

# ENCHANT SCHOOL

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Student/Parent/Staff Newsletter



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Nov. 19  
SCHOOL SPIRIT  
THEME  
Western



Instead of having a Fall Book Fair we are hopeful to schedule The Scholastics Book Fair in the Spring. This will depend on what the Alberta Health Guidelines are at that time.

When we have our book fair we want our students to be able to browse through the books and welcome parents to attend which we cannot do at this time.

## Dates to Remember:

- Nov. 01 - Daylight saving time ends
- Nov. 03 - Picture Retakes
- Nov. 11 - Remembrance Day  
No School
- Nov. 12 - Division PD - No School
- Nov. 13 - School PD - No School
- Nov. 18 - Report Cards
- Nov. 19 - Shoebox Deadline
- Nov. 19 - Parent/Teacher Interviews after school
- Nov. 20 - No School
- Nov. 27 - Kindergarten Friday
- Nov. 30 - ESAC Meeting 6:45 pm
- Dec. 07 - No School

Remembrance Day



On Tuesday, November 10th in honour of **REMEMBRANCE DAY** each class has planned their own activities to honour and remember all the men and women who have served, and continue to serve our country during times of war, conflict and peace.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30** - Elementary classes will be having Fall/Halloween activities/parties in their classrooms after morning recess sometime on Friday, October 30th. Students are welcome to wear their costumes and dress up for the activities. We are asking students not to bring or wear scary costumes and they will not be allowed to bring any toy or costume weapons like guns or knives.



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Enchant School will be participating in Operation Christmas Child again this year. Shoe boxes will be available at the school after November 10<sup>th</sup> or you can purchase a plastic shoe box container to fill. For every shoebox filled please send in \$10.00 to cover delivery charges. Please have all shoeboxes delivered to the school before Thursday, November, 19th.



### FILL YOUR SHOEBOX

- School Supplies - Items such as pens, pencils, pencil crayons, note pads, and picture books
- Hygiene Items - Items such as: facecloth, toothbrush, comb, and soap.
- Toys & Other Gifts - Items such as: stuffed animals, small musical instruments, hair clips, toy jewelry, t-shirts, and socks
- Personal Note - Include a personal note and/or a photo in your shoebox (not inside the donation envelope)

### DO NOT INCLUDE:

- Decks of standard playing cards (other card games such as UNO are allowed)
- Food or candy: Including gum (due to customs regulations)
- Used items (due to customs regulations)
- Toothpaste (due to customs regulations)
- Liquids or items that could leak, melt, freeze, or break - Shampoo, creams, lip balm, bath gels, mirrors, or glass, etc. (these can damage other items in the shoebox if they leak or break)
- Items that can scare or harm a child - War-related toys, knives, and toy guns, etc.



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE - November 2019

The month of November begins next week and we have a number of activities happening within our school for both students and parents.

We will begin with our Remembrance Day activities that will take place on Tuesday November 10<sup>th</sup>. Classes will listen to a guest speaker and then will complete some activities within their classroom. Due to COVID guidelines and protocols we are not able to have an assembly this year.

No school for students and staff on Remembrance Day – November 11<sup>th</sup>.

Students do not have school on Thursday November 12<sup>th</sup> due to a Division Wide Professional Development Day.

Students do not have school on Friday November 13<sup>th</sup> due to a School Based Professional Development Day.

On Monday November 16<sup>th</sup> we will have a couple of student teachers from the University of Lethbridge joining our school. Miss Kari Roth will be joining our Grade 1/2 class and Miss Kendra Berg will be joining our Grade 3/4 class. The student teachers will be here until Thursday December 17<sup>th</sup>. A big WELCOME to Miss Roth and Miss Berg!

Wednesday November 18<sup>th</sup> is the day report cards go home with students. These provide information about your child and their progress to date.

