



November Newsletter

Month at a Glance

November 1
Grade 6 Immunizations

November 2
Picture Retakes

November 8
Hot Lunch
Boston Pizza

November 9
Remembrance Day
Ceremony @ 11:00 am

November 10
Remembrance Day Stat
School Closed

November 17
School Spirit Day
Camo Day

November 22
Hot Lunch
Taco Time

November 24
School Not in Session



Principal's Message

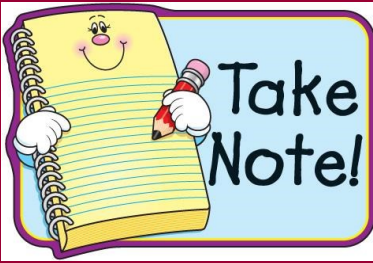
Dear Kootenay Orchards Families,

I would like to keep this month's message a short one as it is a time of reflection and remembrance. Let us take time to thank those who have and are still serving our country, keeping us safe and allowing us the right to be free in our country. We would like to thank all peacekeepers for their selfless and continued service to us and others, both in times of strife and in peace. Lest we forget.

In Kindness & Respect,
Judi Poole



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November



Poppy Donations



Mrs. Potter's Grade 6 class will be going around to each class the week of November 6th to collect poppy donations. Poppies will be handed out before the Remembrance Day Ceremony on November 9th.

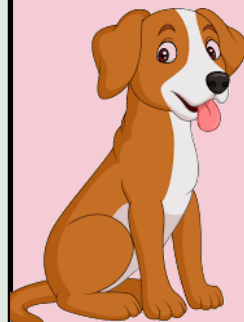


Picture Retakes are scheduled for Thursday, November 2nd after lunch.

Don't forget to set your clock back on Sunday, November 5th!!



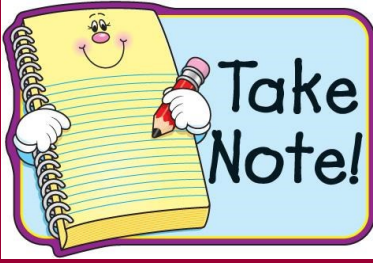
Pets on the School Ground



We kindly ask that all pets are kept on a leash away from other students and when possible, off the school grounds which includes the back unfenced field. While pets are cherished family members for some, others may not be comfortable being in close proximity to them. We would like to ensure the health and safety of all our students and would like to thank you in advance for your understanding.

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Christmas Concert

We are excited to announce that this year's Christmas production will be **"The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe"**

The concert is taking place at the Key City Theatre on Thursday, December 14th. Ticket request information will be provided later on in November.

Below is a list of the costumes that students will need to have:

Cross/Linardic

Dwarves: All brown outfits. A hat and beard will be provided by the school.

Potter/Adams

1940's Kids: Students are asked to dress in 1940's themed clothing. Dresses with bows in the hair, pants with white shirt and suspenders or sweater vest.

Boss/Flegel

Wolves: All black outfits with Wolf ears, a Wolf tail and white gloves.

Reinarz/Schadeli

Forest Creatures: Rabbit, Skunk, Deer, Bear, Squirrel, etc.

Halldorson/Potter

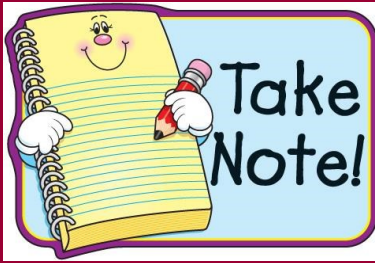
Heroes: Knight, Archer, etc.

Grade 6 Students with Specific Character Rolls

Costumes based on their character in the show.

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Mass Choir



Christmas Bells are Around the Corner,

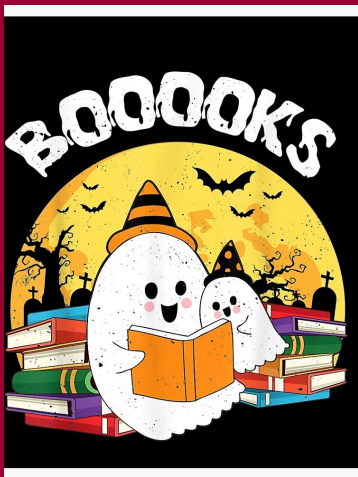
I am thrilled to announce the Kootenay Orchards Intermediate Choir will begin practices again this November. All intermediate students will practice but only the Grade 5 & 6 students will be featured in the Christmas Choir.

