



## **Grindrod Elementary School**

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### **October Highlights**

Last month was an exciting one at Grindrod Elementary. Students went on fieldtrips to the Adams River, Greencroft Gardens for seeds and pumpkins, and had numerous local outings as well. Several classes participated in an Egg Drop Challenge, enjoyed the Runaway Moon puppet show and created a school volleyball team. The month ended with a community Halloween Party on the 26<sup>th</sup> and our Halloween Parade on the 31<sup>st</sup>. November is sure to be filled with amazing learning opportunities as well!

At our Month end assembly we celebrated the students that were awarded for outstanding leadership, effort, citizenship and achievement. See our recipients below:

*Kayden Loewen, Reilly Ryz and Quinten Washtock* in Mrs Smith/Mr. Abbott's class.  
*William Denison and Madelynn Kent* in Mr. Paré's class. *Nathan Couch and Hunter Hickling* in Mrs. Chambers' class.  
*Chloe Gairdner and Elianna Strelhoff* in Ms. Kemitzis' class. *Emily Aylard, Josie Danbrook and Duke Reynolds* in Mrs. Dodds class and *Everly Barbour and Emrie Estabrooks* in Mrs. Foulger/Mrs. Scott's class.

### **We Scare Hunger at Grindrod**

Over the past two weeks our families have been very generous in donating many items to our We Scare Hunger food collection campaign. When we began the food drive we set a goal of donating 600 non-perishable food items to the Enderby Food Bank. The classes have been competing to see who can contribute the most food and at the time of this writing, Mrs. Chambers' class was in the lead with 183 items, followed closely by the defending champion Ms Smith's class with 151 items. However, everyone's a winner when we reach our goal and we are very close with 584 items collected in total. Thank you all for your generosity!

### **Bridgeview Farms Supports Grindrod Kids**

We are very pleased to share that Bridgeview Farms has donated milk for all of our students FREE for the 2018-2019 school year. All interested students were invited to sign up to receive milk ever second week. We want to extend a very sincere thank you to Bridgeview Farms for their generous donation and to Kyla Verbeek for her coordination of the program!

### **Grandpals Program Connects Students and Seniors**

Mrs. Scott, one of our kindergarten teachers, has initiated a very exciting program for our youngest students. This intergenerational learn and play program brings our kindergarten students together with seniors from Parkview Place in Enderby. The program is based in the Grindrod Community Hall at the Grindrod Park and occurs once a month. Our students and their older friends have thoroughly enjoyed their time together sharing stories, playing and learning from one another. At their December gathering the Grandpals group will be learning some Christmas songs together while sharing snacks, smiles and stories.

### **Remembering our Veterans**

On November 9th, beginning at 10:45 we will assemble to recognize the tremendous sacrifice made by our Canadian war veterans. Students are preparing a song and poetry recitals and we hope to have a guest speaker from the community join us. This is one of our most important assemblies of the year and our students always show great respect for our veterans in the way they conduct themselves on this important day. Parents are most welcome to attend.

### **PAC News**

On behalf of the children and staff, I would like to thank all of the parents and community members who worked so hard to host the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Halloween Party at Grindrod School.

The event was very well attended. Proceeds will be used to support our local Enderby Food Bank, which can be accessed by our Grindrod Families.

The PAC will be sending out Poinsettia orders in the next few days. This is one of our most popular fundraisers as the plants are always very healthy. They make wonderful seasonal gifts for friends and family. We hope many of you will support our school by participating. Once orders are placed, we expect to have them delivered to our school on Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Next PAC meeting**-November 6<sup>th</sup> @2:10pm.

### **Student/Parent Teacher Conferences**

On Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> we will host conferences for all our families. The conferences will focus on goal setting for individual student progress throughout the year. Based on your child's behavior, work habits and achievement over the first two months of school, your child's teacher and your child will be developing some draft goals for continued progress moving forward. These goals will be sent home for your review in the next week, unless they were already included in the interim report.

Today, a copy of a letter outlining the objective of the goals setting conferences will be sent home, as well as a sheet on which you can indicate when you would like to begin your interviews on November 20<sup>th</sup>. If you are unable to attend meetings on the 20<sup>th</sup>, your teacher will contact you to make alternate arrangements.

### **Movie Night Coming to Grindrod**

Our PAC is hosting a free movie night on Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. They have decided to show the movie "Wonder." This is an amazing movie and audiences of all ages can learn a great deal from viewing it. I don't want to give away the plot line but I certainly want to invite you and your children to attend. Although there is no fee for the movie, donations are welcome and a concession will be available for many of the usual movie snacks.



### **Exploration Program Begins Friday**

Mr. Paré, Mrs. Smith and Mr. Abbott have joined forces to offer students in our two most senior classes an Exploration Program. The first day of the program is this Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The program runs every second Friday afternoon from November 2<sup>nd</sup> to December 14<sup>th</sup>. The topics of exploration are, Art and Construction, Cooking and Computer Coding. Students have had the opportunity to select their choice and groups have been created by combining students from both classes. It is our intention to teach students important skills via a choice based, high interest, hands-on learning process.

### **Christmas Concert Update**

This year students will be developing skits and blending songs in the theme of Our Canadian Winter Wonderland. Students will write and act out the story that connect their song to the theme. Several teachers and many students will support Mr. Koenig as he directs the show.

We have a new date for the Christmas Concert, which is Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Please make note of this in your calendars, as it is a change for the date we had previously indicated on our calendar. We will have a full rehearsal at 10:30 on Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> and then a second showing beginning at 6:00pm. Doors will open at 5:30.

### **Dates to Remember in November**

Photo Retake Day-Monday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> before recess  
Cultural Event at Beattie-Monday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> @ 12:45  
PAC Meeting- Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> @ 2:10  
Remembrance Day Assembly- Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> @ 10:45  
No School-Remembrance Day – Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>  
No School- Pro D Day- Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>  
Grandpals and Kindies program-Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>  
Poinsettia Orders due back to school-Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>  
Movie Night "Wonder" – Friday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm  
Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences- Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>  
Mrs. Dodd's class to Kingfisher Kekuli- Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>

We also have a Mother Goose pre-school program every Tuesday and a Friday Friends pre-school program every Friday that school is in session. All parents with pre-school children are welcome to attend.