Thursday November 19<sup>th</sup> we have our Parent Teacher Interviews after school that day from 4:00 to 8:00pm. Interviews may be by phone or in-person here at the school. **A teacher will be calling parents/families this week to find out your preference with regards to Parent Teacher Interviews.** A schedule will be developed and sent home prior to this evening letting parents know what time their interview will take place. All teachers will be in the gym and only **ONE parent** may visit the school that night. **Parents are reminded that they will have to wear a mask from the time they enter the school, during the entire time of their interview, and can take off their mask once they have exited the building.** Thank you for your cooperation in advance.

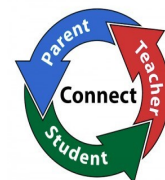
November 24<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> our junior high students will be participating in a virtual Skills Exploration Day with the help of Mr. O'Connor.

Monday November 30<sup>th</sup> is our second ESAC (Enchant School Advisory Council) meeting for all interested parents. The meeting will start at 6:45pm and will be in. Everyone is welcome!

**Cold Weather** – the past week the cold weather has returned and I would like to remind parents that a good winter coat and a tuque and some mitts/gloves and some boots are the best ways to keep warm. I have seen a few of our students arrive to school in just a hoodie. In my opinion this is not enough to stay warm. ALL of our students go outside at recess 3 times per day for a minimum of 15 minutes and these items will help to keep them warm when they are outside, except for those who will be in the gym one day per week. Please make sure to send your child to school or on the bus with warm clothing. If your family needs some help in this area, please contact Mr. Schmidt at the school and the school will do our best to help!



**Reminder** for students going home for lunch to remember to bring their masks with them when they return.



**Recesses Outside** – we have changed our schedule for outside recesses so that students are still cohorted into areas on the playground, but they are a bit closer to the school. We are also making use of the gym and each cohort will get an opportunity to use the gym one day per week. Each cohort is assigned to a specific area of the playground/school – gym, between the main and north doors, part of the front field and flagpole area, the smaller (wooden structure) in the playground, and the larger (metal structure) of the playground. If the temperature gets below

-20°C (temperature wise or in combination with the wind chill) students will stay inside in their classrooms.

**Snow days** – just a reminder that when the colder weather comes and there could be a chance of lots of snow, please listen to the radio (CJOC 94.1FM, KissFM 107.7FM, Country 95.5FM, Rock 106FM, B93.3FM) for any school closures that may happen during the school year. The best place to check is the Horizon School Division website ([horizon.ab.ca](http://horizon.ab.ca)) for the latest updates about school closures. Often information will be made available after 6:30 in the



morning. Check the School Bus icon and it provides information about the school's bus routes and whether the bus is running or not. Also, the school (actually it's me

Mr. Schmidt) who sends out a message to your home phone, cell phone and/or email using School Messenger.

**Absences** – Just a reminder to all parents, please keep the school informed if your child or children will be absent. If the school is not notified, then a message will be sent out to you around 9:30am. If you will be going away for a longer amount of time, please let us know so that we can make sure the teachers know and also to make sure it is put in the system so that you do not receive these calls each day.

**October 30 - Halloween** – Just a reminder to all that Friday October 30<sup>th</sup> is a regular school day where students will have regular classes. Students are welcomed to wear their Halloween costumes the entire day. A reminder that a costume that has a mask is acceptable to wear at school, but students must also wear a cloth mask underneath. Costume masks will need to be removed during class time (this will be at the discretion of the teacher).

- We also ask that students **do not** bring weapons to school that day as part of their costume (no guns, no knives, no items covered in blood, no scary masks, etc.)
- We are multicultural school where some families may not participate in Halloween activities and we wish to be respectful of all cultures here in our school.
- Some families may choose to keep their children at home on this day. If this is the case, please contact the school to inform the office.

There will be no formal costume parade this year due to COVID restrictions.

