbsp vegetable oil |
| - ¼ tsp ground nutmeg | |



Directions

- Sift flour, sugar, baking powder, cinnamon and nutmeg together in a bowl.
- Whisk milk, pumpkin, egg and oil together in a bowl. Pour milk mixture and stir until just moistened – batter will be slightly lumpy.
- Heat a lightly oiled griddle or pan over medium-high heat. Drop batter by large spoonfuls onto the griddle and cook until bubbles form and the edges are dry, 1 – 3 minutes. Flip and cook until browned on the other side, about 1 minute more. Repeat with remaining batter.
- Top with syrup, fresh fruit such as raspberries or sliced bananas, or sprinkle with extra cinnamon and sugar!

HOVERCRAFT



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Mrs. French's grade 2 class has been learning about the characteristics of air, as part of their Air and Water in the Environment unit. They had lots of fun discussing the ways that air can be helpful, as well as destructive. Here they are in the photos having fun using their hovercrafts to show how air can move an object!



Ms. McQuade's Explore students continued cooking with their homemade camp stoves! Want to make your own at home? Here's what you'll need! **Remember to make & use this with help from an adult** 😊

What You'll Need:

- Tin Can (large juice or coffee can)
- Metal Cutter
- Knife
- Can Opener
- Work Gloves
- Pen



To begin, discard the paper wrapper around the can. Then, use your can opener to remove the top and bottom off the can to create a cylinder. Try to use a can opener that keeps the lip of the can attached, to prevent sharp edges. Keep the lid to use as the cooking surface if you would like (you can also use a small pot or pan).

Next, draw a vent flap one inch from the top of the can. To create the flap, carefully use a knife to punch a hole along the drawn line. Then use metal cutters to cut the flap along the sides and top so it will fold down. On the opposite side of the vent flap, punch a straw sized hole three inches from the bottom. You can take apart an old pen to blow air into the vent hole while cooking if needed.

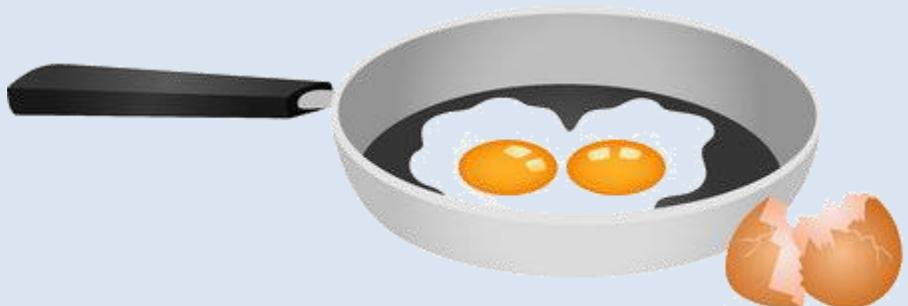
You're halfway there!

After the vents have been cut, draw eight equally spaced lines two inches in length around the bottom of the can. Then use your metal cutters to cut the lines. Now, fold every other flap in to create the burning platform (you can see this in the photos). Bend out the remaining flaps to make legs and level the stove. If the burning platform has a large hole in the centre still, you will need to use the bottom lid to fill in the holes so your burning materials don't fall to the ground (you want them to stay contained and up off the ground).

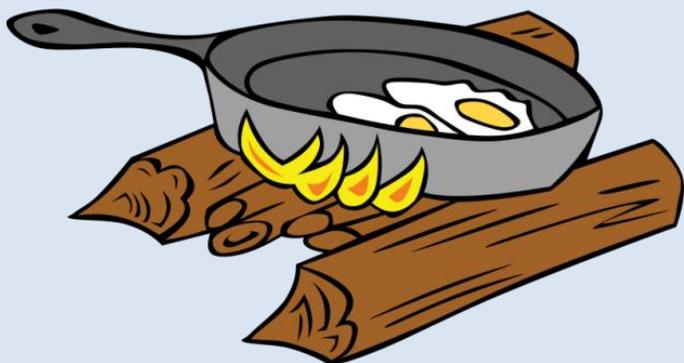
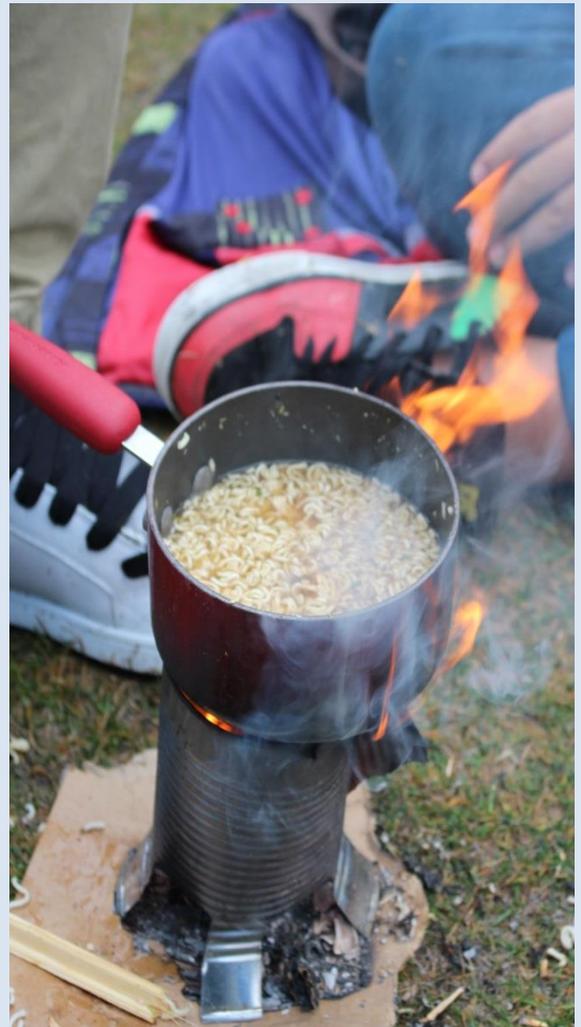
Your stove is finally ready! Collect small twigs, bark, branches or pine cones for burning in your stove. Remember, this stove will get extremely hot so be sure to use work gloves and tongs to handle your stove and prevent burns. Also, be careful where you set your stove up. You are ready to start cooking!

