

John Allison Elementary



The first day of snow is always welcomed by students who think not of highway driving or shoveling but of building and teamwork and fun.

On Halloween, 5 of our 8 classes went on field trips to sing and recite poetry and share artwork with the residents of Vermilion Court (an assisted living facility and a day program place) and Ridgewood Lodge (a nursing care facility).



Vermilion Forks Elementary



For over a decade now, our school has been running the only Afterschool Program in our district! It is a one-of-a-kind tutoring program that runs 4 days a week and ran by 4 tutors. We offer structured recreation time, baking/cooking lessons, healthy snacks, and one-on-one tutoring – all of which is free of charge! We couldn't run this program without our wonderful sponsors. Our biggest supporters over the years have been Community Foundation of South Okanagan, Valley First (First West Foundation), Vancouver Sun and New Relationship Trust.



Early Learning and Child Care

Diamond Vale Afterschool Child Care newly enrolled students having fun!



Diamond Vale Elementary School



At Diamond Vale this month, students and staff have been making the most of Fall with all four primary classes enjoying trips out to the Pumpkin Patch at Three Bars Farm. A highlight this month for students in Grades 2 and up was a visit by Canadiana musical theatre company, who performed Pier 21. Through song and actions, students learned about the experiences of refugees and immigrants as they came through the gateway to Canada. On Hallowe'en this year we were privileged to receive a visit from Community Policing Officer, Cst. Blake Chursinoff dressed as a unicorn.





Grade 7 Girls Volley Ball competed in Grade 8 tourney. Placed 9th out of 16 teams.



Sash Run



Pumpkin Patch Fun



Kaelan Druck, our past student trustee received the Governor General award for 2022-2023 school year. Dakota Adam received the award for the 2021-2022 school year. Congratulations!



PSS hosted a group from LiveDifferent. LiveDifferent helps young people explore and instill important values, build stronger relationships and get activated in compassion within their communities and abroad.

Their signature programs are designed for long-lasting impact on youth—so they can reach their full potential as kind, compassionate and resilient human beings.

Student Nik Reimer shared:

He was grateful for the opportunity just to share whatever he felt he needed to amongst other students and staff that were there. As a leader, he hopes to show people at school how great it is to be here. He warned me that there would be lots of fist bumps going around. Nik says there are always good things here, and we can always find them if we are looking.

Ms. Fosbery's K/1s got to do a pumpkin dissection last week. Kids very much enjoyed the sticky mess.



PUMPKIN DISSECTION



Our Division 3 Language Class built Spirit houses today. The rocks on outside represented family members and the rocks on inside represented goals for the year. Students told someone their rock story, put tobacco on it then washed it with water.



There are many highlights to share this month from Merritt Secondary. Extra-curricular clubs and intramurals are happening throughout our building; MSS put on the first of the year Battle of the Grades; and we hosted 4 volleyball and one soccer tournaments! Other notable highlights include our students taking part in a tour of Highland Valley Copper. This was a joint initiative with LNIB and HVC with the focus on End Land Use Plan and Reclamation for HVC. Our Grade 11 and 12 students had the opportunity to explore post-secondary options when we hosted a career and education fair. Finally, 8 students and 2 teachers attended the provincial leadership conference hosted by Rutland Secondary. The participants came home empowered to make positive changes for our school community!

Indigenous Education



Elders Tea at Collettsville Elementary



StrongStart



Pumpkin Patch



Nicola-Canford StrongStart

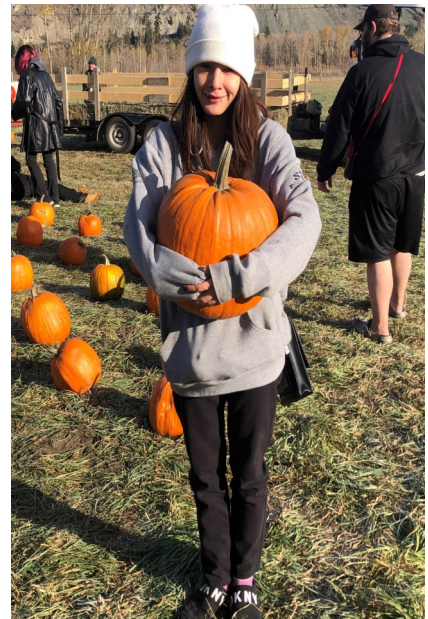


Upcoming Reminders:

November 13, 2023	Monday	Remembrance Day Statutory Holiday.
November 17, 2023	Friday	MSS & PSS First Term Report Cards go home.
November 17, 2023	Friday	Merritt & Princeton Elementary Schools Report Cards go home.
November 17, 2023	Friday	Community Learning Centre Report Cards go home.
November 21 – 22, 2023	Tues. - Wed.	All Schools – Shortened day for Parent/Teacher interviews. (Schools closed 1 hour early each day.)

Community Learning Centre

Students and staff from CLC took full advantage of the beautiful fall weather in October. Two notable outings were spending the day hiking, exploring, and learning at Kentucky Lake. They spent time watching and learning about snails in the area and shared stories of their experiences on the land. At the end of the month, they visited a local farm and pumpkin patch where they participated in some old fashion fun!



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