



Manning Elementary School

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Remembrance Day

By Khezley and Rachel



On November 10th, the grade 6 class released our virtual Remembrance Day assembly to honour the soldiers who sacrificed their lives for us to have today. You can watch it on Manning Elementary's Facebook page. The grade 6 class made up original poetry and also recited "In Flanders Field." The grade six class does a Remembrance Day assembly every year to show respect.



Halloween Celebrations

By Emma and Ashtyn

On October 29, 2021, all of the classes at Manning Elementary School celebrated Halloween. At 2:00 pm, we had an outdoor school costume parade in the bus lane.

Grade six carried around a speaker to jam out to some spooky Halloween tunes!! When we came back into the classroom, Emma Kelemen's mom had bought Halloween cookies for us to enjoy. Miss Gibson bought treats for us as well. Mrs. Gardecki and Ms. Matheson gifted us with a blue rubber glove full of CANDY!! At 3:00 pm, we headed to the gym, the dinosaurs (Ashtyn, Kayton, Hudson and Tess) had a race around the gym. After that dinotastic race we had a dinos vs all dodgeball game, then an original 2 teams dodgeball game. The game ended in a tie. Kayton Reinders, a grade six student, said "You are never too old to go trick or treating!"

What will you be for Halloween next year? For more fun Halloween facts go to <https://www.10best.com/interests/festivals-events/10-fun-facts-you-didnt-know-about-halloween>

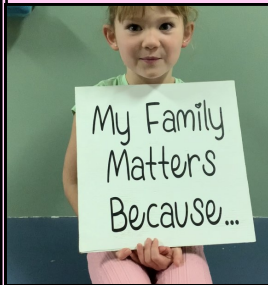


Families Matter Week

By Tess



Families Matter week is celebrated within the whole PRSD division. It runs from November 14-20.

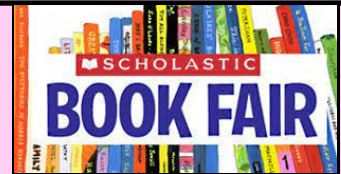


The week provides an opportunity to celebrate families and reflect on their importance in our lives. Ashtyn thinks families matter because they provide shelter for you. Did you know that studies have found that families who enjoy group activities together share a stronger emotional bond as well as an ability to adapt well to situations as a family? To find out more about this week, go to the MES Facebook page.



Book Fair

By Zackary and Owen



On November 23-26 the Scholastic Book Fair will be set up at Manning Elementary School. The books are available for KG to grade 6 and include chapter books and picture books. There will also be school supplies and posters as well. Families are allowed to shop on November 23, 24, and 25 from 4-6pm. Hand sanitizer will be provided to all visitors coming in and out, and all guests are asked to wear masks. The books will be about \$6 and up. The book fair will be in the room beside the library. There will be a link if the parents don't want to come in the school, and you can order the books online. Only one cohort can be in there at a time. People have to social distance when in the room. The money goes toward buying new library books and other supplies. The classes will have the chance to come in twice and they will have a schedule.

Caleb Juntilla, grade five student, is looking forward to getting books at the fair to read. Emma Nordstrom, grade five student, is exciting to see all different types of books. Mrs. Taylor is excited to get books for her nephews for Christmas. Ms. Matheson, the principal not the librarian, is excited to see the new books. Mrs. Gardecki is excited for the new novels that are coming out this year. Kayton Reinders, grade six student, is looking forward to wasting his money on school supplies for no reason! Pacey, grade six student, is excited for the erasers because they smell good. Happy Shopping!

Lodge Buddies

By Hailey



The Grade 5 class of Manning Elementary School visits their lodge buddies once a month. This Halloween, they dressed up in their costumes to visit their lodge buddies. They also crochet for their lodge buddies. They make things like scarves, blankets, headbands and more. Grade 5 also wrote paragraphs for their lodge buddies. They wrote to introduce themselves when they first met each other. If you know someone from the lodge, you can request to be their buddy in grade five. I interviewed Ava McDonald and Sydney Bacso, grade 5 students, to tell me a little bit about Lodge Buddies.

Ava said, "My favourite part of lodge buddies is getting to visit my buddy."



Sydney said, "My favourite part is skipping class and creating things for them!"

Buddies are the best!

Grade 5 Crochet Project

By Jordan



The grade five class of Manning Elementary School has been crocheting to raise money for the Neurosurgery Kids fund at the Stollery Children's Hospital. They make scarves, blankets, toques, headbands, little mittens and much more! The grade five class has a paper that they use to track down how many items they have made. There have made over 100 items. I interviewed Ava Stone and Jett Robinson, both grade five students. Ava Stone told me that they have reached about 110 crocheted items. Jett Robinson told me he likes to crochet items to raise money for the Children's Hospital. If you would like to purchase an item, please contact Melody Taylor or Hailey Stone. Keep crocheting grade five!