What are some things you can you make?

- Eggs
- Jiffy pop
- Kraft dinner
- Grilled cheese sandwiches
- Soup









THE Creative Spirit!

You may recall the figure drawings that were completed by the **grade 7/8 Fine Arts class** and shared in the September newsletter. Well, the next step was planning and creation of these “Movement Models”. Students were to select a complex movement and created the skeleton for their model out of a combination of pipe cleaners, tin foil and masking tape. Once they were happy with their model, they used a plaster casting to coat it. A final layer of acrylic paint brought their sculptures to life, and I think you will agree that they did an excellent job showing their favourite sports, characters and games through this assignment!



IMAGINE



Librarian Mrs. Szmon loves the beautiful displays of artwork in the library, and would love to have more student work on display as the year goes on!





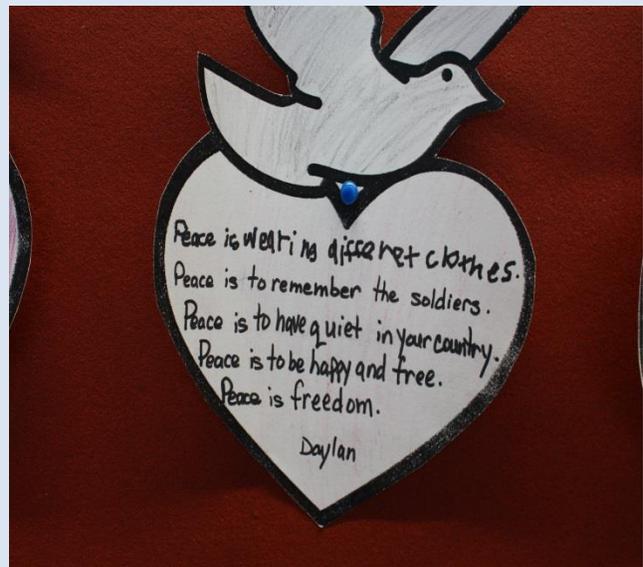
LEST WE FORGET

Students participated in a variety of different activities to remember and recognize our Veteran's for Remembrance Day. Did you know that Van Gogh, the artist that painted Sunflowers and Starry Night, also has a very popular painting of poppy fields? In order to honour Remembrance Day and to learn more about art history, the **grade 7/8 Fine Arts class** spent a week creating their own Post-Impressionist paintings of poppy fields. Post-Impressionism is an art movement that focuses on the use of colour and capturing light. The Impressionists developed a technique called "optical mixing", where instead of mixing colours on the palate, they put them side by side on the canvas and let our eyes do the mixing. Because of this, paintings of this movement are often blurry up close, but come to life from a distance. Many students chose to include crosses in their interpretation, honouring the lives of the men and women who sacrificed so much for our freedom.





Ms. Ferriolo's grade 4/5 class celebrated Veterans Week from November 4th – 11th by learning about the importance of honouring our Veterans, the significance of Remembrance Day symbols such as the poppy, and discussing what poppies mean to us through artwork. They also spent time learning about peace and how we can continue to be peaceful citizens towards one another by writing peace poems.





On November 10th, war veteran Mr. Davis came to Open Roads School to speak to **Mrs. Van Wallegham's grade 5/6 class** about his role in WWII. Over 100 of our junior/intermediate students lined the hallways and entrance to show their appreciation and respect for the 99 year old veteran as he entered the school. The grade 5/6 class recited the poem "In Flander's Field" for Mr. Davis, and then took turns presenting him with their postcards for peace. Mr. Davis was very impressed with the students at Open Roads and the gratitude they showed, but it was Mr. Davis who truly impressed us all!



Dear KIM Van Wallegham:

I would like to express my appreciation for the wonderful reception I received at your school on Nov. 10. when I went to speak to your class about my service in the air force in the second world war. I was overwhelmed and humbled by the children lined up and applauding when I entered the school. I enjoyed the interest that the children showed in my story and the great questions they asked. The cards and the poems that were presented to me are now proudly displayed in a prominent place at Patricia Gardens so they can be enjoyed by many others. This day I will always remember and will treasure.

