

DALLINGTON PS

December Newsletter 2024



KINDNESS & CARING MONTH



Dallington School Schedule

- **School Start: 8:10 AM**
- Period 1 = 8:15 - 8:55 AM
- Period 2 = 8:55 - 9:35 AM
- **Morning Recess: 9:35 AM - 9:50 AM**
- Period 3 = 9:50 - 10:30 AM
- Period 4 = 10:30 - 11:00 AM
- **Lunch: 11:00 AM - 11:55 AM**
- Period 5 = 12:00 - 12:30 PM
- Period 6 = 12:30 - 1:10 PM
- **Afternoon Recess: 1:10 PM - 1:25 PM**
- Period 7 = 1:25 - 2:05 PM
- Period 8 = 2:05 - 2:45 pm
- **Dismissal: 2:45 PM** (All classes)



Main Office: 416-395-2270

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Trustee: Mr. James Li
Superintendent: Mr. Kurt McIntosh

Principal | Directeur: Mr. Frank Costa
Vice-Principal | Directeur-adjoint: Mr. Jared Baker
Office Administrator: Ms. Carolyn Klausen
Office Secretary: Ms. Monica Eder (AM)
School Council Chair: Alice Mansourian

LATEST UPDATES

We can't believe it's December already. In a few weeks we will be breaking for the holidays, but before then we have a lot going on. Our classes are diligently preparing for the Winter concerts. We are so excited to welcome parents and family members into the school to watch their young stars shine.



We recently wrapped up our Bullying Prevention week. Our students engaged in activities that showed the impact bullying can have and the power of kindness. We thank our staff for organizing these activities and our students for doing such an amazing job of demonstrating their understanding.



Our athletes continue to compete in a variety of ways. Our sports teams continue to compete against other schools and all of our grade 1-5 students have the opportunity to participate in houseleagues at recess. The energy they bring as they participate is electric. It is fun to watch them engage in physical activity while learning about teamwork and sportsmanship. Our students consistently work hard and maintain positive attitudes, win or lose.



We have a number of fundraising initiatives on the go and appreciate our community doing what they can to support. Our book fair is quickly approaching and it is always a fun way to get the students excited about reading. We also partner with our local police officers on a number of initiatives including a food and toy drive. This is a great way to help those in need while teaching our children the importance of helping others.

The break is still a few weeks away, but we wish you all a wonderful couple of weeks, full of joy and happiness.

*Warm
Winter
WISHES*

We are excited to get back at it in January 2025!



SCHOOL COUNCIL

As we welcome December, we hope you have taken some time out of your busy schedules to enjoy a family trip to an Ontario Park to watch the autumn colours change, or perhaps just donning fluffy socks and working on a jigsaw puzzle with the family. The council, meanwhile, has kept busy meeting regularly to plan out events for the upcoming school year. We are so excited about our new council role that the ideas just keep on coming! While we have some great ideas, we are aware that we are just a small representation of our Dallington Family and would love to hear YOUR feedback!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: New Council will host our first School Council meeting on **Thursday December 12th, 2024, at 6:30 pm virtually.** We welcome all parents and caregivers to join.

On our agenda:

- Introduce ourselves.
- Provide an overview of what our commitment to the Dallington Community looks like.
- Table several ideas for feedback and input (such as move-a-thons, movie nights, a parent/caregiver internet safety learning session).
- Encourage a budget-loving parent/caregiver to support the council in a co-treasurer role.
- As well as speak to many other relevant topics that may be of interest to you!



PIZZA LUNCH - in December, using School Cash Online, you can sign your child(ren) up to receive pizza lunch, or add additional slices to your current order, for the remainder of the 2025 school year. Also, we are seeking parent/caregiver volunteers to help with Pizza Days. It does not need to be every scheduled Pizza Day! The time commitment is approximately 1-2 hours each time. If you are able and interested in helping us, please reach out to us at our **new e-mail address at: 0085SC01@tdsb.on.ca.**

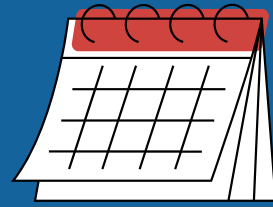
You may also use this e-mail address to ask any Dallington-related questions and one of the parent co-chairs will be happy to respond to you!

