



A.R.E.S. NEWS LETTER

NOVEMBER NEWS

What's New?

Remembrance Day at ARES

On Thursday, November 10th, ARES students and parents gathered in the gym for a special assembly in honour of Remembrance Day. We were impressed with the respect our students demonstrated as they quietly entered and sat through a series of special performances, emceed by Grade 7 students, Lane Maddess and Tyler Vigna. Following some important words from veteran, Mr. Ian Currie, Mrs. Doeleman's Grade 3/4 & Ms. Smith's Grade 2/3 classes performed a song called "Sing for Peace."

Mr. Percival's Grade 6 class prepared a creative reading of the famous poem, "In Flanders Fields," written by a young Canadian soldier in 1915. John McCrae was a doctor and teacher, who served in both the South African War and the First World War. He was inspired and deeply moved by the bright red poppies growing in the battle fields after the soldiers had stopped fighting. Since he wrote the poem, the red poppy has come to symbolize remembrance, hope for a peaceful future, and recognizes the soldiers who fought and died in war.

We were also treated to our ARES Performing Arts Club, directed by Mrs. Hamm, singing, "Let it Be," by the Beatles.

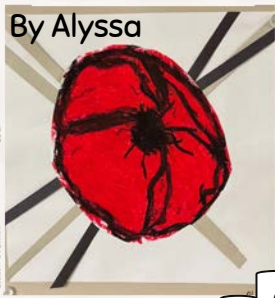
To end the assembly, each class made a wreath, which they laid at the front of the gym before exiting.

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Wreaths creatively made by each of our 13 classes

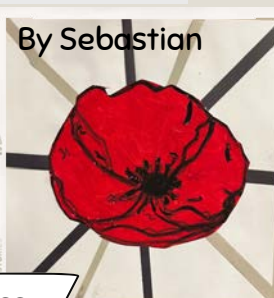
By Alyssa



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By Sebastian



Poppies by Mrs. Page's Class

Last We Forget
By: MAYA



Lest We Forget
By: THOMAS



Poppies by Mrs. Vigna's's Class

Building Literacy

Story Workshop

Mrs. Vigna's K/1 Students

In Mrs. Vigna's K/1 class, she encourages story writing by having students first build their ideas using a variety of craft supplies. This hands-on process inspires creative thinking. After designing their story through objects, the K/1's draw their creation, which then leads to writing. Representing a story in a visual way, is a successful means to help students generate ideas and spur imagination.



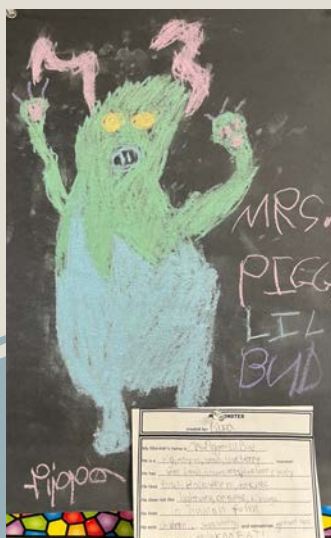
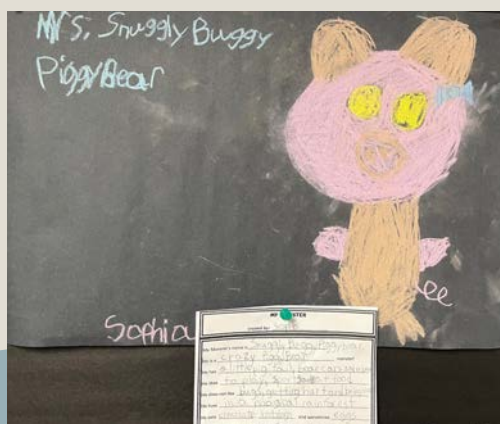
WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE



STORY AND PICTURES BY MAURICE SENDAK

"Where the Wild Things Are"

By Mrs. Doeleman's Grade 3/4's



"There should be a place where only the things you want to happen, happen"
— Maurice Sendak, *Where the Wild Things Are*

After reading the iconic book by Maurice Sendak, Where the Wild Things Are, students in Mrs. Doeleman's class were challenged to draw their own monsters using chalk. After completing their illustrations, they created personalities for their creatures.