Sincerely Yours



K.K. Davis Formally Flying Officer R.C.A.F. Bomber Command

cc Principal of Open Roads Public School



Students standing as they recite "In Flander's Field" to Mr. Davis. We also received a thank you letter from Mr. Davis, which the students really enjoyed reading!



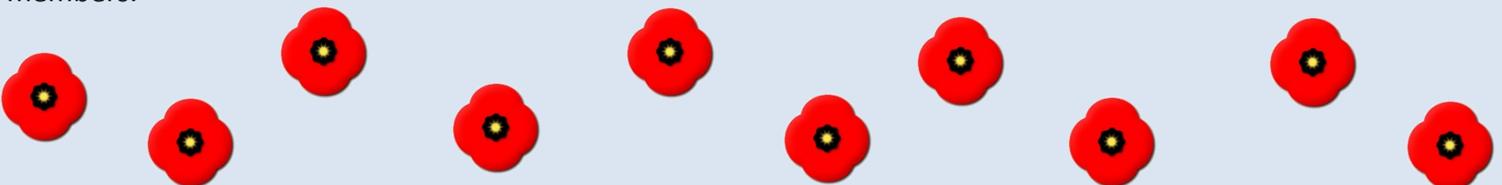
Open Roads also had a Remembrance Day ceremony on November 11th. Students from different classes took part in the ceremony with several different performances. We were very proud of our students for understanding that during a Remembrance Day ceremony, we remain completely silent at all times and do not clap, even after a song or performance ends.



Ms. Hron's grade one students recited the poem "Poppy Poppy" after practicing hard with Mr. Tremonti!



Mrs. French's grade two students sang "We Remember", also after practicing with Mr. Tremonti! Both classes did a wonderful job performing in front of the entire school, as well as many parents and family members.

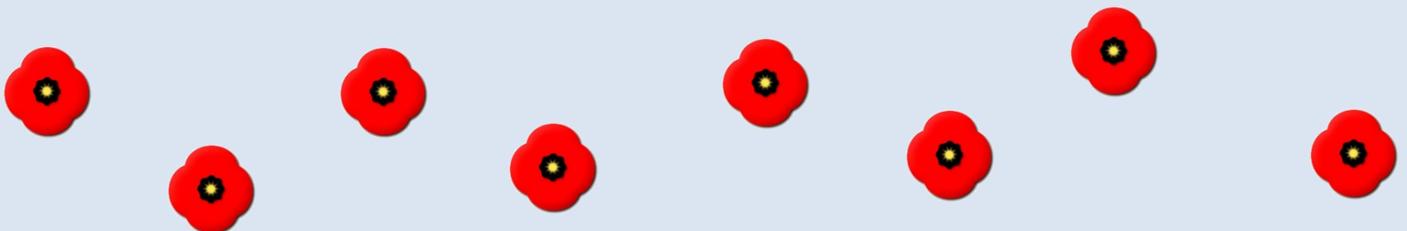




Ms. McQuade's grade 7's and 8's ended the ceremony with a Reader's Theatre called "I Remember". The Reader's Theatre was written by Ms. McQuade, and the students did a very good job delivering the message.



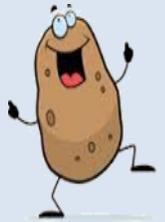
Mrs. Vandenbrand's grade one class recited the poem "Remembrance Day" with Mr. Tremonti – they also were not shy about performing in front of the entire school. Great job everyone!



Each Friday, **Mrs. Salinas's grade 6 class** takes time out of their busy day to do the recycling for the entire school! There are a lot of blue boxes to pick up, and we appreciate their hard work in keeping our school clean and helping us do our part by recycling.



Students in grade 6 became foster parents for babies from Planet Solanum (the scientific word for potato) as part of their health unit! The pretend planet had been hit by a meteorite, and students were expected to care for the babies until it was safe for them to return. Students journaled about their experiences in caring for another person. They also gave a brief oral presentation on their challenges and experiences as a foster parent. The students were also responsible for arranging babysitting when they could not take care of their potato baby, for example, when they attended the Halloween Dance.



Friday, November 13th was Jersey Day here at Open Roads! **Mrs. Salinas's** grade 6 class took a quick break from recycling to pose for a funny photo wearing their jerseys!