In the meantime, if you are looking to have some family fun, many Toronto Public Libraries are hosting events (at no cost) in the month of December such as Family Story Times, or Indigenous Medicine Music at the Ethennonhawahstihnen location or head over to Oriole Community Recreation Centre for a free Leisure Skate on a Sunday Afternoon.



Stay warm and stay safe and hope to see you soon!

UPCOMING DATES



December 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				
						Monday, January 6, 2025

- Pizza Lunch - Please try to send a reusable container!**
- Subway Lunch**
- Volleyball Tournament**
- Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu**
- PAC Meeting @ 6:30 PM**
- Winter Break - School closed**
- Cookie Sales**
- Book Fair**
- Eco Team Meeting**
- Holiday Eco Market**
- Winter Concerts 6:00 - 7:00 pm**



COOKIE SALES



Our cookie sales will be back on
Tuesday, December 3rd, 2024!

1 Cookie for \$2.00

2 Cookies for \$3.00

3 Cookies for \$5.00

*Thank You
For Your
Purchase!*

STAY TUNED FOR FUTURE
COOKIE SALE DATES.



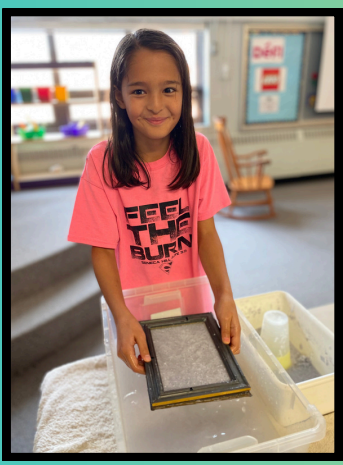
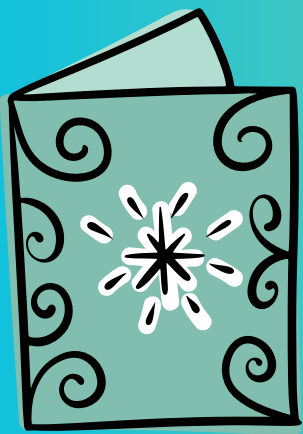
DALLINGTON ECO TEAM

Our team has been working on upcycling & creating items to fundraise for our second annual Holiday Eco Market!

Mme Goumakos, Ms. Pavuk, Mrs. Chung, and Mrs. Woo meet weekly with the students in grades 1-5 to explore new activities.

You're invited to support our Eco Team this month.

WE WILL BE SELLING HANDMADE PAPER CARDS, DECORATIONS, & MORE!



HOLIDAY MARKET 2024

Dates: December 17, 18, & 19

Time: 11 - 11:50 am @ Lunch

Please bring a reusable bag and small change!





SPECIAL EVENTS

Dallington Public School
WINTER CONCERTS
Grades 1-5 @ 6:00 - 7:00 pm
in the lower gymnasium

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17TH, 2024	WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18TH, 2024
Mme Golpayegani	Mme Raymond & M. Kalarus (Ms. Pavuk)
Mme Fauschou	Ms. Bellitti
Mrs. Forman and Ms. Burger	Mrs. Sharma
Mrs. Mehta	Mrs. Chung
Mr. Statiris	Mme Shulman and Mme Woolner
Mr. Kerley (Mme Siddiqui)	





SPECIAL EVENTS

DuffleBag THEATRE

PRESENTS



CINDERELLA IN
ENGLISH AND
FRENCH AT

DALLINGTON PS ON
DECEMBER 11, 2024

The “nearly world-famous” DuffleBag Theatre performs well-known Fairy Tales and classic stories but in a new and fun way. They take the stories and make them come alive through improvisations. In improvisation there is no script. The performers have a rough idea of the storyline and then they make up or adjust the story as they go along. During the show, they also invite audience members to come up and take part in the play. All of the students become involved by having to listen for certain cue words or phrases to which they must respond. it’s so much fun!

OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMUNITY OFFICERS HAVE BEEN COMING IN EVERY TUESDAY AT LUNCH TO BUILD RELATIONSHIPS AND HAVE FUN WITH OUR GRADE 1 TO 5 CLASSES. AS THEY WALK AROUND DALLINGTON, THEY MAKE A POINT TO SAY HI TO OUR KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS AS WELL. EACH WEEK, THEY VISIT A DIFFERENT CLASS. THEY SPEND THE FIRST PART OF LUNCH GETTING TO KNOW THE STUDENTS AND THEN HEAD TO THE GYMNASIUM TO PLAY GAMES. AT THE END OF EACH SESSION, STUDENTS ARE OFTEN PROVIDED WITH A STICKER BADGE SO THEY CAN FEEL LIKE HONORARY OFFICERS. WE APPRECIATE THIS PARTNERSHIP AND LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING OUR OFFICERS IN THE BUILDING EACH WEEK.

THIS PROGRAM RUNS FROM OCTOBER 2024 TO THE END OF JANUARY 2025.



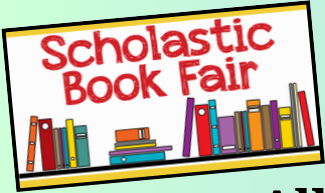
**LUNCH
PROGRAM**



LIBRARY NEWS



Dallington P.S. will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair from **Monday December 9th - Thursday December 12th, 2024.**



All Purchases Benefit Dallington Public School

When your child buys books they love, the school can turn Book Fair earnings into more books and better classrooms for this season and years to come. For every dollar spent at the Book Fair the school earns money for new books.



Every Child Benefits from Books

Our goal is to help get more books to more children and make the Book Fair more accessible to all families. You'll find \$3, \$5, and \$10 books on every shelf, marked with a red sticker on the cover. These books are spread throughout the Fair to give every student the opportunity to choose the book they want to read.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you are interested in volunteering to help during the Book Fair please contact Mr. Ellinidis at Dallington P.S., 416-395-2270.

We look forward to hosting the Book Fair and having students get new books that they can enjoy reading.



CODING WITH DASH ROBOTS

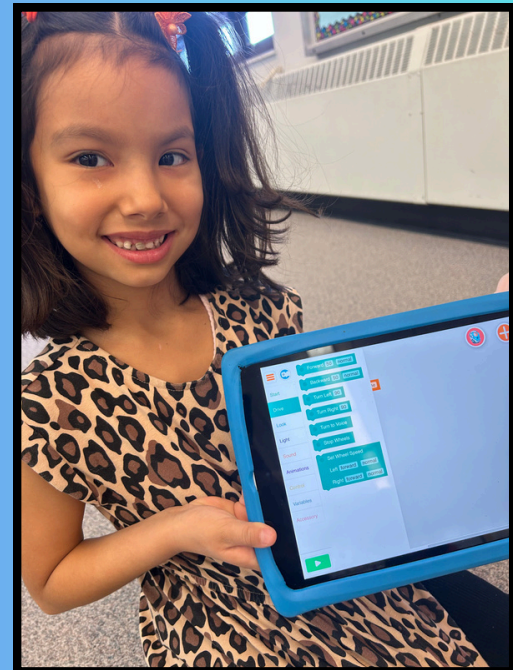
At Dallington, students have the exciting opportunity to work in the library, coding our Dash robots to solve specific challenges. Coding involves creating a sequence of instructions that guide an electronic device to perform tasks. **In this session, Mrs. Mehta's class took on the challenge set by Mr. Ellinidis: to program Dash to**



navigate out of the rain and seek shelter.



The students at Dallington thoroughly enjoy coding with Dash, and it's clear this activity is a favourite, as they engage in learning, laughter, and growth. Through these collaborative sessions in the library, we aim to inspire students and equip them with the tools to imagine and shape the future. By working with Dash robots, students are developing critical skills in creative thinking, systematic reasoning, and teamwork.





DALLINGTON ATHLETICS



Boys Volleyball
 Our boys' volleyball team has been practicing hard and had their qualifier tournament at Brian P.S, on December 6th, 2024. **GO DRAGONS GO!**

Girls Basketball

Our girls' basketball team has trained hard this season and finished first at their qualifier tournament on November 28th, 2024. They will advance and play again. **GREAT WORK DRAGONS!**



Upcoming Sports Teams

Grade 5 Girls Volleyball and Grade 5 Boys Basketball will be up and running in January. Grade 4 students are permitted to try out but there is no guarantee they'll make it. Tryouts and practices will be held at lunch.