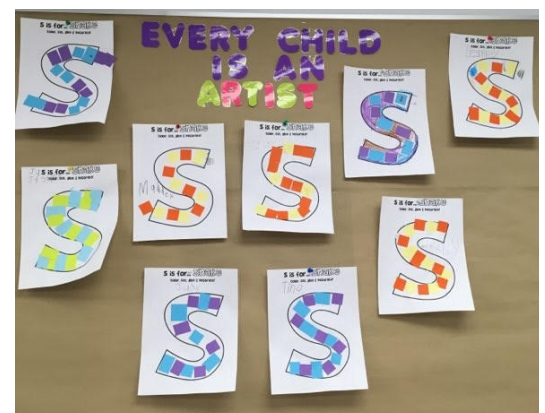
If you have any concerns or questions about what is happening here at the school, please contact me at the school (403-739-3770).

Wishing you all the best this November...

Mr. Kelly Schmidt

# CLASSROOM NEWS

*Kindergarten has been busy learning about the season of autumn. We were able to go for a few walks on the school grounds to explore the outdoors by looking for lady bugs, collecting leaves and playing a few games on the front lawn before the snow fell a few days ago. In math, students have been extending and building patterns using a variety of materials. We also focus daily on number identification and counting. In language learning, more letters of the alphabet are added each week. I encourage all of you to practice the letters that are sent home each week as reinforcement of skills taught at school. Thursday, October 29, kindergarten will have a costume party. Your child can bring his/her costume to school. We will play a simple game, complete a craft and enjoy a packaged treat that afternoon. (adhering to covid protocol: please do not send in any treats to share with classmates at this time).*



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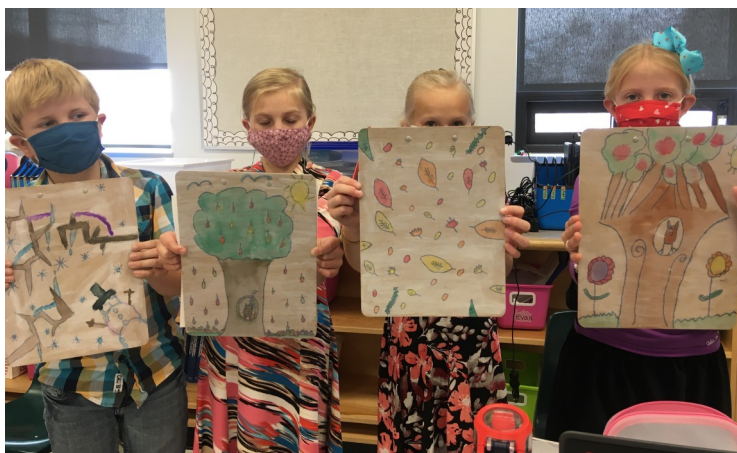
The grade 1/2 class has had a great October! We learned a lot about First Nations on Orange Shirt day and the kids loved the teepee! In science we have been busy exploring insects and we have made lots of cool crafts. The grade one class has been busy learning the alphabet and reading simple pattern stories. The grade two's have been exploring "chunks" in words and they have been so busy reading books at home! It has been a great month!



The grade 3/4 class has completed some great art projects so far this year. They painted clipboards, designed CRAZY Cats, and made their own candy/chocolate bags.

They have really enjoyed having Miss Mariann visit the classroom. She talked to them about Orange Shirt Day, as well as topics related to stress. They are learning how to deal with stress & emotions, as well as about ways they can show kindness as a way to lessen stress for others.

As a class, the 3/4's are listening to a read-aloud called The Very, Very Far North about a polar bear named Duane. It is a REALLY funny book, and everyone is enjoying it so far!



# CLASSROOM NEWS

## GRADE 5/6

For several weeks our class has been discussing the local government in Social Studies, as well as current events. We have read articles online as well as in the newspaper to connect our local government and the event happening in our community. We have learned that we can discover much about our municipal government through current events.