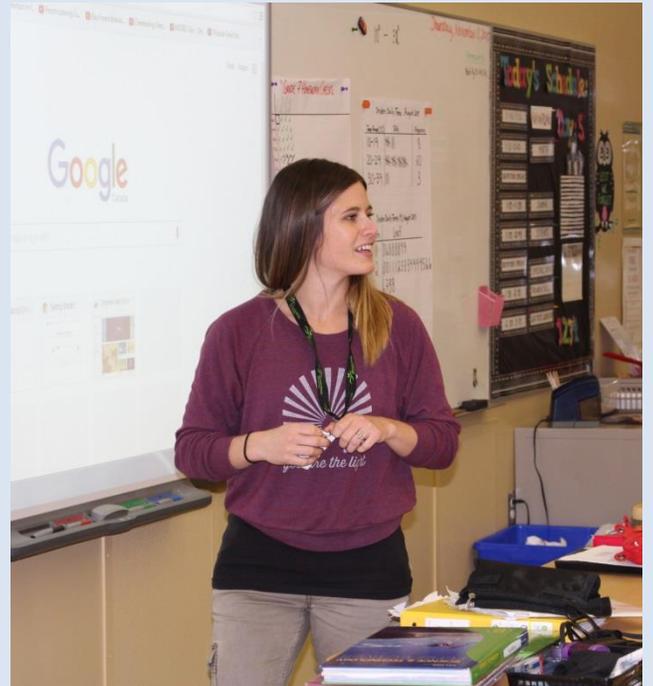
In recognition of National Library Week, the Dryden Area Anti-Racism Network (DAARN) presented our school with a new book, entitled "Shi-shi-etko". Rebecca Cantin, DAARN volunteer, presented the book to our librarian Mrs. Szmon, and our students look forward to reading the new book!





Over the course of six weeks, our grade 7 and 8 girls worked with teacher and yoga instructor, Carly Brown, in a program called “Shine On”. During the 90 minute sessions, students covered topics of self-discovery, self-acceptance, self-confidence and everything young teens need to know to *keep calm and shine on*. Through a variety of workshops, our girls were empowered with the skills to withstand the pressures of perfect body image that are promoted in social media today, understand that every woman is beautiful in their own skin, and recognize the power of positive self-talk and goal setting as a means of managing stress. As a result of their

learning, the girls produced a “Manifesto” with a very power message of *Girl Power*.

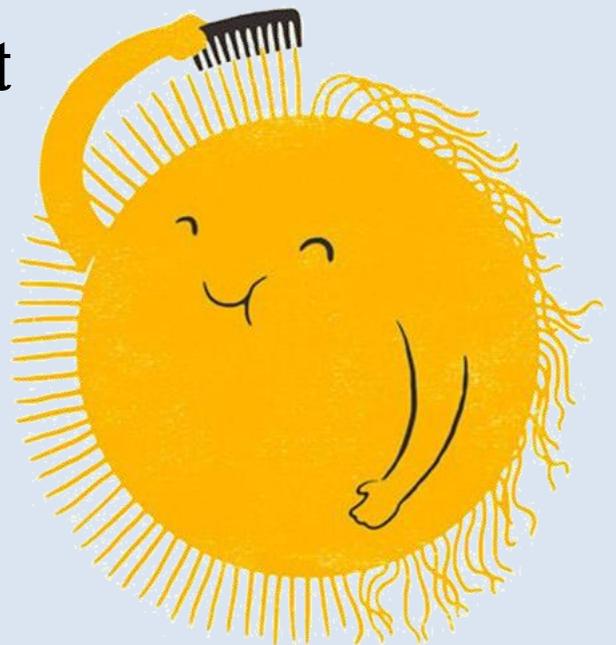


(Above: students practicing their secret handshake. Right: Instructor Carly Brown).



Open Roads Grade 7/8 Girl's Manifesto

As Girls In OPEN ROADS we open our hearts to each other. We share each other's Joy. We Laugh together. We share our love, freedom and bliss. We show compassion to those who need it the most. We pick each other up when we fall. We are a NO "PLASTIC'S" zone. We don't challenge each other for attention. We stand up for what we love even if we stand alone. We never judge each other for our hairstyle, music taste, home life or personality. We Don't gossip. We laugh together. We are Outstanding. We accept each other. We shine brighter than the sun.





Cheer with Madame Bernauer has started up again for the year! There are a record number of students who are taking part this year, and on pajama day the grade two cheer students practiced hard in the library to learn the chants and moves!



We look forward to seeing the entire group perform later on this year!



Thank you!

Thank you to Standard Insurance for generously donating four big emergency blankets for our Kindergartens! The blankets are now being stored in the Kindergarten's outdoor shed, and in the event of a fire drill or other school evacuation, the blankets can be used to help keep our little JK/SK's warm outside ☺

Below, Mrs. Gardner and Ms. Fletcher show off their Toronto Blue Jays hats that they wore on Hat Day!



Mrs. Szmon also got into the hat day spirit!

CRAZY HAT DAY



Family Dinner and GAME NIGHT

On Wednesday, November 25th Open Roads hosted their very first Family Dinner & Games Night! The free event was open to all families, and we had an amazing turnout – over 200 people! Chili and buns were served, and **GIANT** games were played. The book fair also ran during the same time, and was a huge success. We plan on hosting more of these family nights, so stay tuned!



