Armstrong Public School



November 2018 Newsletter

Wow! October has come and gone, and we have already completed two months of the school year! Before we know it, it will be time for the Christmas Concert.

On Friday, October 5th, Harrison Briand, from the Youth Fusion program, joined us for the school year. Harrison will be working with all students in the school and providing after-school activities. Harrison has also started working with students in Grades 5-8 doing some cool science experiments. Welcome Harrison!

Also welcome to Ms. Marg Dodds who is visiting the school for a brief time, assisting students and staff.

Also, on **Friday**, **October 5th** we held two hot lunches with all the thanksgiving goodness for all our students. Thank you to all our



fantastic staff who prepared the meals, and to everyone who helped serve. The students loved the hot lunches.

Monday, October 8th was Thanksgiving Day, we hope everyone had a great day.

On Tuesday, October 9th, our Cross Country Running team was scheduled to travel to Thunder Bay, to participate in events, but due to weather issues, the tournament was cancelled. Thank you to Mr. Arndt and Ms. Bolt for organizing this Club.

On Tuesday, October 16th, Ms.

Kotovich started an afterschool Girls Club, for girls aged 7 to 13. They meet every Tuesday in the Breakfast room to participate in a variety of activities.



On Thursday, October 11th Ms. Cheryl

Mundell from Dilico started a "Roots of Empathy" Program with Ms. Docimo's Grade 3-4 Class. Baby Colton and Mom came in to meet the class.



On Thursday, October 25th our students in Grades 5 to 8 travelled to Gull Bay to participate in a Clean Energy Fair.



On Wednesday, October 31st a

Spooktacular afternoon was held at our school. To start the afternoon off, we held a costume parade, followed by a



student dance and other various activities throughout the day. It's always great to see so many costumes and all the students having a great time. Thank you to the entire staff for providing the activities (and treats) for our students. A special thank you to Mr. Docimo's Grade 7-8 students, Teagan Bouchard, Alexis Kokokons, Skyler Parr and Jonatan Bron for selling the refreshments. Everyone had a great time. Also



thank you to **Mr. Arndt** for providing the great music and everyone who helped decorate the gym for our Halloween Dance. All profits raised will help support our Grade 8 graduation.

upcoming Events

Daylight Savings time ended, and the time went **back one hour this weekend** (November 4th).

Friday, November 1st is our school picture day for all students. Grade 8 and Senior Kindergarten Graduation and family portraits will take place on April 23rd.

Harrison Briand, from Youth Fusion has started a lunch time Chess Club for interested students in Grades 5-8. They meet every lunch break to learn the rules and play chess games.

On Friday, November 1st, Science North will once again be visiting our school to provide students with some fascinating presentations. They are planning more presentations in the coming months.

Friday, November 1st is "Hat Day", all

staff and students are invited to wear a hat to school to show their school spirit. Other



planned days every Friday this month are: November 9th Red and White school spirit day, November 15th is School Swag Day/ Blue and Yellow, November 23rd is Crazy Hair school spirit day and November 30th is Pajama Day. Let's have fun and show our school spirit on Fridays in November!

On Friday, November 9th Progress Reports will be sent home with all students. For any students not at school that day, report cards will be mailed home.

Also, on Friday, November 9th, our school will be hosting a Veterans Ceremony, after recess at11:00am in the school gym. Parents/ guardians and community members are encouraged to attend.

On Wednesday, November 14th our annual Book Fair will take place. The

Book Fair will run from 9:30am to 3:00pm and in the evening from 6:30pm to 8:00pm in the school gym.



Everyone is welcome to attend the book fair and enter their name for our special door prize draw of \$25.00 in products from the book fair and

\$25.00 in products for the classroom of their choice. All profits raised assist our school library in purchasing new books. Our Book Fair has a great selection of books for all ages, posters,



pencils, erasers and so much more! Be sure to stop by and check us out. The book Fair is open to the public, and a **bus (starting at 6:15pm and returning after the fair at 8:00pm)** is available for everyone attending.

Also, our **Parent/Teacher interviews** will take place during the Book Fair (Wednesday, November 14th), from **6:30pm to 8:00pm**. The bus will be making a run to pick up parents/ guardians in the community of Armstrong and Whitesand beginning

at 6:15pm. This is a great time to come to the school, check out our book fair and talk to your child(ren's) teacher(s).



On Wednesday, November 21st we will also be holding our after-school activities and Parent/Teacher interviews in Gull Bay. All parents/ guardians are asked to come and see the teachers if you have any questions or concerns about your child's/ children's progress.

Friday, November 16th is a Professional Activity Day at school. There is no student attendance.

We would also like to send a big thank you the **Kiwanis Club** of **Thunder Bay, and Staples in Thunder Bay**, who provided our school with a boost in supplies for our school from a fund-raising event they held. Our school was able to purchase a variety of



supplies to be used directly in classrooms.



On-Going Events

We are also starting our plans for our annual Christmas Concert and Bake Sale. The date is scheduled for Thursday, December 20th. We can only hold our annual Bake Sale (which is a huge fund-raising event for our Grade 8 Graduation ceremony,) with assistance from volunteers. If you are interested and able to help with baking goods, please contact Mr.

Dagenais at the school. If we cannot get enough people to



commit to donating baked goods, we will be unable to hold the bake sale as we have in previous years.

A reminder to all our students that this is the time of year for colds and flus, and getting sick, please remember to wash your hands and get a good night's sleep, and if you're not feeling well, please stay at home until you are feeling better.

Remember our school newsletter and other important information is posted on our school website at

https://armstrong.lakeheadschools.ca.

And don't forget to check out our Facebook Page with events and happenings at our school.



Ms. Maunula's Grade 1 Class Art Project



Ms. Docimo's class working on an art project