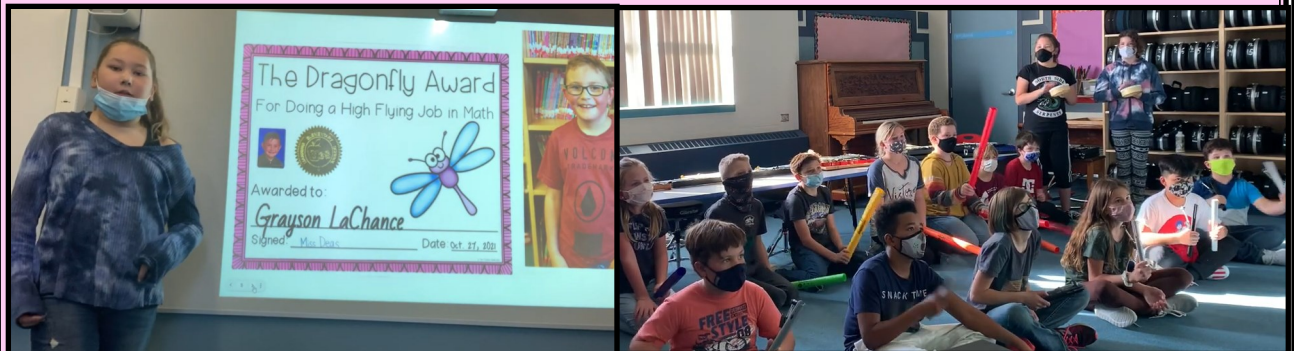
Grade 5 Assembly

By Pacey and Marshall

On October 27th the grade five class released their assembly to the public. Due to Covid, each classroom had to watch the spectacular presentation in their classroom.



The students recorded the assembly in the school. It was good and fun to watch. Rachel, grade six student, said "I loved the cringy jokes!" Our favourite part was O Canada sung in the Cree language. Great job, Grade 5!



Free Lunches

By Samantha and Skye



Manning Elementary School gets free lunches! On November 19th, we had potato wedges and chicken fingers provided by IGA, on December 3rd we will be having pizza provided by Esso, and on December 15th we will have turkey dinner provided by Silver Tip.

Manning Elementary School received a nutrition grant so we can offer free lunches this month. Rachel, a grade six student, said, "I am very thankful for our free lunches!" Zander said, "I love all the hot lunches." Everyone at Manning Elementary School has a choice to get hot lunch or just bring their own. Last year we also had a nutrition grant so we got free lunches but only one or two Fridays a month.

If you would like to learn more about hot lunches or what we are having for hot lunches you can call the school at 780 836 3532.

Our First Food-For-Thought Breakfast

By Hudson, Joshua, and Seth



On Wednesday, November 10th we had a pancake breakfast. Lacey Buchinski, Jared May, and our very own janitor Mr. A. made pancakes in the FFT room. Thank you!

If you are unfamiliar with Food for Thought, it is a breakfast made on Wednesdays and Fridays by very generous volunteers. We talked to Mr. A and he said, "I love to cook!" It is important that we eat breakfast in the morning because it boosts our energy.

To become a FFT volunteer you can call the school.



Moustache Day!

By Caitlyn and Kayton

Manning Elementary School staff and students had Moustache Day on November 19th!

The school was very generous and got the whole school stick on moustaches! We celebrate Moustache Day in November because it is called Movember where people raise money for prostate cancer. Our school would like to share a strong quote for those who have cancer or who have fought off cancer. "Cancer is only going to be a chapter in your life, not the whole story."

Do you know anything about cancer? If you don't know much about cancer, you should do some research about it. You could look at this website to find out more! www.cancer.gov





Guided Reading

By Blake and Alexander

Grades 5 and 6 are partway through their first guided reading cycle. Guided reading is when a group of students read books together that are targeted to their specific level. Guided reading helps us improve our comprehension and fluency. It also gives us better control of our reading.



**Thank you for helping to
make our school
even better!**

The Karpiak Family for the treats for the school staff!

All Families who donated snacks, decorations, costumes, and time to help our Halloween celebrations become a huge success!

Ashley Nichiporik for the donation of one HUGE ball of yarn for each grade 5 student!

Message from Superintendent Adam Murray

The Power of Local Assessments

Have you ever heard these terms from your child(ren)'s school - RCAT, WAT, MIPI NCAT, and F & P BAS? These are all acronyms for local assessments that are used in all of Peace River School Division's (PRSD) schools to support students' learning needs and achievement. Teachers use these powerful tools to determine how students learn and to develop personalized instructional activities. Strategic use of local assessments also helps to improve student performance on Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs) and Diploma Exams.