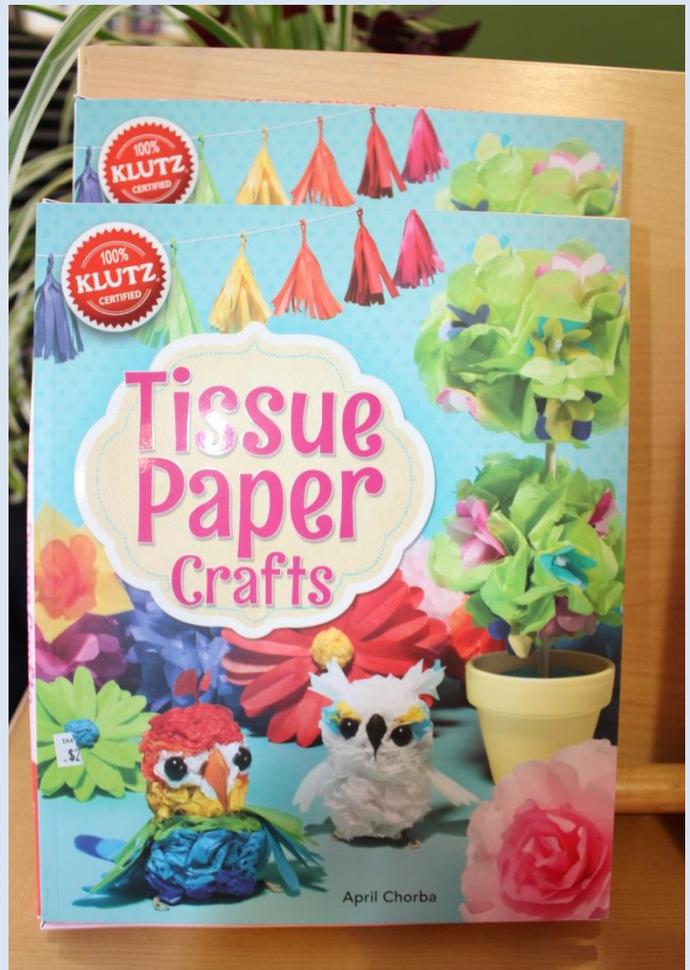
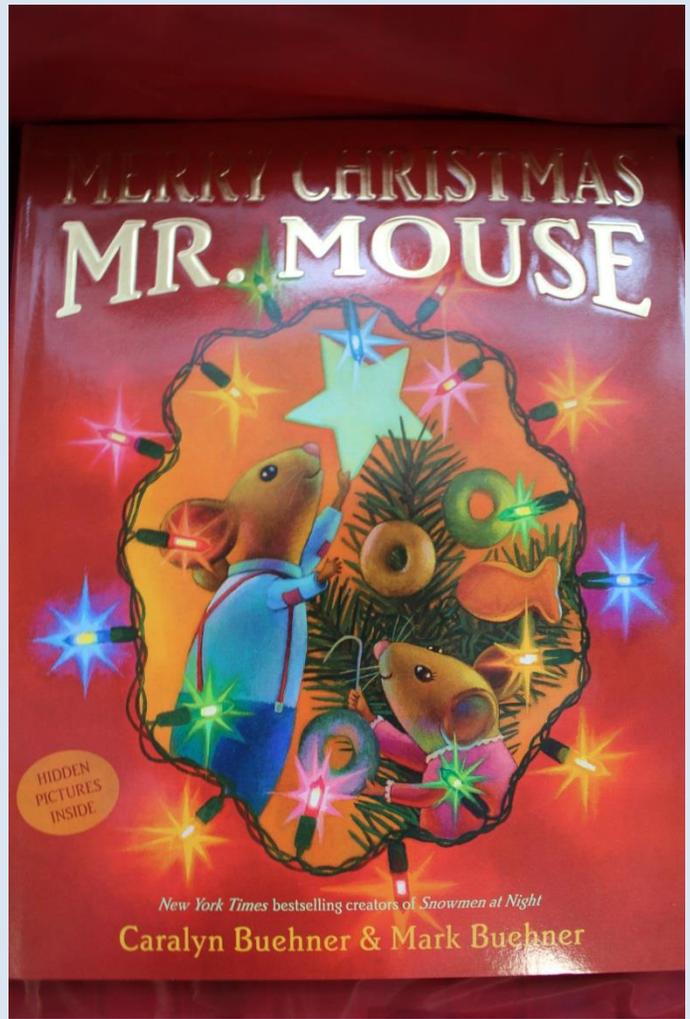
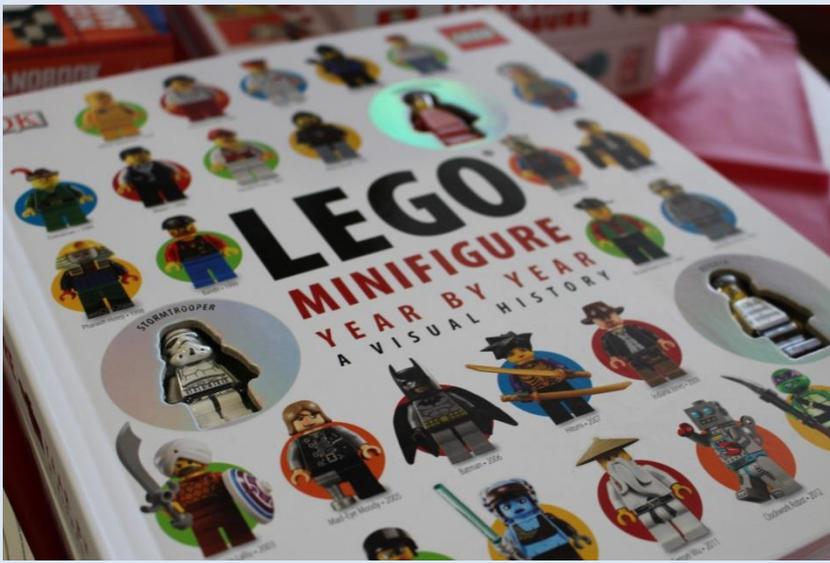