The Christmas Choir is a longstanding tradition and 2023 will mark the 40th year. Many parents and even some grandparents were once participants!! **The Christmas Choir will take place on Wednesday, December 6th at 7:00 pm at the Alliance Church.** Admission will be by donation and proceeds will go to the Salvation Army.

More information will be sent home with students about this historic event closer to the date.

Cheers!

Mr. Lutz



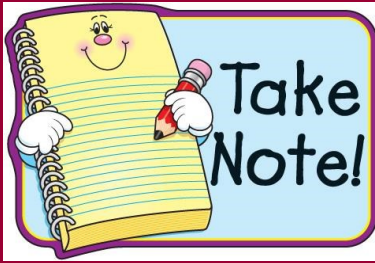
Questions to ask your child with any book:

- Tell me about the book cover. What clues does it give you about the story?
- What is happening on this page?
- How do you think the character is feeling? Why do you think that?
- Have you ever felt like that?



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Grade 5/6 Volleyball

Our volleyball season is underway and all the players have been provided a jersey to wear. At the end of the season, students must return their jersey and ensure that it has been washed.

Practices

Girls: Monday & Wednesday after school.

Boys: Tuesday before school & Thursdays after school.

Games

Full game schedules were sent home with players this week.

November 7:

- Boys @ Home vs Gordon Terrace
- Girls (Black) @ KCA VS KCA/Pinewood
- Girls (White) @ Gordon Terrace

November 14:

- Boys @ Home vs Amy Woodlands
- Girls (Black) @ Pinewood
- Girls (White) @ Steeples

November 21:

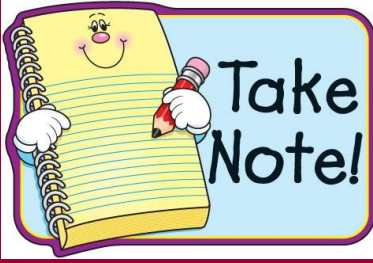
- Boys @ Highlands
- Girls (Black) @ Home vs Gordon Terrace/TM Roberts
- Girls (White) @ Amy Woodlands

November 28:

- Boys @ Pinewood
- Girls (Black & White) @ Home vs Gordon Terrace

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Reporting Student Absences

When reporting a student's absence, parents can either contact the school office or log in an absence using the [School Messenger Safe Arrival](#) system.


To register for School Messenger, please refer to the [Safe Arrival FAQ](#). All parents are asked to please report student absences before 8:15 am on the day of the absence (you can also report absences in advance, if they are known).

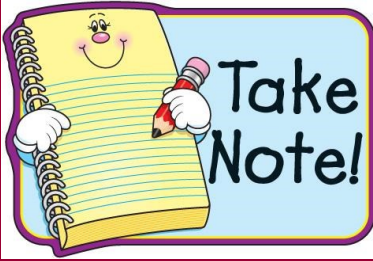
If you are also informing the classroom teacher of an absence or a tardiness, please cc our school secretary Cathy Gaudord, cathy.gaudord@sd5.bc.ca or (250) 426-8551.

In the event that your child is late, please have them check in with the school office so that we know they have arrived and can mark them present.

We appreciate your cooperation with this!



