#### THE BENNINGTON BULLDOG December 2016



"Recognition, Respect, Responsibility and Integrity"

#### **Principal's Notes** *Ms. Danish*

I am filled with pride and joy to share the new and revised issue of the Bulldog with you. All the information and ideas in this issue come from our students. As you can see, we have a lot of talent at Bennington! I wish to thank the members of the Newspaper Club and Photography Club for the terrific job they have done. Thank you to Ms. Alarie for her leadership with the Newspaper Club. She has put a lot of time and effort in reviewing and editing the articles and formatting the pages. Thank you also to Ms. Bloomberg for her leadership with the Photography Club. We hope you enjoy the December 2016 Bulldog.

## **BENNINGTON SPORTS DESK**

Interview with Girl's Basketball Team member, Juliana Delic. Noah Rosen



I interviewed Juliana before one of her team's basketball games and this is what she had to say. *"I* hope we do well today and we don't lose."

Juliana also spoke about being confident about winning and being ready to play her hardest. Even though the girls lost the game they never stopped trying their hardest and they are very excited to tackle their next game. eee

## **Boys Volleyball**

Juliana Delic

The boys won their recent game against Owen and their best set was a score of 25-18. When I interviewed Dylin his goal was to win and he got 7 points in the whole game. Their team captain is James. The set that they lost was 25-21, so close! We have seen great improvement in their games!

## TRIVIA

Which famous Canadian author grew up in Bennington Heights?

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## WORLD NEWS AND EVENTS

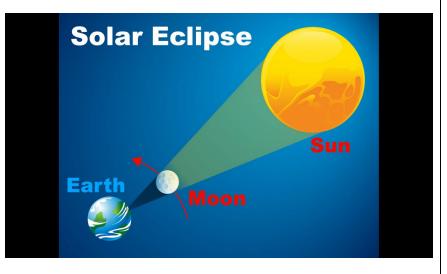
#### 2017 SOLAR ECLIPSE

Noah Rosen

On August 21st, 2017 there will be a solar eclipse coast to coast in the U.S. which will be the first coast to coast solar eclipse in the U.S. since June 8th 1918.



A solar eclipse is when the moon is positioned between the earth and the sun in such a way as to block our view of the sun.



#### Spider Listeners Noah Rosen and Julian Bauer-Kong

A recent study by Cornell University researchers has shown that spiders can hear noise from up to 10 feet away even though they do not have ears. Next time you scream at the sight of a spider keep this in mind!

It seems that the long hairs on spiders can pick up near-field airflow and vibrations that send a message to their brains to hear sound around them.

Five different spiders have been tested and been able to hear using their hairs. The spiders are jumping spiders, fishing spiders, wolf spiders, net-casting spiders and house spiders.

Source: www.sciencedaily.com



#### IGLOOLIK'S SUSPICIOUS SOUND

Julian Bauer-Kong

Hunters in a remote community in Nunavut are concerned about a mysterious sound that appears to be coming from the sea floor.

The "ping" sound is scaring away animals in the Hecla and Fury Strait. Paul Quassa, who is a member of Legislative Assembly says, "That's one of the major hunting areas in the summer and winter because it's a *polynya*".

A polynya is an area of open water surrounded by ice that's abundant to sea mammals. In an area usually full with animals, it is unusual for there to be none.

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## MONTHLY ASSEMBLY

**Remembrance Day Assembly** November 11, 2016 *Theodore Hall* 





Primary Choir Performing at Remembrance Day

On November 11, the grade 5/6 class did an amazing job organizing the Remembrance Day assembly for the school. The whole school performed songs, skits, and poems in honour of the fallen men and women who gave their lives to make the world a better place. Even the primary grades took part in this assembly by performing two beautifully sung songs. During the assembly the grade 5/6 class presented what peace meant to them and sang the well known poem "In Flanders Fields" by Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae. They also performed well thought out and practiced skits of everyday conflicts and their resolutions. As usual we ended this assembly with a moment of silence to remember and honor the fallen soldiers.

# IN OUR CLASSROOMS AND AT THE SCHOOL...

Rob Oliphant Visit Julian Bauer-Kong

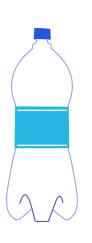
On November 19, Member of Parliament Rob Oliphant came and visited all the Grade 5s and 6s at Bennington. Mr. Oliphant talked about himself and answered students' questions about his job as an MP.

