

MME VAL'S MONTHLY REVIEW DECEMBER 2023



WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL

December has been short but extremely busy! Formal Learning Updates are now out on MyEd, meaning we have reached the end of our first term this school year. There is a lot to celebrate during this Holiday Season. From our Mitchell staff to your family, we want to extend warm wishes, and hope you enjoy the next two weeks to catch up on times with friends and family! See you all in 2024!

**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS**

-Mme Val



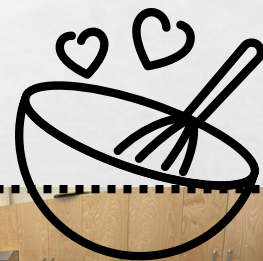
WINTER CONCERT

It was such a pleasure seeing so many families in our gym on the afternoon of Tuesday, December 19 for our Winter Concert. Teachers and students worked very hard and practiced for several hours to make sure that their performances were excellent for you! You will find more pictures at the end of this document. Thank you for Mr. Wiens, Ms. Yip and Mme Szeto for planning and managing the whole event!





EQUITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION CORNER



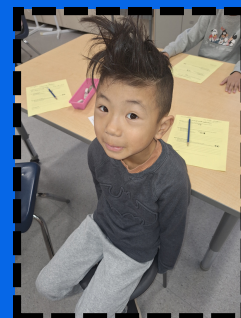
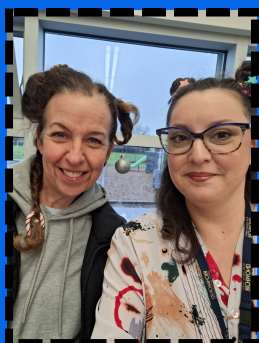
At Mitchell, we celebrate all our students and we strive to find engaging and fun ways to learn for all of them. One wonderful learning opportunity for our students has been the Cooking Club put on by our dedicated team of EAs. It has become so popular, that we now need to have two sessions of cooking club every week! Cooking club is great way to work on life skills, math, writing and social skills.



WACKY HAIR DAY



We started December on a fun note with Wacky Hair Day! Students and staff got silly and playful with their hair. You will find more pictures at the end of this document.



FIREBIRDS SPIRIT

This month, Firebirds are exploring the 3 R's: recycling, reusing and reducing! On December 11 we assembled in the gym to explore what this means. We were lead in the conversation by very courageous student-leaders!

After the assembly, students gathered in their Family Teams where they worked on a cooperative challenge together, making snowflakes out of recycled materials.

During the assembly, we also celebrated some Super Firebirds who had shown great independence in the previous month. Super Firebirds who received a certificate for their independence were:



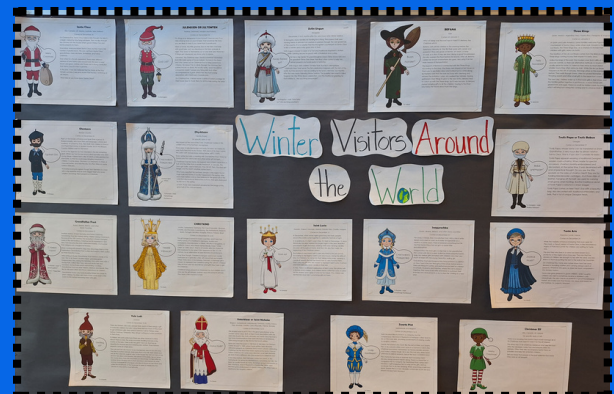
- Piyusha (Div. 2)
- Emma (Div. 13)
- Emi (Div. 13)
- Bulut (Div. 7)
- Kyo (Div. 17)
- Manjot (Div.4)
- Jaclyn (Div. 4)
- Jasnoor (Div. 10)

Congratulations, Super Firebirds!



HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

We had so much fun celebrating in different ways this month! I want to extend a HUGE thank you to staff who made it all happen. From our school-wide sing along, to window decorating contest, to Name That Tune and classroom activities, we all had our party hats on! I encourage you to walk around the school to check out the gorgeous window displays! Congratulations to division 4 who won the window decorating contest (they got a pizza party!). Congratulations to division 9 who won Name That Tune!



FUN IN THE LIBRARY



MS. FEDORUK, OUR TEACHER-LIBRARIAN, IS HAPPY TO SHARE SOME NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY. SEE ALL THE AMAZING THINGS THAT ARE HAPPENING FOR OUR LEARNERS!!!

AUTHOR VISIT

Author Deborah MacNamara and her daughter Madeline shared the book *The Sorry Plane* with all the primary classes. Not only were students treated to a wonderful and meaningful story, but each student was gifted a copy of the book to take home and keep.



LOOSE PARTS

Students from several classes had an opportunity to retell or respond to a story using Loose Parts. Loose Parts are ordinary, everyday, open-ended materials that can be manipulated and used in a variety of ways. A few of the primary classes used Loose Parts to retell the story of *Penguin and Pinecone: a Friendship Story* written by Salina Noon.



COMFY, COZY, BUDDY READING

Many of the buddy classes enjoyed buddy reading in the library illuminated by holiday lights.



LET THE SHOW BEGIN!





MORE WACKY HAIR

