

## A Note From Mrs. Richard

Can you believe we are into December! November was a busy month, however, a really great one as it was our first time to meet with families to talk about student achievement. I really enjoyed having some time to chat with families as they were waiting to meet with teachers.

Unfortunately I was at some professional development on the day of our Remembrance Day Assembly. I heard so many positive comments from not only Dutch Settlement staff but from guests that were in attendance as well. Legion members were so impressed with the thought that was put into this assembly. I am so proud of our students for the respect they demonstrated during this very special event.

This month we enjoyed our first bit of snow! The students were so excited to have a recess where they could build snow people and snow angels! It was great to see everyone out and enjoying the weather. Please remember to pack an extra pair of mitts in backpacks in case they get wet while playing.

With December comes some special events! We will be sharing our calendar with some suggested theme days leading up to our winter break. Please know that students are invited to participate but are never expected to if they are not comfortable.

Thank you so much for your continued support,

Tina Richard  
Principal



# Holiday Concert Information



Our concert will be held this year on Monday, December 11th. The concert starts at 6:30 pm, doors will open at 6:00pm for families and students. Students will go straight to their classrooms where they will stay for the duration of the concert. **Students will be picked up in their classrooms after the concert has ended.**

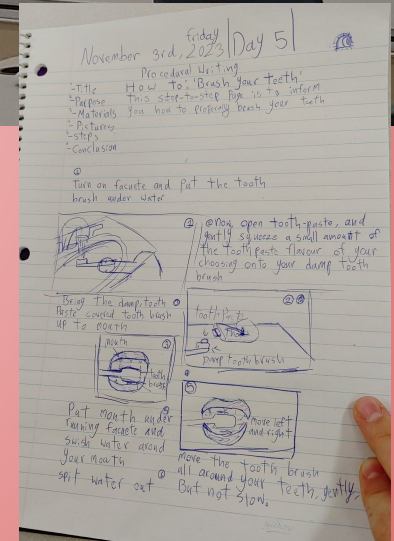
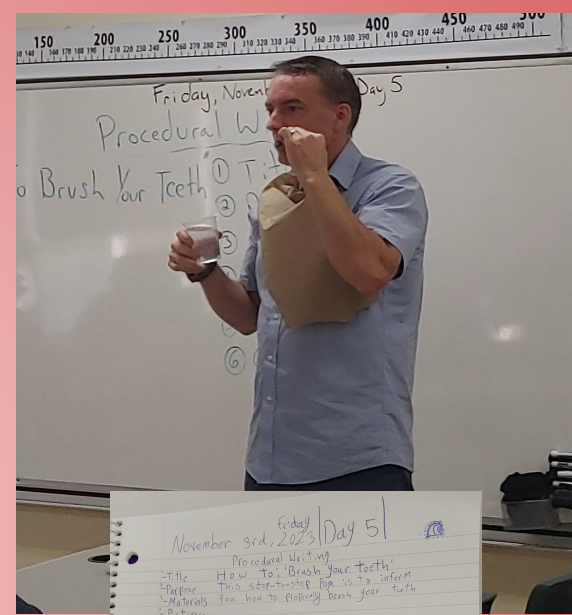
Due to safety regulations we are limited to the number of people who can be seated in the gym for an event. Keeping this in mind we are able to offer each family 2 tickets for the concert. You will need to bring your tickets with you to enter the building. **Note: we will be sending home concert tickets on Friday, December 8th!**

There will be a dress rehearsal Monday afternoon. The seats will be set up prior to this concert so extra family members that would like to see the concert are invited to attend this concert. No tickets are required for the afternoon performance.

