



November 2021

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, November 4
Diwali

Thursday, November 11
Remembrance Day

Wednesday, November 17
Progress Reports Go Home

Friday, November 19
P.A. Day
Parent/Teacher Virtual
Interviews

Wednesday, November 24
Parent Council Meeting -
Virtual @ 6:00

Sunday, November 28
Evening
Chanukah begins

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We have had a very busy month celebrating student success in and out of the classroom. We hope your child has settled in with the school routines and has developed friendships within the class. Communication with the classroom teacher is essential and on-going. Please don't hesitate to reach out to myself or your child's teacher if you have any questions regarding your child's learning.

We hope that you found your child's Virtual Curriculum night presentation helpful. Effective schools have a strong home and school partnership and on-going dialogue either through a digital format or through the Agenda is key to student success.

You will have an opportunity to discuss your child's progress report on **Thursday, November 18th and Friday, November 19th or during an alternate date chosen by your child's teacher.** More information will be sent home shortly regarding how this will work. We will be offering virtual meetings only and will ensure we consider siblings when scheduling these interview times.

We are very thankful for the 142 families who donated towards our Terry Fox fundraiser. This year, \$3471.00 was raised towards cancer research in the hopes of keeping Terry's dream alive. Thank you for your generosity and support with this important initiative.

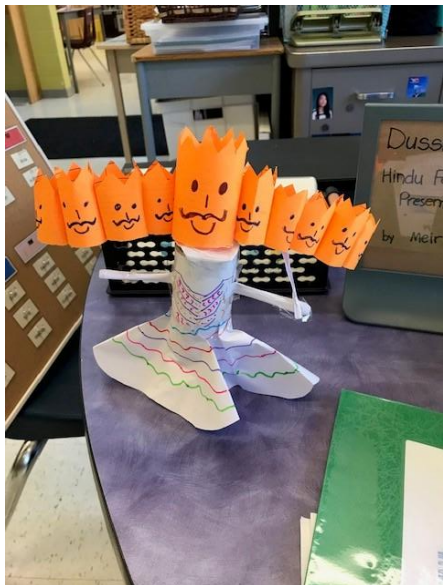


Lest We Forget.

We are having a **Remembrance Day Virtual assembly on Thursday, November 11th** for our students. We will send the link and time closer to the date once we finalize this presentation. Teachers are working hard to plan age appropriate lessons that anchor the meaning behind why we come together on November 11th to honour those who gave their lives so we can enjoy the peace we have today.

Thank you for being a partner in your child's education.

Jeanette Lang
Principal
McKee PS



Dusshera is one of many Hindu festivals. It marks the victory of good over evil.

You can see the work of M.Gulati who shared this story and structure that he made to celebrate this festival.

DIWALI

Diwali, the festival of lights, is celebrated by Hindus, Sikhs and Jains in India and around the world. **This year, we will celebrate on November 4th.**



The historical events and stories may be different for each Faith, but this festival represents the same symbolic victory of light over darkness, knowledge over ignorance and good over evil. It is celebrated for three to five days.

We look forward to celebrating Diwali and recognizing those families who partake in the many rituals like lighting Diyas and making Rangoli designs. Students will have the opportunity to use their voice by sharing on the announcements ways that they celebrate this wonderful occasion. If your child would like to participate in this, please ensure you or your child speaks to his/her teacher.

Diwali is typically celebrated with the entire family and extended family. It provides ample time for love, joy, laughter, fun, excitement, reverence and sharing. It unites family members and helps renew family ties. It provides grandparents an opportunity to share family traditions and gives them an opportunity to pass on the family artefacts and heirlooms to the next generation. We know that this year during Covid-19 that these celebrations may be modified and we wish all those celebrating a Happy Diwali.

Early French Immersion Application Process

As you know, the entry point to Early French Immersion is currently Senior Kindergarten. However, **the entry point will change to Junior Kindergarten for September 2022.**

There will be a one transition year wherein students who will be entering Junior Kindergarten and Senior Kindergarten in 2022 will be eligible to apply to the Early French Immersion program during the November 2021 application period. Moving forward (2023), the only entry point for Early French Immersion will be Junior Kindergarten.

The application to the Early French Immersion program will remain an online process managed by the Central French Department and will take place during the month of November. All information and the online application are available at www.tdsb.on.ca/french website or click on Application Process and specifically Early French Immersion.

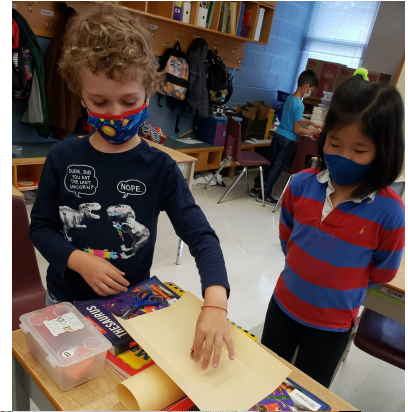




Engaging Math tasks!