Book Fair

Students were excited to attend the first book fair of the year, and Mrs. Szmon was also excited about hosting her first book fair here at Open Roads School! Students and parents purchased a record number of books this year, and as a result our library is able to buy lots of new, fun books to stock our library. Keep an eye out for them, as Mrs. Szmon will start putting new books on the shelves as soon as they come in! Benjamin Trist from Mr. Cortens class was the lucky draw winner of a \$25.00 gift certificate. He used his money to buy a book for himself and a book for his sister! The teacher of the draw winner also received a \$25.00 gift certificate, so Mr. Cortens also picked out some exciting books for the class.





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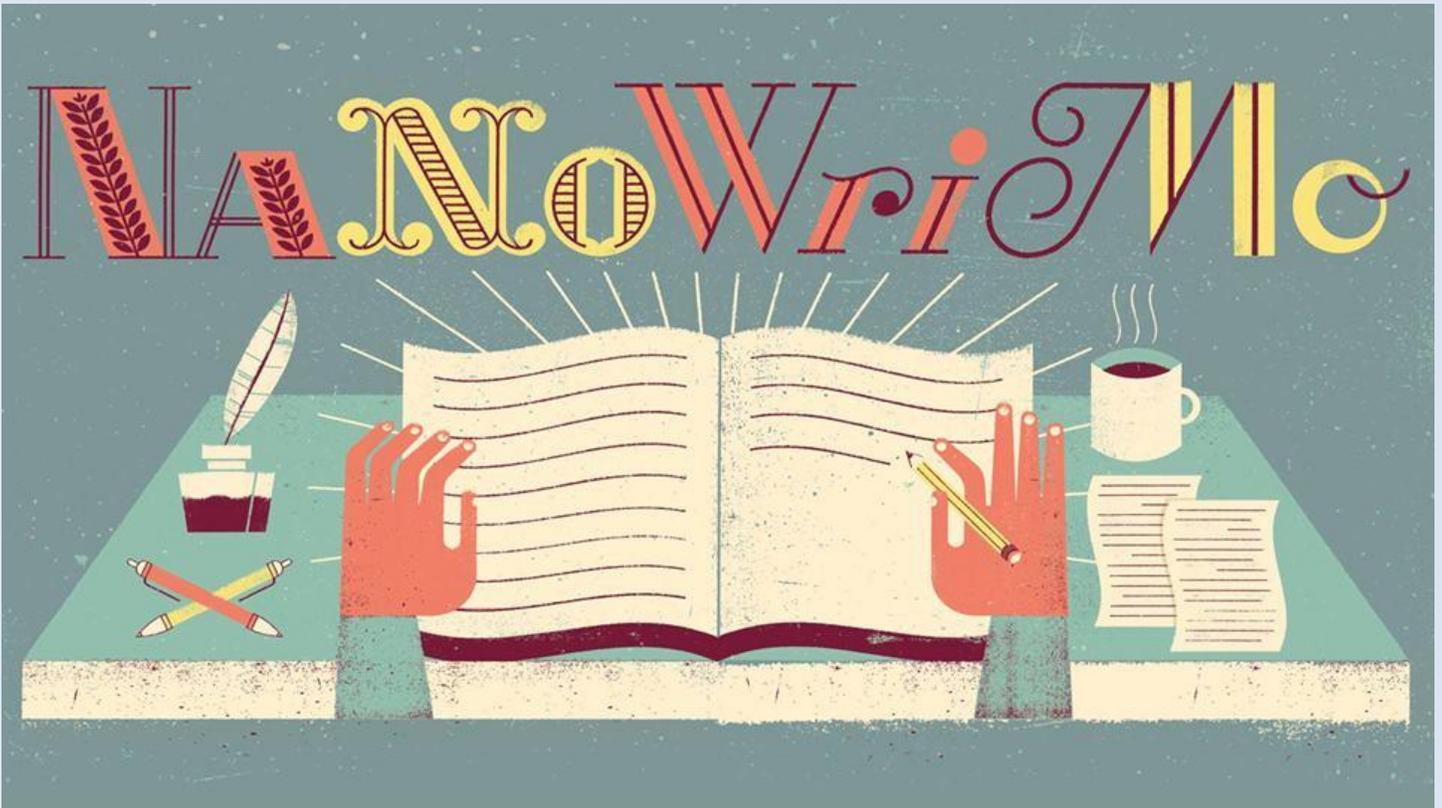
A big congratulations goes out to the junior volleyball team who traveled to Sioux Lookout on November 24th for their tournament. Two teams represented Open Roads School, and both teams took home a medal! Team A went undefeated in the tournament and finished in first place, and Team B fell just short in the semi-final against Crolancia, finishing in third place. Both teams did an outstanding job playing the game and representing Open Roads School!