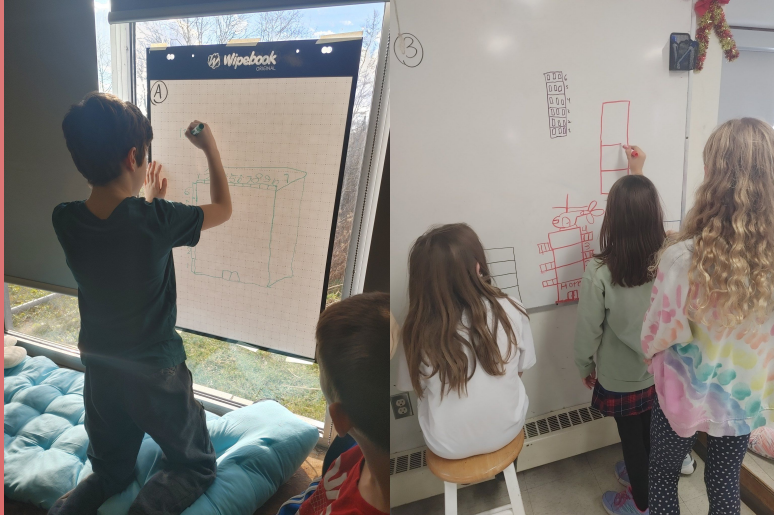
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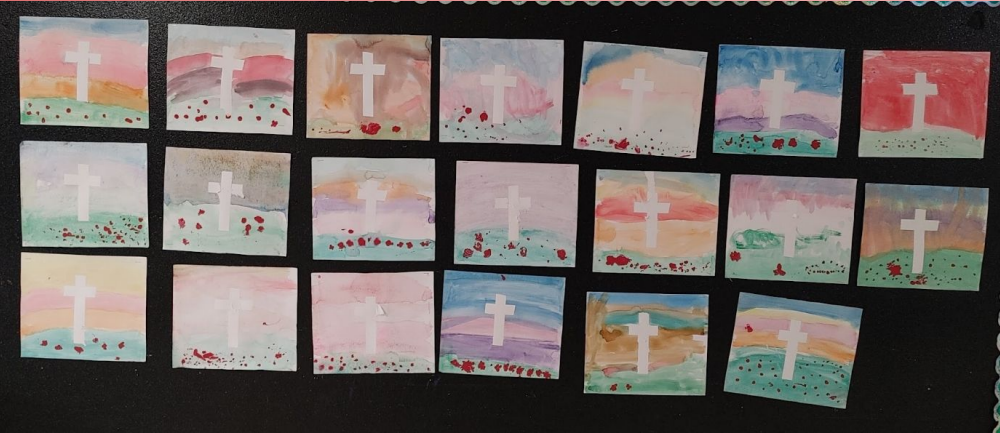
We were so lucky to have a math coach in to work with some classes this month! Mrs. Boucher was invited to attend some new math PD which she jumped right into implementing into her math lessons in Grade 4/5.



Mr. Ardley's Grade 6 class completed some procedural writing! Thank you for inviting me down to participate in this activity!



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Students have asked if we could start up a walking club again. Each Friday morning those students who would like to stretch their legs after their bus ride/drive to school are invited to the gym for a couple of fun laps while we listen to music before class starts!



Mr. Woodbury, our Phys. Ed teacher has started basketball instrmurals for Grades 3 - 6!



## Remembrance Day Poster/Essay Winners!

Congratulations to the following students who won prizes for their contributions to the annual Remembrance Day Poster/Essay contest.

Primary- Colour Poster	Brea B Alyssa I Olivia CM
Primary - Black and White	Rachel C
Junior - Colour Poster	Amanda C Olivia H Bria B
Junior - Black and White	Thane B Sebastian K Navjot S
Poetry	Grace WM Evan S Anthony H
Essay	Dahlia Q

## Important Dates:

- December 4th Professional Learning Day - **No Classes for Students**
- December 11th - Concert Day
- December 14th - Turkey Dinner
- December 15th - PJ/Comfy Clothes Day
- December 15th - School Pictures Due
- December 18th - Christmas Hat/Hair Day
- December 19th - Flannel/Camo Shirt Day
- December 20th - Red/Green Day
- December 20th - Last Day of Classes for 2023
- January 2nd - First Day of classes for 2024

**If you are visiting our building at any time during the day (pick up, drop off, late arrival etc) please make sure to go directly to the office to check in with Ms. Harnish.**

## Important Reminders:

- We are a nut free school. Please do not send nut products into the building.
- Doors open at 7:40 when buses start arriving. There is no supervision prior to this time.
- The weather shifts quite frequently each day. **Layering is a great idea so children can add/remove a sweatshirt when needed. Extra mitts in your child's backpack is also a great idea in case their mitts get wet.**

## Safe Arrival

If your child is going to be late or absent, please remember to call the toll free attendance line at 1-833-582-6940. This will allow you to mark your child absent for the day. Should the student arrive late this will be changed at school when they arrive.

## School Closures

There are times throughout the year that HRCE may need to make a decision to close schools for a variety of reasons.

**Dutch Settlement is part of the Musquodoboit Rural High family of schools.**

### How will I find out?

- Check the HRCE website at [www.hrce.ca](http://www.hrce.ca)
- Follow HRCE on X (formally Twitter) at [Twitter.com/HRCE\\_NS](https://twitter.com/HRCE_NS)
- Call the HRCE information line at 902-464-INFO (4636)
- Listen to your radio (All local radio stations are informed)
- Sign up to receive e-mail or text message notification of cancellations ([link](#))

As weather changes it is important to monitor the HRCE website for closures, early dismissal and delayed openings.