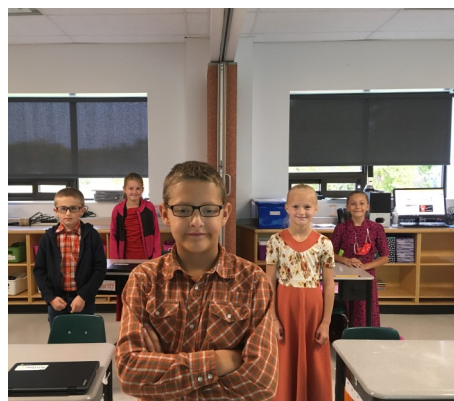
# ORANGE SHIRT DAY



Enchant School honored Orange Shirt Day on Thursday, October 1st instead of September 30th so our Kindergarten class could take part in the day. This is a day when we honour the Indigenous children who were sent away to residential schools in Canada and learn more about the history of those schools.

To learn more about Indigenous history Mr. O'Connor brought a teepee and with the help of the Junior High students set it up on our front grass area.

This was a great day for everyone!



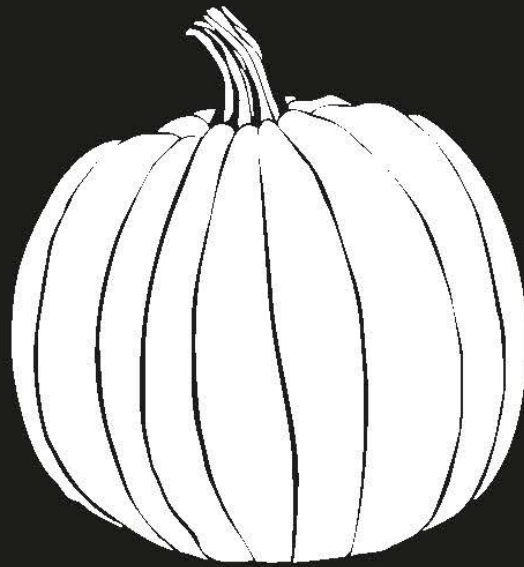
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# Drive-Thru Pumpkin Festival

SOUTHERN ALBERTA BIBLE CAMP  
Saturday October 31 4pm-8pm



## Dress Up!

Come out to camp for a fun drive-thru of pumpkin themed stations that will include fun activities like a family photobooth, maze run, and more!

We encourage you to dress up and wear costumes as well as bring your own 'trick or treat' bags to collect the candy and camp made treats you will receive at each station!

## Drive - Thru

There are 8 great stations that all-together will take about 45 minutes.

## Limited Time Slots Available!

Prices for this event are \$45 for a car of 1-5 people and \$55 for a car of 6+ people. Register for this event on our website so you don't miss out.



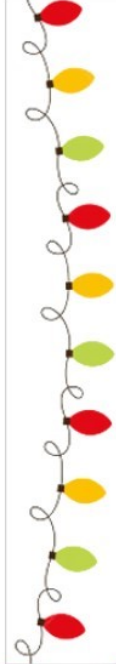
# November






Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2 Early Learning	3 Kindergarten	4 Early Learning	5 Kindergarten	6	7
8	9 Early Learning	10 Kindergarten	11 REMEMBRANCE DAY  Last We Forget. NO SCHOOL	12 DIVISION PD DAY NO SCHOOL	13 SCHOOL PD DAY NO SCHOOL	14
15	16 Early Learning	17 Kindergarten	18 <b>REPORT CARDS</b> Early Learning	19 PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS AFTER SCHOOL Kindergarten	20 NO SCHOOL	21
22	23 Early Learning	24 Kindergarten	25 Early Learning	26 Kindergarten	27 Kindergarten	28
29	30 ESAC Meeting 6:45 pm Early Learning					



# DECEMBER



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Kindergarten	2 Early Learning	3 Kindergarten	4	5
6	7 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	8 Kindergarten	9 Early Learning	10 Kindergarten	11 Kindergarten	12
13	14 Early Learning	15 Kindergarten	16 Early Learning	17 Kindergarten	18 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	19
20	21 	22	23	24	25 	26
27	28	29	30	31		
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