Update on other Sports Teams

Indoor Cricket started in November and the team is practicing after schools on Wednesdays.



BRAZILIAN JIU-JITSU

All students in grade 4 and 5 will be participating in learning Jiu-Jitsu!

Mr. Kerley's grade 4/5 depicted.



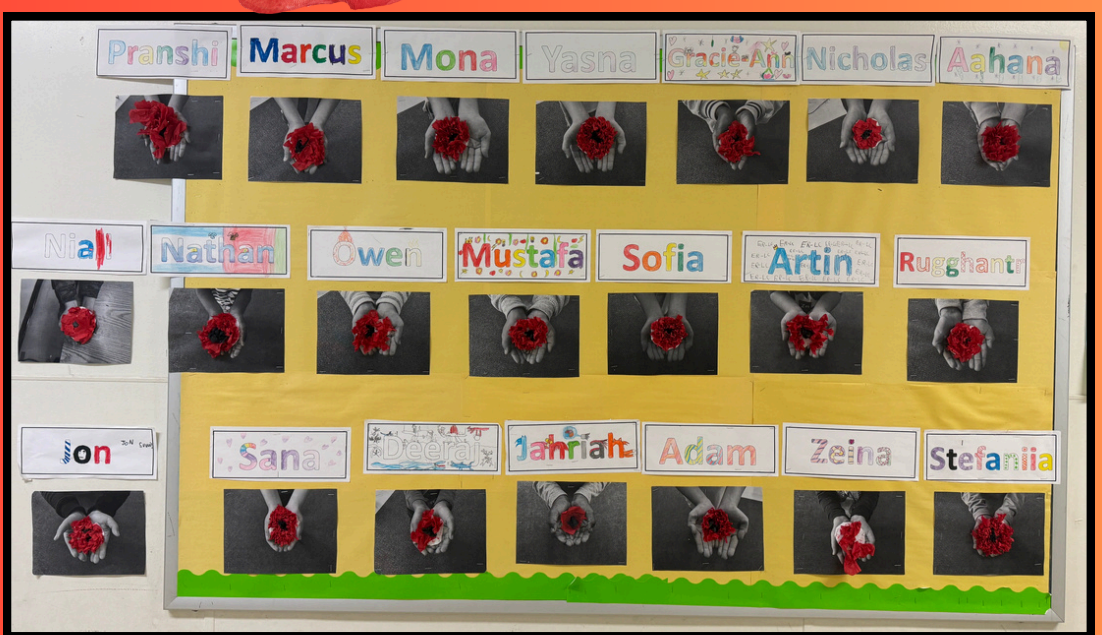
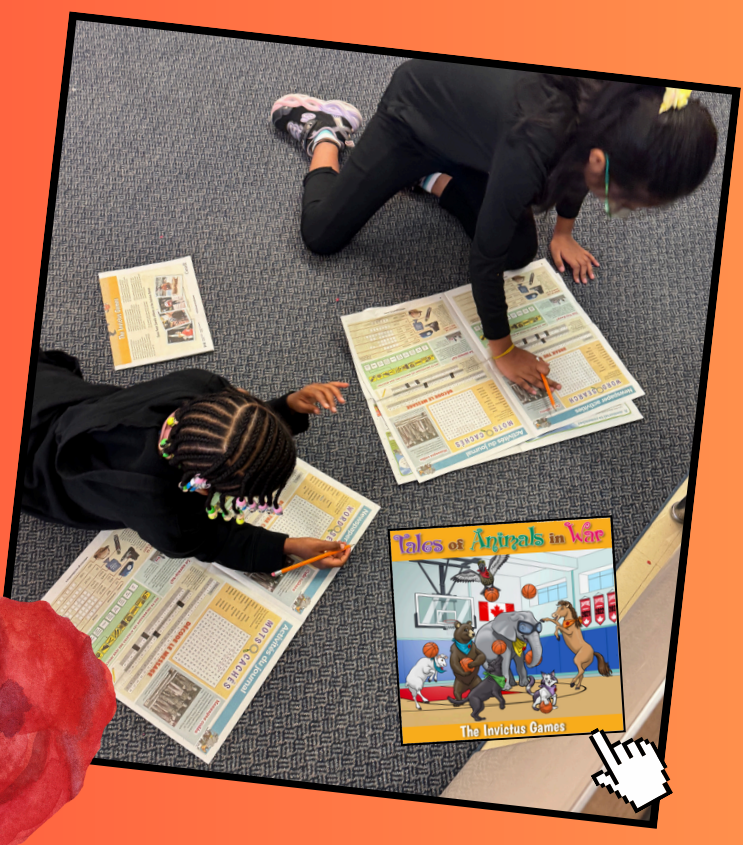
HOUSELEAGUES