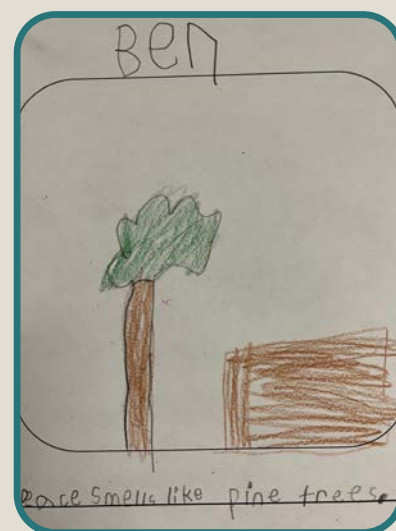
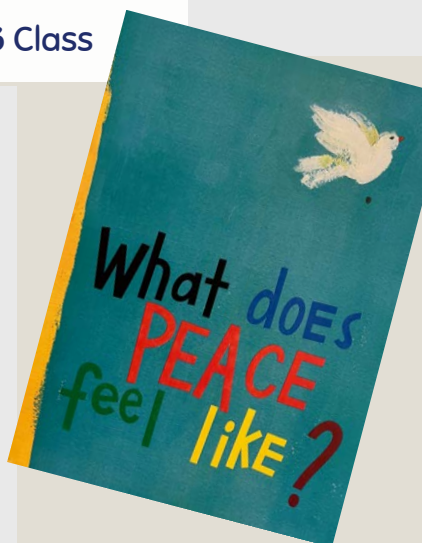


What Does Peace Feel Like?

By Mrs. Page's Grade 2/3 Class



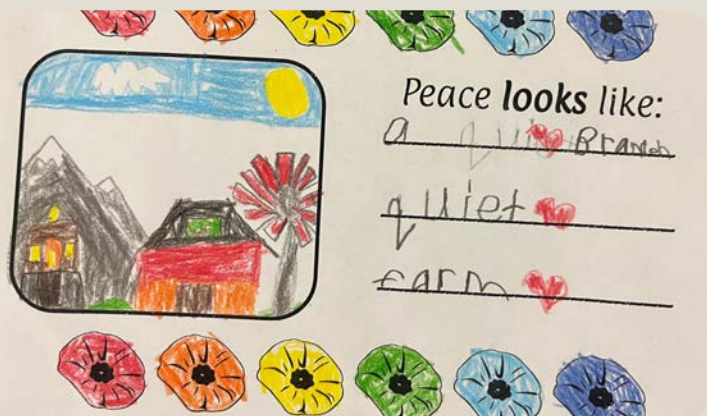
To help students think more deeply about Peace, Mrs. Page used the story, What Does Peace Feel Like?, by Vladimir Radunsky. Radunsky strings together descriptive similes and metaphors to describe the essence of the word "peace" in his children's book. Mrs. Page had students choose a "sense" to focus on in their written and illustrated responses, after reflecting on this special story as a class.



Peace education guides students to become responsible citizens who are open to differences, and capable of empathy.

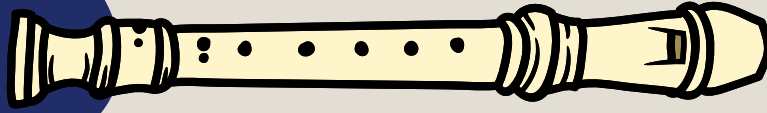
Peace Looks Like...

