

MME VAL'S MONTHLY REVIEW - OCTOBER 2023



WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL

October has been such a lively month at Mitchell Elementary! There were pumpkin patch visits, assemblies, parent-teacher conferences, Halloween celebrations and more fun and engaging opportunities for deep learning. As I walk through the school's hallways and classes and see our students engaged in their work, I feel such pride to be a Firebird. The more I get to know our school community, the more grateful I become for everyone's genuine engagement and commitment towards our children. Mitchell truly is a supportive place where students can be their true selves, learn, grow and have fun. I hope that this monthly review gives you a glimpse of all the great work that is happening at Mitchell.

-Mme Val



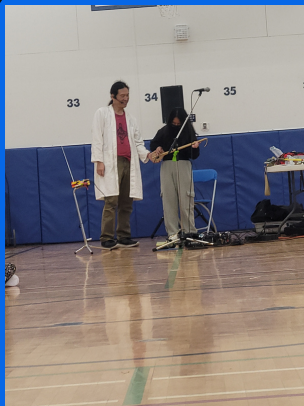
Our spooky team on Halloween

I liked the hockey-stick
guitar!
(KK, Div. 10)

I like the drumming!
(Leo, div. 10)

VISIT FROM ANDY THE MUSICAL SCIENTIST

Firebirds had the chance to watch, listen and learn from our special guest, Andy the Musical Scientist, on October 12. During his performance, Andy told tales of his travels and how they inspired him to build his own musical instruments from recycled materials. Engaging students in the scientific process, various scientific concepts and critical thinking, he showed us that being creative and thinking outside the box can produce amazing and cool results. Some students even had the chance to try his instruments, including his unique hockey stick guitar!





EQUITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION CORNER

Did you know that Mitchell has a Muslim Students Club? The Muslim Students Club is spearheaded by Mme Dewji (see picture on the right!). This group will meet during the school year to address the unique needs of our Muslim students.

We are happy to announce that we are accommodating students who would like to pray during the school day. This space was requested by many of our Muslim students who were concerned that their afternoon prayers would be delayed due to the shorter winter days. Thank you to our teacher-librarian, Ms. Fedoruk, who has graciously provided a space in the library for this. At Mitchell Elementary we strive towards making all our students feel welcome and seen. Mitchell's diverse student body brings together individuals from different cultural, religious, social, and economic backgrounds, fostering a dynamic learning environment where students can learn from one another's unique perspectives. We are proud that our Muslim students feel comfortable advocating for their needs, and we have been more than happy to accommodate and support them.



The Muslim Student Club is important to us because we want others to be able to practice their faith, and not forget about it, and do it on time.

-Hamna & Nuri, Div. 3 students



MITCHELL STUDENTS SHINE IN DISTRICT VIDEO



On October 16, several of our students had the opportunity to go in front of the camera to be part of district video about our new school mural. Students were asked share what their thoughts on how the mural was a reflection of our community and identity. The video was shared at the October 26 District Board Meeting. Check the link below to watch the video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o90K5_GZN3o

Special thanks for their participation go to:

- Isaac, Yaseen and Emma (Div. 1)
- Adrianna, Ben and Kawthar (Div. 5)
- Ms. Mathers
- Ben Evelyn (Artist)
- Greg Gillespie (District videographer)





FIREBIRDS FAMILY TEAMS

Every month, we hold a special assembly to reconnect as a school and discuss one of the core Firebird value. This month, we started with "F" for "Friendliness". During the assembly, students listened to a story about friendship, and we sang the Firebird song together, guided by the magnificent voice of Ms. Yip, one of our K/1 teachers! After the assembly, students join their assigned family team, a mixed group of students from all grades, in their teacher-leader's class and complete an activity on the monthly theme. The result was beautiful, a wonderful reflection of our community and the friends that we all make here, as well as a symbol of the connectedness we feel at Mitchell.



Being on student council is important to me because it feels good when I help.
-Evan, Div. 1

I love having the opportunity to have leadership and responsibility roles at Mitchell and working with other students just like me to plan, participate and learn about leadership.

-Adaya, Div. 1

I want to be part of the student council because I want to help around the school and organize events.

-Colin, Div. 1

STUDENT COUNCIL

At Mitchell, we believe that student voice matters. The Student Council is an initiative led by Ms. Sunstrum, Ms. Watson and Ms. Mathers, which empowers students to have their opinions heard! Grade 6 & 7 students have to opportunity to be leaders by organizing and leading special events and spirit days! Our first spirit day will be "Backwards Day" on Friday, November 17!

Backwards Day!

Friday November 17th



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HALLOWEEN AT MITCHELL ELEMENTARY

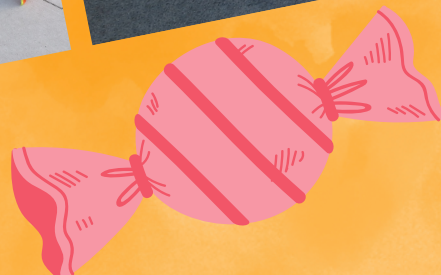
PUMPKIN PROMENADE

The brain-child of Mme Billinger, Mitchell's very first "Pumpkin Promenade" was a great success! Students and adults alike were delight at the view of beautiful, gory, scary and sweet pumpkins on October 30!





FROM SWEET..



TO SPOOKY...



BOO!

TO EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN!