Congrats to the Yellow House who won Dallington's first house cup! They are the winners for November. They worked as a team, ensuring their members participated in large numbers. We wonder which team will win next month!

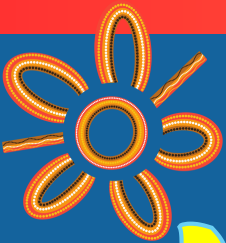
GO DRAGONS GO!



SPOTLIGHT ON NOVEMBER LEARNING



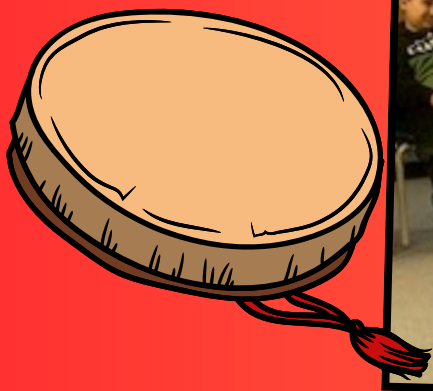
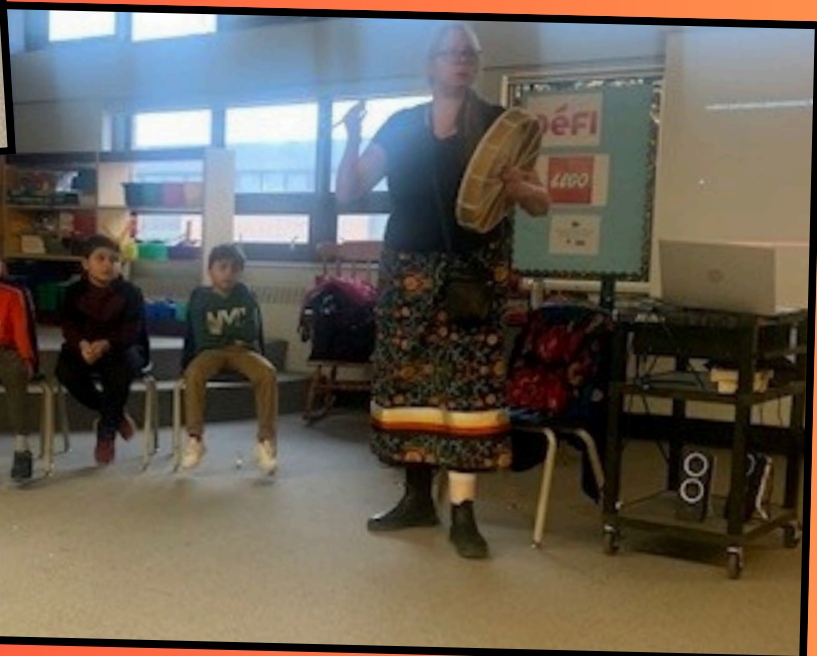
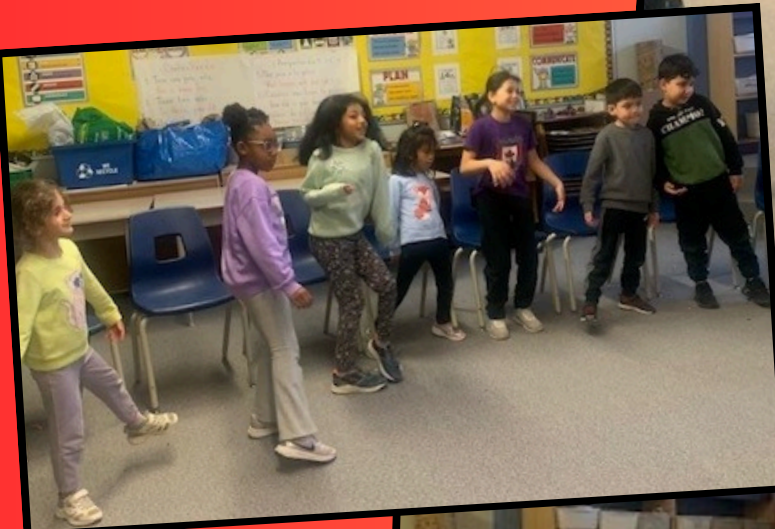
Ms. Bellitti's grade 3/4 students made art entitled 'Peace is in our hands' and explored the 2024 remembrance day newspapers and activity booklets.