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Volleyball!**

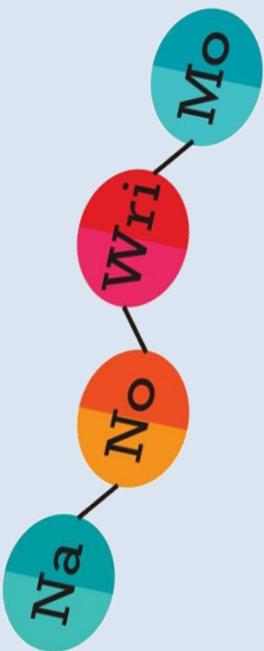




V O L L E Y B A L L



Ms. Pernsky's grade 7/8 Fine Arts class took on a real challenge in November! National Novel Writing Month (or NaNoWriMo) is a worldwide event that challenges writers to complete a manuscript in just thirty days. While adults who take part try to write 50,000 words, students who take part in this event are asked to set a personal writing goal. In our class, we had writing goals from 5,000 to 50,000 words! 18 students met their goal, with the rest coming close. Huge congratulations goes out to Marde Singleton, who wrote over 50,000 words, and Emily Cook, who wrote over 45,000 words. After taking a much needed break, we will revisit our work in editing workshops. In January, our authors will be given a chance to present a book reading of their favourite part in an evening event, which will likely be held at the Dryden Public Library. Good job Fine Arts Authors!



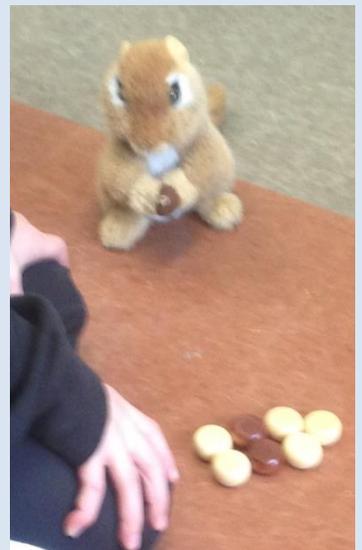


On November 18th, the Dryden Rotary Club hosted their annual Performing Arts evening. A big focus of the evening is the presentation of speeches by grade 7 and grade 8 students from the area. Students prepare their speeches, present to classmates, then are selected to present to a small group of Rotarians. From there, Tristan Stemkens-Mineault and Kenzie Lancaster were asked to present at the function. Tristan received an honourable mention, and gave the crowd many chuckles with his speech on "Unreasonable Due Dates". Kenzie placed second overall with her engaging speech on why she loves soccer. Grade 6 Fine Arts student Ethan Cook was also there, playing a number of piano pieces that he had practiced and refined for the Kenora Festival of Arts.



MATH CAN BE FUN!

Students in **Mrs. LeClerc's grade three class** had a blast when Mr. Arsenault joined their math class, to teach them how to play games and learn math at the same time!





The holiday season is upon us, and students in Fine Arts got into the Christmas spirit by once again entering a float into the annual Dryden Christmas Parade! The incredibly warm weather made for a great night of watching floats go by, and this year the theme of the parade was "Rock and Roll". Thank you to Mr. Cortens for pulling the float behind his truck!



(Photo credit: Chris Marchand, The Dryden Observer)





Roots of Empathy



Two classes at Open Roads School are currently taking part in the “Roots of Empathy” program. **Mrs. Urquhart’s JK/SK class and Mrs. Vandenbrand’s class** recently began the program in December and the students have loved meeting their new baby friends! The program is designed to significantly reduce levels of aggression among students, by coaching students on how to observe the baby, and how to label the baby’s feelings. By learning how to tell what the baby is feeling, they are able to better understand their own feelings and the feelings of others. This knowledge helps them to have empathy towards each other, and therefore have less conflicts and bullying. Instructor Shelley Reid (left), mom Brittany (right) and baby Weston are the participants in Mrs. Urquhart’s room.





In our October newsletter we had thanked Domtar for their very generous \$900.00 grant they provided to us to purchase new books. The books have now been purchased and our students have enjoyed reading them already! Below, some of **Ms. Hron's grade one class** take a look to see what is new. Not only have we placed many of the books on our library shelves, we have also been able to use them as draw prizes for the "Stuff a Bus" food bank challenge we took part in, and some have made new homes in specific classrooms where they can be enjoyed.



Angel Lyon was the lucky draw winner from our "Stuff a Bus" food bank challenge! She won two new books and a new poster, and posed with librarian Mrs. Szmon for a photo.



Stuff THE BUS



During the month of December, New Prospect School invited us to take part in the “Stuff a Bus” food bank challenge! Students brought in a ton of non-perishable food and waited for the bus to arrive on Friday, December 11th. As the bus pulled up, some of our grade 6 student volunteers helped load the food into the back of the bus – we were excited at how much food was collected by our school, and were happy to take part in the challenge with New Prospect!