By Mrs. Vigna's K/1's

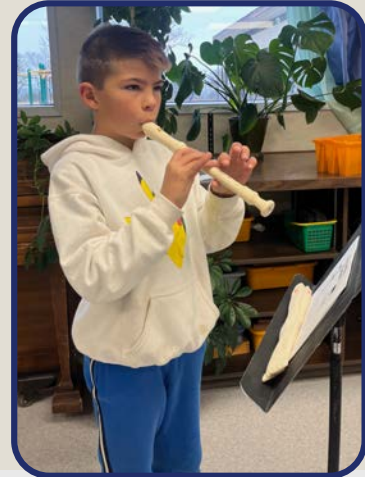
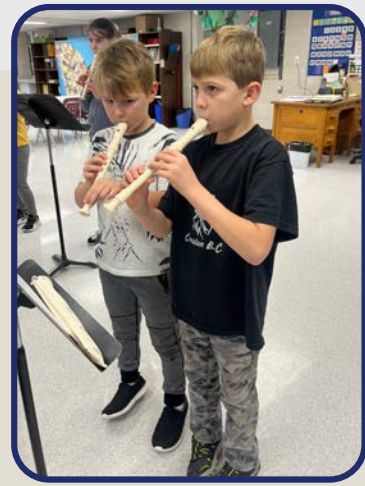


PEACE

Recorder in Fine Arts



With
Mrs. Vandenberghe



In Fine Arts, Ms. Smith, Mrs. Page, and Mrs. Doeleman's classes have been learning to play the recorder. Mrs. Vandenberghe uses the Recorder Karate Program, which is a sequential curriculum using belts or colored ribbons that tie around the base of the recorders to show the songs that have been mastered by each student.



Making 10 in Grade One

10



The boys and girls in Mrs. Feragotti's class challenged each other to use the SumBlox to make towers of addition to 10.





Grade 6/7 Volleyball

Our Grade 6 and 7 students enjoyed after school volleyball games at Erickson this year. On Saturday, November 19th, they also travelled to Cranbrook for a tournament. Both coaches ~ Mr. Percival and Mrs. Hamm ~ were proud of how their teams represented ARES, both on and off the court.



Thanks Mr.
Blick for
organizing the
tournament

DID YOU
KNOW?

Children involved in extracurricular activities at schools have been shown to have greater academic success, greater character development, more positive social development, and greater interest in community involvement.



Crafts for Community Christmas Hampers

GENEROSITY at ARES

Each year the Creston Valley Ministerial Association brings together community volunteers to put together hampers to support families throughout the holiday season. Many businesses contribute food and gift items, and community members work together to package donations on the 13th.

This year they are expecting to delivery to over 550 families in need and will pack over 800 because registrations continue to flow in.

Together, with buddy classes, ARES students practiced GENEROSITY and made Christmas decorations to add to the hampers. Staff made sure they connected this experience to the CIRCLE OF COURAGE, so that students could see the big picture. GENEROSITY can extend outside of our own families and school to include the greater community of Creston. We must all take care of each other.



Thanks Mrs. Delcaro for initiating the decoration idea.



Circle of Courage



GENEROSITY

What does
GENEROSITY
look like?



- Using kind words and actions
- Being considerate of others: Walking calmly, staying on the right, quiet in the hallway, etc.
- Helping others when they are hurt
- Finding an adult when something/someone is unsafe
- Being respectful and polite to others
- Contributing to the school community
- Demonstrating empathy and understanding
- Sharing ideas and work with others
- Engaging in helpful and thoughtful activities
- Supporting younger students without being asked

LittleBits in Library

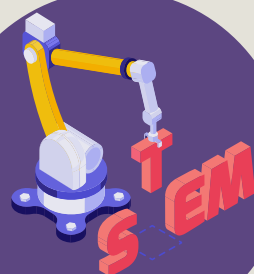


Mrs. Walker, our Teacher Librarian, supported Mrs. Page's class to use their STEM skills and create a variety of 'pets' using LittleBits. Their pets were able to do all sorts of things such as move with wheels, make sounds with the buzzer, light up, and even wag their tails! LittleBits are part of our library/technology program. Primary students use these magnetic circuits to invent all sorts of useful everyday items using a power source, and different types of inputs and outputs.