### **After 4 Programs** Isla Gray

This month, I participated in Cooking! We made pizza, fruit salad, fries, puff pastry, and sushi. It's fun because you get to learn new cooking skills and you get to eat whatever you make. My favourite so far has been fries. The ones that I think will be most popular in Winter are, Chocolate workshop, DIY Fashionista, and Hip Hop Groove. Miss Alarie really loved Pawsitively Pets, especially the cool birds!

#### INTERESTING BENNINGTON ACTIVITIES Bottle Flipping at Bennington Juliana Delic

You may have heard about the bottle that was flipped onto the basketball rim. Did you know that it wasn't just flipped on the bottom of the bottle? It was flipped on the cap! The person who did this amazing stunt was Dylin. I interviewed him to get more details. This cap flip happened on his third try during afternoon recess. He felt like a legend!



But everything has to come to an end. After school Dylin checked it out and it wasn't up on the basketball rim anymore! What happened? Nobody knows.

# OUTSIDE THE WALLS OF BENNINGTON

Black Creek Pioneer Village Primary Correspondent: Alithea Lauraitis

Black Creek Pioneer Village is a place where schools and families go to learn. Learn about what, you ask? Pioneers of course! So, on October 28th, 2016, Room 7 went on a field trip there. We learned how to churn butter and make apple cake! We also wrote with slate and with ink. My favourite part was churning butter. Black Creek Pioneer Village is a great place, whether you're a teacher or not!

# Science Centre Visit, November 21

Noah Rosen

The grade one and two classes had a lot of fun at the Science Centre. I interviewed Zoe Rosen a grade one student to discuss the visit.

What did you do at the Science Centre?

"We learned about structures and built bridges out of blocks and paper. We also saw snakes and went into the indoor rainforest."

What were your favourite parts?

"I loved going into the indoor rainforest because it was nice and warm, I also liked the snakes, they were so cool!" Final statement by Zoe

"The Science Centre was amazing!"

#### **ROM Field Trip, November 25** Julian Bauer-Kong

On Friday, November 25, the junior classes went to the Royal Ontario Museum to see Dale Chihuly's glass art. Many students brought cameras to take pictures. Later, the students ate lunch and after lunch, the Gr.6's visited biodiversity, the Gr.5's visited the aboriginal peoples exhibit and the Gr.4's saw the ancient civilizations exhibits. Afterward the Gr.5s and 6s roamed around biodiversity. Then it was time to go. Overall many of the students loved the glass art.





The Persian Ceiling

**Spotlight on... EMPATHY** *Miss Alarie* 

## What does it mean?

Empathy is the ability to be aware of and share other people's feelings, experiences, and emotions<sup>1</sup>.

## Building Empathy

- 1. <u>Listen</u> to a friend when they are upset
- 2. <u>Talk</u> to a trusted friend or adult when you are upset
- 3. <u>Ask</u> someone how their day is going
- 4. <u>Help</u> someone that is hurt (with words, or their body)
- 5. <u>Practice</u> saying nice things and doing nice things without asking for anything in return
- 6. If you have something mean to say, don't say it!

## What would you do?

Here is a problem to think about with your families at home.

"You've been best friends with Gemma since kindergarten. Since the start of school this year, you've become good friends with Britt, too. But Gemma told you yesterday that she's not going to be friends with Britt anymore and neither should you. Now Britt is sitting alone in the playground, looking really sad. What should you do?"<sup>2</sup>

# Student Council

Helena Jordan

Student council is a great lunch time club for grade 5 and 6 students. We talk about many issues concerning the school. Recently, we have been talking about ideas for Spirit Days like Crazy Sock Day, Purple and White Day and PJ Day. We meet every third Monday at lunch with Ms. Kahng and Ms. Danish. If you are interested in being part of this Club, come and join us!



#### SPECIAL EVENTS Halloween at Bennington Isla Gray

This event is very big for Bennington Heights. It's when costumes are everywhere, students are screaming in the haunted house, and people in classrooms are having parties.

In the morning, it's just a normal day but in the afternoon, Bennington Heights turns into a Halloween bazaar! Classrooms get spookier. The neighbourhood gets full of students because we all go out and show off our cool costumes!

Usually after afternoon recess, all the classrooms party! Thanks to the parents and families who volunteered to make our Halloween so much fun!



The Grade 4/5 class showing off their costumes.



Zoe and Katie enjoying the Halloween Walk



Eva and Chelsy enjoying the Halloween Walk

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> <u>http://www.wordcentral.com/cgi-bin/student?book=Student&va=empathy</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> <u>http://classroom.kidshealth.org/classroom/3to5/personal/growing/empathy.pdf</u>

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