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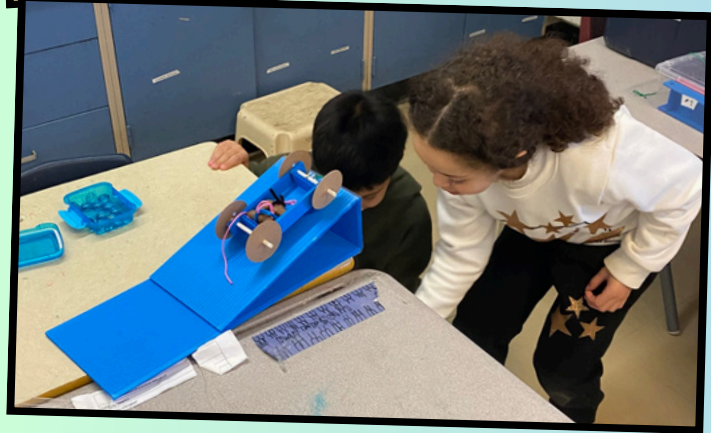
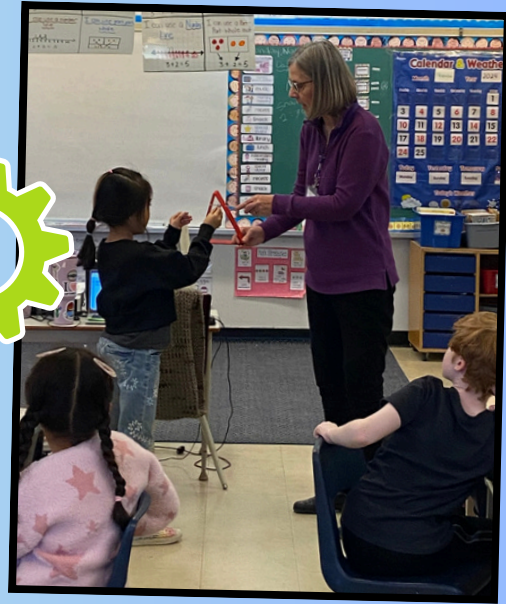
OUR SCHOOL WAS LED BY VERONICA JOHNNY WHO IS A CREE/DENE MULTI-DISCIPLINARY, 2-SPIRIT, ARTIST-ENTREPRENEUR AND ARTS EDUCATOR. MS. JOHNNY IS A MEMBER OF THE ATHABASCA CHIPEWYAN FIRST NATION AND PRESENTLY LIVES IN NORTHERN ONTARIO.