By Livy



STEM Science, Technology,
Engineering & Mathematics

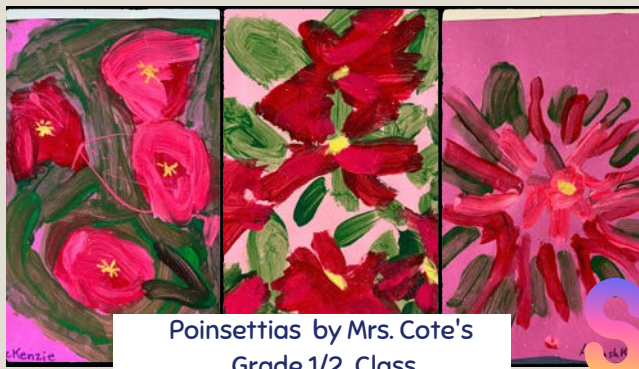




Art Around A.R.E.S.



Window Art by Mrs. Vigna's K/1 Class



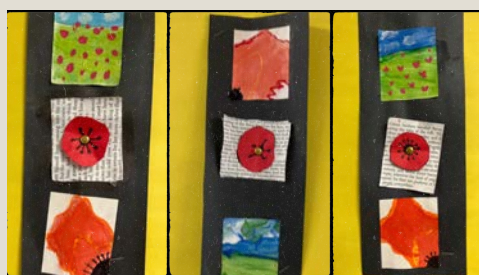
Poinsettias by Mrs. Cote's Grade 1/2 Class

Snowy City Scapes By Mrs. Feragotti's Grade 1 Class

Haydn



Oliver



"Remembrance" By Mr. Blick's Grade 4/5 Class



Our Community ~ By Mrs. Gardner's Kindergarten Class

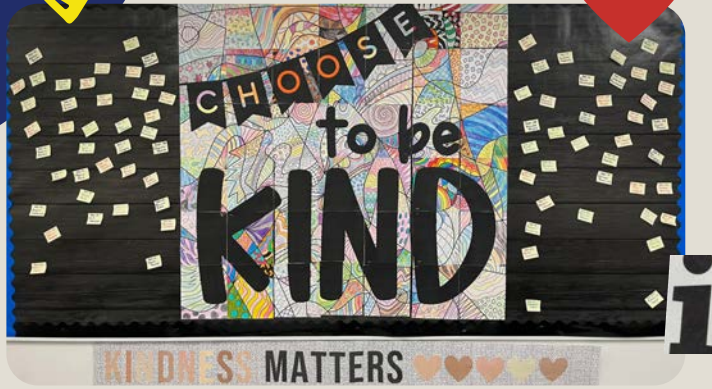


By: Mrs. Gardner's Kindergarten Class

Mrs. Cote & Ms. Ellert run an Art Club for students each Monday at lunch. Below is their first piece of Still Life, created from studying a vase of Fall branches.



November Kindness Kudos



Each of the students below were noticed when they performed an act of kindness without the expectation of acknowledgement.

