

The Division Digest

Highlights from our Schools October 17 - November 21, 2017

GLENDON SCHOOL



Glendon Volleyball

This has been a whirlwind month for all of the Nobles and Marquise volleyball teams. The Senior Nobles headed to Eckville to play in the ASAA Provincials. After a few rough games for the Senior Marquise, the girls were not able to make it into the provincial championships.

Thanks to everyone who came out to make our year a success. A special thank you to the coaches who took the time to work with our teams. Hope to see everyone back next year.

VERA M. WELSH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Metis Week

Our Metis Week started with a flag raising ceremony. All grades 2 and 3 students sang O Canada in Cree. A few students read the Metis Prayer. Classes invited Metis readers in to read a FNMI book to the class. All readers were offered stew and bannock as our thanks. Students were invited to wear traditional clothing all week. For two years we have partnered with the Canadian Native Friendship Center to create a small museum in our foyer.

GLENDON SCHOOL



Book Fair

Glendon School hosted a successful book fair. Every year we hold a fall fair that brings in many needed resources and money to keep our Learning Commons up-to-date and awesome. Opening up for a family event during parent-teacher interviews gives us an added boost of families through this magnificent event.

IRON RIVER SCHOOL



Hydraulics

Our Grade 7/8 students built a variety of hydraulic projects to finish their unit in science. The projects were shared with our parent council and visiting board member. Everyone was impressed by the students' ingenuity!

GLENDON SCHOOL



Congratulations

A huge congratulations needs to go out to Mrs. Alison Walker for being recognized as a fantastic teacher in Glendon School. Northern Lights Public Schools held a contest to honour teachers in our division for World Teachers Day. Parents were given a chance to write in about a teacher that they think deserves recognition. Congratulations Mrs. Walker, you are definitely a teacher who thinks outside the box and has the goal of making sure every student succeeds. It is a recognition well deserved.

VERA M. WELSH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Apple Schools

We held our first Family Game Night, "Don't Hibernate; Participate." Families came to play board games. We had over 45 people attend. They enjoyed healthy snacks: popcorn, fruit infused water, fruit cups and salad cups.

This month we taste tested carrots. Our Grade 3 students introduced the carrots and reminded all students of our tasting protocol. Students enjoyed the crunch and sweet taste!

KIKINO SCHOOL



Ski Leadership Group Expands

A few years ago, Kikino School developed a ski leadership component to its weekly ski program. Originally consisting of grades 7 and 8 students, the leadership group assisted staff with getting students fitted for skis and boots.

Fast forward a couple years as the leadership component to the ski program has expanded and now experienced ski leaders are able to mentor younger ski leaders. Due to the astonishing leadership abilities of students at Kikino, the ski program is now self sustaining and the leadership students are fully capable of running the weekly ski program.

In the picture above, leadership students chat with Les Parsons from Spirit North about high carbohydrate snacks for ski days.

IRON RIVER SCHOOL



Iron Wolves

We are excited to announce the official creation of the Iron Wolves sports teams. The Iron River Dragons and the Ardmore Wolves had their first volleyball season; combining teams allowed students to participate in the applicable division. The Iron Wolves are looking forward to basketball season, too!

NORTH STAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Students Give Back

The Roads Department at Public Works was surprised this month by Mrs. Fraser's Leadership Group (Grade 3), when the kids brought the workers cookies and thank you cards.

"We felt really safe going to school after the snow fell, because the roads were plowed," explained one of the students as to why they picked the snow removal crew as part of their leadership group's thank you program.

Workers proceeded to dive in to eating the cookies, and shared them with the kids and other staff. The thank you cards will be posted on a bulletin board in the Public Works Shop for everyone to see. How thoughtful are our students!

NORTH STAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Kindergarten ABC Fashion Show

As a culmination of our Kinders' literacy and alphabet practice, our amazing Kindergarten teachers and emcees hosted an Alphabet Fashion Show!

Students and their families decorated their paper bag vests ahead of time with objects and photos that began with their assigned letter; some even attached lights! On the big day all our Kinders strutted their stuff down the red carpet, span, and struck a Beyonce-esque pose for their families who came to watch!

It was so fun to be a part of and awesome to see how proud our students were of their work! They have grown so much in the past three months and we are so excited to see where they'll go!

ARDMORE SCHOOL



Mobile Trades Lab

The Northern Lights Mobile Trades Lab arrived at Ardmore School on November 1. Grades 5 to 8 students were very excited to get inside and learn all about welding and plasma cutting. After an extensive safety briefing, the students were able to try their hand at MIG welding. First trying to weld a straight line of molten metal, then eventually creating a personal project. Amazing opportunity to learn the trades first hand.

ARDMORE SCHOOL



WE Day

On November 1st, 10 students from Ardmore School Leadership Group attended WE Day. Thousands of students came together to recognize the accomplishments of some students and to motivate others to make change in the world.

Tickets to WE Day must be earned by volunteering in school, the community and participating in global initiatives to bring about change. Some of the messages presented to the students were to stand up for yourself, never give up and to love yourself for who you are. WE Day was a great experience for our students.

WANDERING RIVER SCHOOL



Agriculture Month

October was Agriculture Month at Wandering River School and we began our adventure on October 5 at the Parent Farm where the students were shown the farm equipment used to harvest the crops and then took turns sitting on the machines to see the view and the comfort the farmers' experience.

Then we opened some canola husks and were taught how to test the seeds to see when they are ready. All the students took turns and found this process fascinating. We were given a hay wagon ride which was great fun, checked out the massive bales of hay, the cows of course, the massive flocks of geese that call the fields home this time of year, and ended with a tour of the garden and some fresh-baked zucchini bread and juice boxes.

We all had a wonderful afternoon and enjoyed learning about all the hard work it is living on a farm. We thank Mary & Guy and Gerald & Suzanne for taking the time out of their busy season to teach us about life on a farm.

WANDERING RIVER SCHOOL



Tree Farm Visit

On October 17 we toured the Tree Farm at our local forestry site. We learned about the trees that are harvested each year for their pine cones. Pickers are actually hired to climb the trees and knock the pine cones down so the seeds can be picked. The seeds are then sent to the farm in Smoky Lake where they are planted to grow seedling trees which will eventually be replanted. It was a very interesting afternoon and we hope to follow up on this learning experience by checking out the facility in Smoky Lake in the spring to see firsthand what happens to the pine cones when they are picked.

WANDERING RIVER SCHOOL**Prairie Gardens**

On October 18 we headed south to Bon Accord. We began our day with a picnic lunch then we were off to explore all that the Gardens has to offer.

First we took a scenic hay ride and ended up at a corn maze. The kids quickly split up and raced through the maze to see who would be the first to arrive at the other end. Luckily we all made it out.

We then spent some time checking out some of the animals including peacocks, sheep, goats, rabbits and chickens. We had a race through a hay bale maze, were entertained with a puppet show explaining about agriculture and wheat, mined for precious stones in the sleuth box and all came home with many precious gems.

After learning about pumpkins, squash and gourds, the students all picked a pumpkin to take home with them. It was another successful Agriculture Day!