Assessment Legend:

RCAT = Reading Comprehension Assessment Tool

WAT = Writing Assessment Tool

MIPI = Math Intervention/Programming Instrument

NCAT = Numeracy Common Assessment Tool

F & P BAS = Fountas & Pinnell Benchmark Assessment System 1 and 2

To help enhance your understanding about why local assessments are powerful tools in supporting your child(ren)'s learning, I would like to share some details about why we use them and what benefits our students receive from their use.

The local assessments listed above help teachers to determine their students' level of knowledge and skills in the core areas of Literacy and Numeracy. These assessments will tell a teacher if there are any learning gaps with key concepts in Literacy and Numeracy. This information can be used to provide targeted lessons and useful accommodations to help the student learn important skills in Literacy and Numeracy. The assessments are done at the beginning of the year and then again later in the year to assess progress. The frequency that these assessments are administered allows Teachers and Educational Assistants to give targeted interventions and accommodations immediately after the assessment is completed.

All schools within PRSD have school teams made up of Teachers, Educational Assistants, I-Coaches, and Principals. These teams make up our School Division's Collaborative Response to meeting your child(ren)'s needs. These school teams receive support from Divisional I-Coaches, Program Coordinators, Assistant Superintendents of Teaching and Learning and Learning Supports, and even me!

Local assessments are powerful tools in contributing to our mission to ensure every child is literate and numerate, not most students, but every student!

To further explore the power of local assessments, I encourage you to go to our website and read [PRSD's Three-Year Education Plan for 2021-2024](#). We look forward to continuing to collaborate with all parents in achieving our collective goal of success for all students.

Adam Murray
Superintendent of Schools
Peace River School Division



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Whatever the weather!

Tips to get kids active outside on cold or wet days

As fall turns to winter, some kids can't wait to venture out into the cold, wind, and snow. They're unfazed by the weather and ready to build snow forts, skate, and explore. Others can be much more reluctant.

It's natural to have different comfort levels when it comes to spending time outside. Some kids need more support than others to brave the cold, but everyone benefits from heading out. When young people are physically active outdoors, they move and play more, sit less, and feel better. Help your kids and family keep active outdoors this winter, whatever the weather! Here's how to make it happen.

Layer up

Make sure your child knows [how to dress for](#)

[the weather](#). As temperatures drop, focus on keeping their head, hands, and feet warm and dry. It's okay to skip the big clothing brands—just try to find gear that fits well and keeps moisture out. Second-hand jackets and toques, mittens or gloves, and boots will do!

Teach your child to dress in layers, so they can add or remove clothing to keep comfortable. Watch for long scarves or drawstrings – they can get in the way of safe play. Younger kids may need some practice getting their gear on and off. Be patient and let them try independently.

Older kids might resist layering up at all. Listen to their concerns, and try to offer flexibility and choice. For example, negotiate

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a temperature range for when winter jackets and toques are required, and another when they can wear hoodies and ball caps.

Explore the great outdoors

As much as you can, give your child time, space, and opportunity to be outside. Resist the temptation to direct their activities. Let them be curious, playful, and imaginative.

Each season presents unique opportunities for play and leisure. Whether they're splashing in rain, sliding on ice, or knee-deep in mud, kids can create their own ways to wonder, learn, and move outside. Young people of all ages benefit from spending time in nature in ways that make sense to them.

Follow your child's lead and join in the fun. Together, you can explore and play creatively with the weather! For example:

- On a windy day, fly a kite or make a wind sock
- On a wet day, jump in puddles or make a rain catcher
- On a snowy day, make a snow maze or build a snow sculpture

Shift the status quo

As a family, challenge the notion that outdoor activities are only possible in nice weather. Be intentional about getting out there, and take pride in adapting for all kinds of conditions. These ideas can help:

- Set a family goal for spending time outside each day. Start small and build up to longer outings as you find your groove.
- Get everyone involved in planning outdoor activities. Kids are more likely to

get excited about venturing out when they have a say in the decision-making.

- Challenge yourselves to try new activities—go ice fishing, shovel driveways in your community, or try stargazing! Use the [My Active Family Bucket List](#) for inspiration.
- Focus on having fun and being social. Some kids are more likely to head out when friends are involved. Look for after-school clubs and sports that involve spending time outdoors, and be sure to follow [public health guidance](#).
- Keep doing routine daily activities outside, even when it's cold and wet. Walk the dog together, bike to school or work, or go to the park! Instead of dwelling on the challenges the weather brings, focus on how good it feels to get moving outside.
- Celebrate coming back inside on a cold weather day! Peel off the layers, admire the rosy cheeks, and settle in with a warm drink or snack.

No matter what your family gets up to this winter, remember that it's not the activity or the destination that matters. The real win is quality time outside.

Get tips to keep your kids and family safe this winter at [MyHealth.Alberta.ca](https://myhealth.alberta.ca):

- [Quick tips: Staying active in cold weather](#)
- [Safety and winter activities](#)