Students are busy using their creativity and problem solving skills collaboratively in Ms Lau's Gr. 3 classroom.

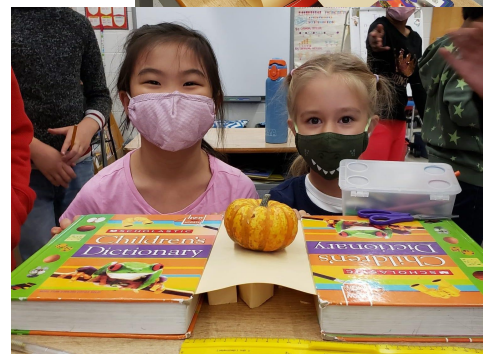
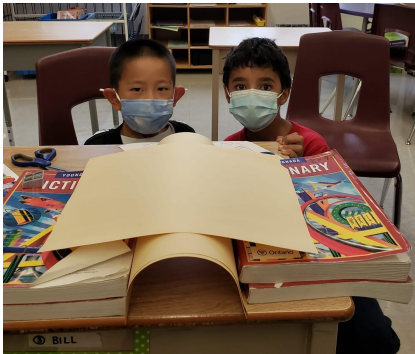
Students were busy and having a lot of fun building bridges using only paper. The



learning goal was to find where their bridges failed in holding up pennies and a mini pumpkin. Students noticed where the bridge sank or started bending too much and worked on

reinforcing those areas.

These students had so much fun and did not want it to end. Tasks like these ensure students are engaged help with consolidating understanding of number sense and other math concepts.



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Independent Writing in Gr. 2

Part of the process with students becoming expert writers includes the process of seeing their growth. Here is an example of student writing in Ms Thai's Gr. 2 classroom. Every month, students can see their growth with using descriptive words, correct punctuation and creative ideas and connections in their writing. Kudos to Ms Thai's students!!!!



Another teaching tool is building a “growth mindset” with our students.

Students in Ms. Thai's class read the book 'The Dot'. A story about a girl named Vashti (how her thinking moved from a 'Fixed Mindset' to a 'Growth Mindset') and what she was able to achieve when her mindset shifted.

Students created their artwork on plates using dots. They had to design a plate that used dots and had a pattern (integrating what students have been learning in math).



Check out the TDSB Brightspace for Families site. You will find helpful guides and videos and information on how to stay connected with your child's learning.

<https://sites.google.com/tdsb.on.ca/tdsbvle/families/brightspace-for-parents>

IN MUSIC CLASS WITH MS. KISILEVICH



Ms. Kisilevich has been very busy teaching some wonderful songs to our students. Below are two links to see and listen to our very talented classroom singers.

Ms. Lee's and Ms. Shutov's JK/SK class singing 'Little Wind'

https://1drv.ms/v/s!Aizn1p61vqB_nuBy-WsmUB1OUAB_3Q?e=RbwNBe

Ms. Rosenberg's grade 3's singing 'Lollipop Tree'

https://1drv.ms/v/s!Aizn1p61vqB_nuBzTh8iQEizuBr85w?e=2PDQok

Photo Retake Day

Edge Imaging will be coming to McKee on **Wednesday November 10th** for photo retakes. Any students new to McKee and students who were absent on photo day will be given first priority for photo retakes. If you would like your child to have another photo taken, please let your child's teacher know by November the 8th.



Photo Day for Virtual Students **ONLY**

Edge imaging is providing a day for our Virtual Students to have their photos taken on Saturday November 13th. Parent(s) will need to book a time slot in advance. Virtual families received an email to explain this in more detail. Our school code for booking is MKE or the school name.

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Even during a Pandemic, our staff found ways to have some fun and celebrate Hallowe'en and at the same time follow Toronto Public Health protocols. It was a wonderful day enjoyed by all. All staff creatively found ways like scavenger hunts or fun activities related to Halloween for the students to enjoy in their classrooms. We even had fun Hallowe'en activities in the gym.

We hope that in some small way this helped our students enjoy this year's Hallowe'en given the modified version we needed to have due to Covid.



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MORE FUN COSTUMES AND DECORATIONS THAT MADE OUR DAY!!





Every year, we have several McKee students apply to go to Claude Watson. Please see flyer regarding this Virtual open house planned for Wednesday, November 10th @ 6:30 p.m.

Mr Morris's Gr. $\frac{4}{5}$ Virtual students work - what talent!!!!!!