George Longpre, Charlotte Oakson, Teya Opsahi, James Ross, Abigail McLean, Emily Richards, Nick Benko, Gia Feragotti, Ori Folick, Mason Lamont, Fletcher Bennetts, Markus Coleman, A.J. Johnson, Lili Longpre, Calissa Oakson, Lochlann Ronmark, Raelynn Urquart, Emmy Adams, Keely Blackmore, Sebastian Gillham, Chance Hodgson, Koven Balawakula, Alyssa Domke, Jager Lawrence, Avri Merrill-Brown, Max Adams, Ethan Homan, Aiden McLean, Ty Miller, Damien Sandoval, Stella Bjarnason, Kassia Blackmore, Lincoln Charest, Kenai Perry, Ben Catherall, Chensi Lo, Kenya McIntyre, Ace Mitchell, Desmond Moreton, Ashlyn Robert, Rowan Charest, Karter Grunewald, Olivia Zhang, Cayden Hanson, Trey Jackman, Lucas Johnson, Lane Maddess, Shaela Meszarosi, Kaitlyn Sandoval, Tyler Vigna, Ethan Bettger, Makayal Butz, Ty Evans, Olexa Felitsyn, Vinayak Saini, Daniel Stewart, Tiang Tanapima, Ashtyn Taylor, Karissa Taylor

KINDNESS

Lest We Forget

Ms. Smith's Grade 2/3 Class



Ms. Smith's Grade 2/3's had conversations about what Canada means to them. How is it special? What does PEACE look like in Canada? They did some research on the computer to find some Canadian symbols and created art to represent their own interpretation and reflection of the phrase ~ "Lest We Forget."





Staff Connection

Meet the
ARES
Staff

This month the
ARES staff chose
a photo that
represented a
special memory
or moment they
want to
remember.



ARES Staff
Our Interactive Bulletin Board



Circle of Courage



Relationships are at the core of a positive, compassionate and culturally responsive learning space, which is important to us at ARES. Trusting relationships provide an invaluable opportunity to nurture equity, empowerment, and inclusion through our work with children and families. Having a cohesive team, who our students feel connected to, is one step in creating this safe space at ARES.

Our Staff Bulletin Board at the main entrance is one way we help students become more comfortable with the team of adults who care for them each day. The board is changed monthly and our students look forward to the daily challenge questions, which draws many students to read the board. They also learn that the staff are real people, with feelings just like them, to help develop a mutually respectful environment.



"BELONGING"



ARES Spring Musical



Interested students in Grades 3-7 have met to learn about the Spring Musical ~ "Willy Wonka Junior" ~ directed by Mrs. Hamm. More information to come for those involved in this large-scale production.

Thanks for your creative energy Mrs. Hamm



Newsletter Challenge

Help your child's class WIN a free lunch from McDonald's

McDonald's has generously offered to buy TWO ARES classes lunch on December 7th to help encourage families to read our monthly newsletter together.

We will choose the PRIMARY and INTERMEDIATE class that submit the most entries to Mr. Adams or Mrs. C. by **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30th**.

Here's the challenge: On pages 2-11 there is a hidden letter on each page. String the letters together in order and it will spell a word. Write the word down on a scrap piece of paper, along with your name and teacher's name. Have a parent sign the paper, and bring it to the office before the end of November. On the 30th we will choose TWO classes to win a free lunch. Thanks McDonald's for your GENEROSITY.



Important Dates



- Friday, November 25 – PAC Sandwich Lunch
- Thursday, December 1 – Volleyball Parent Night: 6:00 – 7:30
- Friday, December 2 – PAC Pizza Lunch
- Wednesday, December 7 – Popcorn Sale – \$2.00
- Thursday, December 8 – PAC Meeting @ 9:00
- Friday, December 9 – PAC Pasta Lunch
- Monday, December 12 – Cozy Toes Spirit Day (Slippers/socks)
- Tuesday, December 13 – Christmas Sweater Spirit Day
- Tuesday, December 13 – Primary Christmas Concert @ 6:00
- Wednesday, December 14 – Holiday Head Gear Spirit Day (hats, toques)
- Wednesday, December 14 – Intermediate Coffee House @ 6:00
- Thursday, December 15 – Festive Spirit Day (red, green, etc.)
- Friday, December 16 – PAC Hotdog Lunch – No Charge
- Friday, December 16 – Pajama Spirit Day
- Friday, December 16 – Last Day of School
- Tuesday, January 3 – School starts



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Please let us know if
you have any ideas,
thoughts, questions,
or concerns.



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