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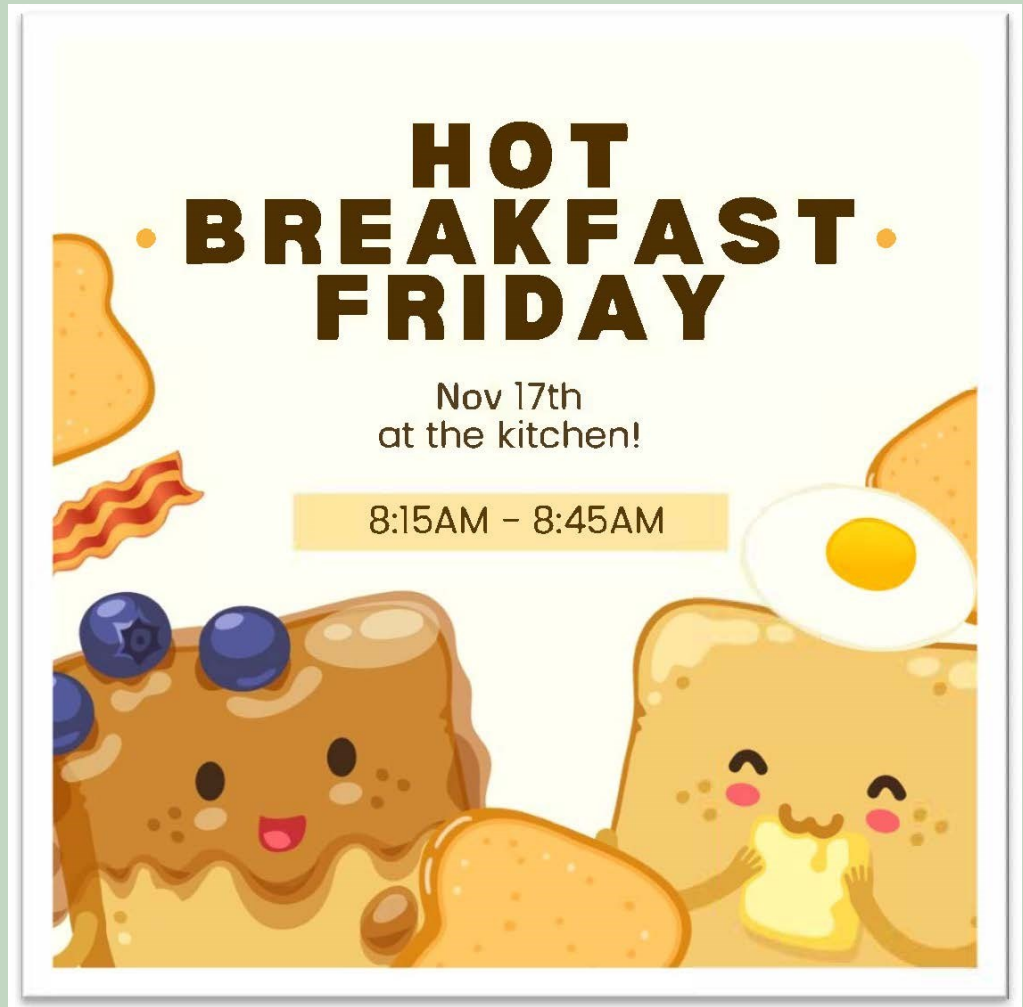



Breakfast Fridays at Kootenay Orchards!!

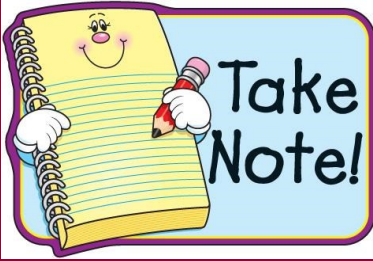
Our school Counsellor, Mrs. Boyle & our Indigenous Support Worker, Ms. Hekker will be providing KO Students with 1 hot breakfast on the last instructional Friday of every month.

This free take-away breakfast is open to all students and can be picked up from the school kitchen between 8:15-8:45 am.

Our Grade 6 students will have an opportunity to volunteer to help prepare and cook the meals.



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BREAKFAST CLUB

When: Every Day

Where: Outside

Time: 8:20-8:40

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!

Please contact our Youth Care Worker Mrs. Fentie if you have any questions.

Angel Tree Program

The Angel Tree program is sponsored by Sunrise Rotary Club, Tamarack Mall, Cancer Society and the caring people of Cranbrook. Gifts are purchased by families or individuals from the Cranbrook area hoping to assist in make Christmas a joyous occasion for all. The Cancer Society wraps all the gifts and numbers them. The volunteer agencies have no control over the choice or value of the gifts purchased. We can only hope the gift brings joy and happiness to your child at Christmas.

