



Horse Lake Elementary School Newsletter October 2022

Horse Lake Elementary School Terry Fox Run Raises Over \$230 For Cancer Research



Students and staff of Horse Lake Elementary gathered in the sunshine on September 22nd to participate in the school's annual Terry Fox Run. Students brought in donations to have a 'running shoe' displayed inside the school, and then convened in the gym for a short assembly before embarking on the running trail around the school grounds. Students wore badges

indicating who they were running for, and Ms. Hopson's class made posters for the school bulletin board commemorating Terry Fox and his achievement. To date, the Terry Fox yearly runs have raised over \$850 million worldwide for cancer research.



Primary Teachers Work With Carole Fullerton To Support and Enhance Numeracy Instruction

Teacher Leader and Educational Consultant, Carole Fullerton, joined our primary teaching staff to collaborate on the planning and teaching of Big Math Ideas through



problem solving using manipulatives. After planning the lesson together, the primary teachers and Ms. Pecor's grade 2/3 students joined Carole as she demonstrated a lesson teaching place value and addition. The teachers continued to collaborate on the Pro D Day and planned extra lessons for continued implementation of these ideas.



Welcome Back Family Barbeque a Great Success



The weather couldn't have been better for our Welcome Back Community Barbeque, and we were pleased to welcome many families to our afternoon gathering to reconnect with the school after enduring a couple of years of physically distanced education. It was nice to meet those new to the school, as well as returning families. A big thanks goes out to Trustee Martens, who assembled and distributed the hamburgers and hot dogs that were fresh off the grill!

Truth and Reconciliation Activities Capped Off By Orange Shirt Day Outdoor School Assembly



For Truth and Reconciliation Day, Ms. Hunt grouped all of our aboriginal resources and taught students about Residential Schools. Teachers also used the resources to reiterate the message in grade appropriate activities. Ms. Thomson worked in classes all week, providing additional background and having all students and staff paint rocks orange. On

Thursday afternoon our student body assembled outside to place their 215 rocks around the teepee, in honor of the discovery at the Kamloops Residential School. Finally Maria Bonsiu, a grade seven student, shared her perspectives about the day and passed along her desire to ensure that all children matter.



Pumpkin Carving Contest This Week

Both primary and intermediate students are invited to join in on the Horse Lake Pumpkin Carving



Contest running all week long from October 3rd to 7th. There are three different entry opportunities including Funniest – to make the judges laugh out loud; the Scariest – to make the judges afraid to look at them; and the Best Overall – entries that tell a story and hold the attention of the judges. Judging and awarding of prizes will take place on October 7th!

Fire Safety Week Begins On October 11th

Horse Lake Elementary's annual Fire Safety Week will run from October 11th to 14th, in cooperation with the Lone Butte Volunteer Fire Department. The highlight of the week will be the selection of the Fire Chief For A Day from within the student body of the story. We'll also be learning safety tips on being fire smart!

Student School Photos To Be Taken October 12th

Student photos will be taken on Wednesday, October 12th, and we are pleased to welcome back Lindsay and Endless Expressions Photography to capture memories from this school year. More information about ordering picture packages will be forthcoming.



School Volleyball Will Kick Off This Year's Sports Calendar

Students interested in playing volleyball will get an opportunity in the coming weeks as we get ready for volleyball practices. Sign up opportunities will be posted at the school soon!

Hallowe'en Festivities Complete The Month of October

Hallowe'en falls on a Monday this year, and the School Leadership Group has planned Dance, with Food Bank Donations for entry, a Costume Walk, and a Haunted House. Start planning now to show us your costume to remember!

From the Library Corner

New to the school this year is the Library Council—a group of readers in grades 5 and 6 who want to help promote literacy in the school. We've only had one meeting so far and I am excited to support the ideas that came out of it! Be prepared this year for book-themed dress up days, book swaps, contests and more! This month, we are having a Halloween story writing contest. Students will submit their spooky short stories by October 25th. Winners will be announced Halloween Day.

Reminders

Student Verification Forms and Primary School Fees Due Into The Office

This is a reminder to return the student identification forms to the school as soon as possible. These forms contain the current identification information that the school has with respect to contact and other family information. We ask that you read through the information on the form, update it as required, and sign it. Also, parents of primary students are asked to submit the \$30 school supply fee as soon as possible if you have not already done so.

Respectfully, Murray Helmer, Horse Lake Elementary School Principal and Grade 5/6 Teacher