Indigenous Based Learning for Grade 1 and 2's on Friday, November 22, 2024





SCIENTIST IN THE SCHOOL

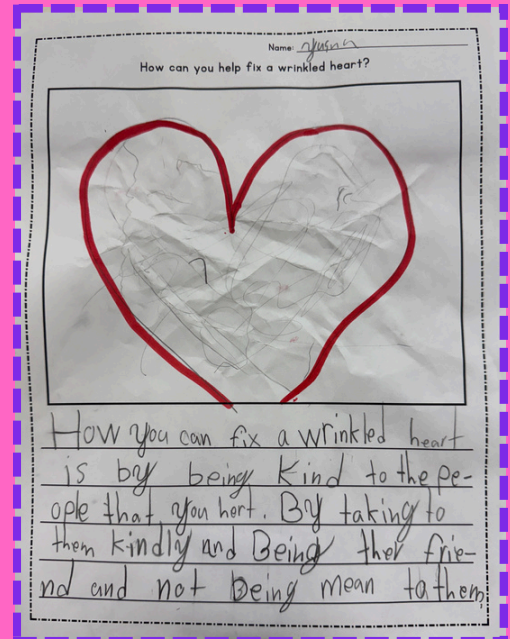
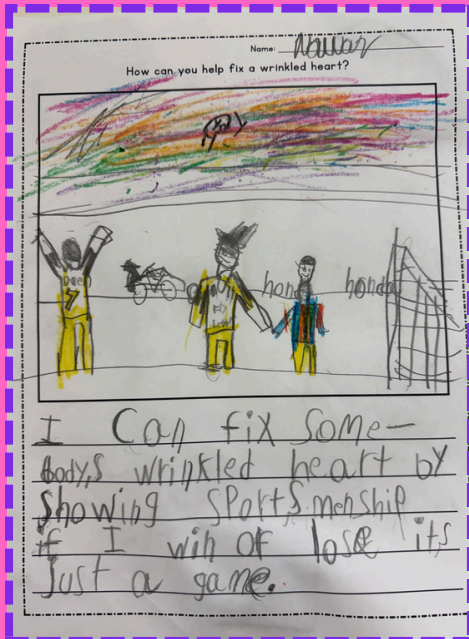
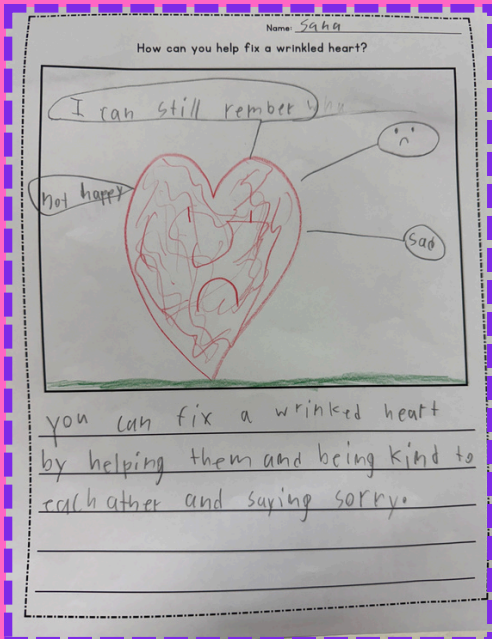


In Science, the Grade 2's and 3's in Room 111 and 112 have been learning about Forces and Movement, Simple Machines and Strong and Stable Structures. We hosted 2 Scientist in the School Events about these topics where students got to reinforce their learning on these topics and even got to create their own Simple Machines and Strong and Stable structures!



BULLYING PREVENTION WEEK IN NOVEMBER

MS. BELLITTI'S GRADE 3/4 STUDENTS LEARNED ABOUT HOW TO HELP FIX A WRINKLED HEART BUT UNDERSTANDING THAT IT WON'T BECOME FLAT AND SMOOTH AGAIN AS YOU CAN'T TAKE BACK HURTFUL WORDS OR ACTIONS.



ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Thank you

To the families for:

- Volunteering for pizza lunch
- Volunteering for field trips and special events
- The volunteer drivers for all of the sporting events
- All the kindness and support!



Beyond Grateful!

A special thank you to:

- Dallington School Advisory Council (SAC)
- All of the staff who contributed photos and to the students who contributed their work

HAPPY WINTER BREAK

That's a wrap on 2024!

Thank you to everybody in our school community who made the start of this school year an amazing one!

Happy holidays to those who celebrate and we wish everyone a wonderful time with their loved ones.

*The school is closed from
December 23, 2024- January 3, 2025*

We hope everybody has a wonderful winter break and we will see you back on
Monday, January 6th, 2025!