For any families wishing to access the program, please complete the registration form and submit it to the Tamarack Mall Administration Office by Friday, November 24th. Any late forms after this date will not be accepted.

[Angel Tree Registration Form](#)



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INDIGENOUS EDUCATION SEASONS




ki7su7k kyukyit, Taanishi, Hello!

I am the new Indigenous Education Support Worker at Kootenay Orchards and Amy Woodlands. I am an Indigenous woman born and raised on the traditional territory of the Ktunaxa Nation. I live with my partner and our 3 cats and a dog. I am an artist on my free time; I specialize in beading although I also enjoy knitting, crochet, and sewing. I am also dedicated to ensuring Indigenous youth are provided with supports unique to their own needs or interests.

I am new to SDS, and I am excited for the fun in and out of class activities my program will be offering over this school year.

If you have any questions, concerns or hope for programming, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

alexis.hekker@sd5.be.ca

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INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

Indigenous Leadership Group

First gathering for Grade 5 & 6 Indigenous students happening at the beginning of November. Lunch will be provided. Watch for more information on the next gathering date.



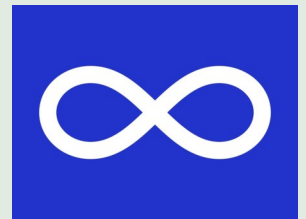
Roc Your Mocs week at KO!

Got Mocs? Wear them to school November 12th-18th in honour of our ancestors and Indigenous peoples worldwide.

What if I don't have moccasins to wear?
Wear a turquoise ribbon instead!

Metis Flag Raising

You're invited to join us at the Metis Flag raising event at Mount Baker Senior Secondary school on **November 16th, 2023 at 11am.**



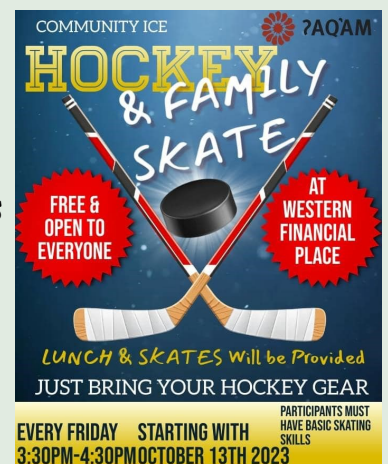
Metis Kitchen Party

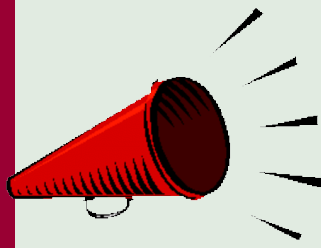
You're invited to the Metis Kitchen Party at Parkland Middle School on **November 14th, 2023 from 5pm-8pm.** It is a potluck, but if you are unable to bring food, please don't let that stop you from coming. Miss Alexis is bringing extra food for those who can't.

Miss Alexis will be at this event so please come down and say hi!

Free Family Hockey & Skate

Free skate time at the Western Financial Place **every Friday from 3:30pm-4:30pm.** Lunch and skates will be provided, just bring yourselves and some hockey gear! Please note: attendees must have basic skating skills.





PAC News!!

A Note From the PAC

Happy November from PAC!

We would like to send out a huge thank you to all of the amazing parent volunteers, KO staff, and Mr. Lutz for helping making the KO Halloween Carnival such a huge success. It was so nice to have this event back. Thank you to everyone! What an amazing community we have.



Another thank you to all of our volunteers and those that attended our Autumn movie night. We raised over \$300 to help with teacher fun weeks.


Purdy's Fundraiser Starts this month! Please ensure you arrange for pick-up if you don't want your kiddos knowing what you ordered.

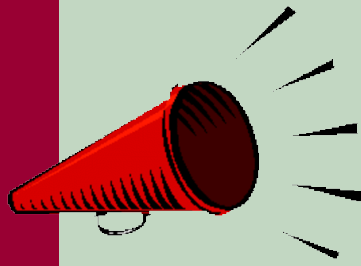
This month's PAC meeting is Tuesday November 14th at 6:30 in the KO library and on zoom.