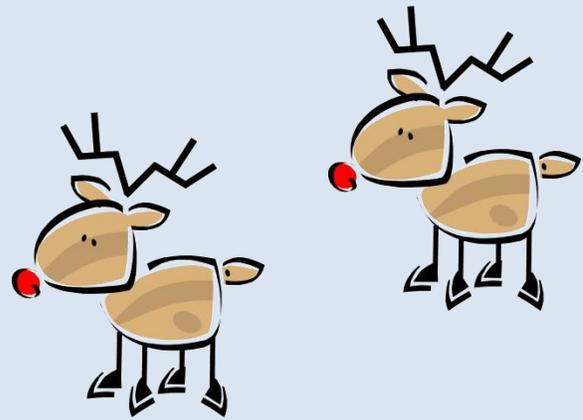


STuff-A-Bus

A festive illustration at the bottom of the page. The text "STuff-A-Bus" is written in a large, red, stylized font with yellow stars and a blue and white dotted line underneath. To the right of the text is a cartoon illustration of a boy in a red sweater and green hat holding a sparkler, standing next to a brown dog also holding a sparkler. There are more sparklers and stars around them.

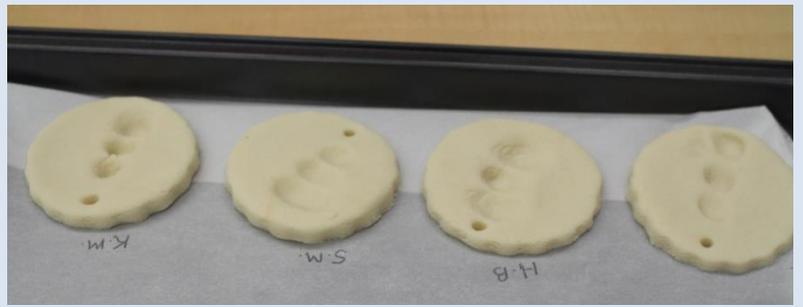
Open Roads School had fun on Friday, December 11th with Christmas Character Day! We had lots of little Elves and other winter characters running around the school – some of our staff also took part in the fun!



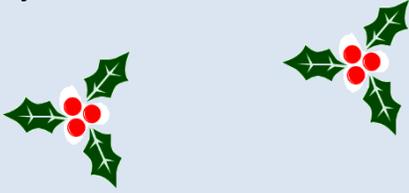


Students have been busy crafting over the month of December! Students in **Mrs. LeClerc's grade three class** were having fun making salt dough ornaments! The dough needs only flour, water and salt, and from there it is rolled out, cut into the desired shape and made into ornaments. These photos were from the beginning stages – the final products will be beautiful additions to any Christmas tree!





Mrs. Arsenault's grade three class was also busy with some winter crafts! Students began to create some beautiful 3-D paper stars by carefully tracing their design onto a paper bag. After their design was traced, they cut out the star shape and from there will finish the project!



Mr. Cortens' Grade 4/5 class has been studying the ukulele for just over a month. Students have been learning how to play chords and one-string ukulele riffs while singing.

On Tuesday, December 15th, the class hosted a concert that featured music by Deep Purple (Smoke on the Water), Solomon Linda (The Lion Sleeps Tonight) and Joan Baez (Swing Low). Students also performed a French Christmas song that they learned from Mrs. Friesen. After the concert, the class served drinks and cookies to family and friends. They did a wonderful job!



Santa's Workshop

Ms. Ferriolo's Grade 4/5 class was 'Christmas Challenged' by St. Elizabeth's Grade 6 class in Thunder Bay to participate in their Give 4 Christmas Challenge! The idea behind the project is quite simple. Participants from all over the globe are challenged to give back to their school or community throughout the holiday season by sharing their talents and gifts of kindness, love and hope. The grade 4/5 class decided to share their talents and give the gift of kindness to others by holding a Christmas Store! On Thursday, December 17th, the class opened their Christmas Store for classes and the community to shop. The items in the store were sold for a donation only. Students decided they would like to take the donations made at the Christmas Store to go shopping for food items for Second Chance Pet Network and for the Dryden Food Bank. Shoppers from the community and all grades in the school had a really fun time purchasing new items. The younger students in particular were thrilled with the store! The final tally for the event was \$669.60!!!!







PHOTO COLLAGE!



Ms. Ferriolo's class getting ready to walk to Princess Court to visit, sing and read with residents!



Outside parachute fun with Mr. Tremonti's gym class!



Maintenance guys Mr. Barton and Mr. Goodman helping load Ms. Bastable's car with food and gifts for Christmas Cheer!



Grade 3 classes heading to the Dryden Pool for some swimming (left)!



Some of the cast from "A Christmas Character" (above).

Gingerbread house fun with Mr. Cortens class!





Explore Christmas Hockey Game!



“A Christmas Cracker” Fine Arts Production







Second Annual Pancake Breakfast with Ms. Hron's Grade Ones!





YUM!



Pancake
Breakfast



The School-Wide Happy Dance on the LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!