Did you know: If you attend a PAC meeting throughout the year, your child will be entered to win Hot Lunches for a year!!! (2024/2025 school year)

Kootenay Orchards PAC

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PAC News!!



Our PAC meets the second Tuesday of the month in the school library. You can also join via Zoom. Please visit our [PAC Facebook](#) page for the Zoom link.

Next PAC meeting: Tuesday, November 14th at 6:30 pm.

Want to have a say in how PAC fundraising dollars are spent?

Attend our PAC meetings where you will learn about what projects PAC is involved in and you will also have an opportunity to provide input into new or upcoming projects.

All parents and guardians of students registered at Kootenay Orchards are voting members of the Parent Advisory Council.



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We are excited for our **Christmas Purdys fundraiser!!**
This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year so we would like to thank our KO families in advance for their support!!

Purdys is moving to online orders. *Although cash/cheque orders will still be accepted, we highly encourage families to place their orders online.* Catalogues will be sent home with the oldest sibling.


To place an order, please visit: [Purdys Fundraising](#)

Order Submission Deadline: **November 26, 2023**

Order Pick-up Date: **Week of December 4th**

Orders will be sent home with students once they arrive.
If you need to make alternate pick-up arrangements, please contact the school office (250) 426-8551.

For further information, please contact our PAC president Jen Spyksma at jenniferspyksma@gmail.com.

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**Have you purchased your Landmark Cinemas gift card??
Heading to the theatre this weekend? Or need a birthday
gift? Why not buy some gift cards!!**

The best part, these Gift Cards can be used for any night of
the week!!



\$15.00 Kids Movie Pack

Includes Movie Ticket & a kids' Snack Pack



\$40.00 Bundle for 2

**Includes 2 General Admission, 2 Medium
Popcorn & 2 Medium Drinks**

Gift cards can be purchased directly from the school office. **Cash Only**
will be accepted so **please ensure that exact amount is brought in as
change will not be available.**

If you have any questions, please contact the Movie Gift Card
co-ordinator Carla Post: carlarpost@gmail.com

Thank you in advance for your support!

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PAC is very excited to be offering hot lunches again this year!!

Below are the hot lunch dates for November to January. If you would like to place an order, please visit [Muncha Lunch](#).

Please Note: Lunch orders will need to be placed and paid for by the Wednesday prior to the hot lunch date. Any orders received after this time will not be processed.

November 8th: Boston Pizza

November 22nd: Taco Time

December 6th: Edo Japan

December 20th: Pizza Hut

January 17th: Mr. Mikes

January 31st: Subway



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Ongoing PAC Fundraisers

Thank you for your Continued Support!!



Save On Foods: Please ask to put your bill towards Kootenay Orchards School. **PAC receives 5%** back from each receipt submitted.



Mr. Mike's: Please ask to put your bill towards Kootenay Orchards School. **PAC receives 10%** back from each receipt submitted.



Mabel's Labels: Did you know that this fundraiser is open all year long? **PAC receives 20%** from each order. Help support Kootenay Orchards by visiting [here](#).



Oliver's Labels: Did you know that this fundraiser is open all year long? **PAC receives 20%** from each order. Help support Kootenay Orchards by visiting [here](#).

TRUEARTH

TRU EARTH Laundry Detergent: **PAC receives 20%** from each order. Help support Kootenay Orchards by visiting [here](#).

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TRU EARTH has a great sale going on!!!!

Best of all PAC receives 20% from each order!!!

Help support Kootenay Orchards by visiting [here](#).

TRU EARTH
HOLIDAY SALE
NOV 1-DEC 10, 2023

SAVE UP TO **33% OFF**

Our fundraiser will **earn 20% on every sale** made through our Tru Earth Fundraising link.

The banner features the Tru Earth logo at the top, followed by 'HOLIDAY SALE' in large white letters on a green background. Below this is the date 'NOV 1-DEC 10, 2023'. A blue circle on the left contains the text 'SAVE UP TO 33% OFF'. The center shows a laptop screen displaying various Tru Earth laundry products like detergent, softener, and dryer sheets. At the bottom, a white line of text states 'Our fundraiser will earn 20% on every sale made through our Tru Earth Fundraising link.'

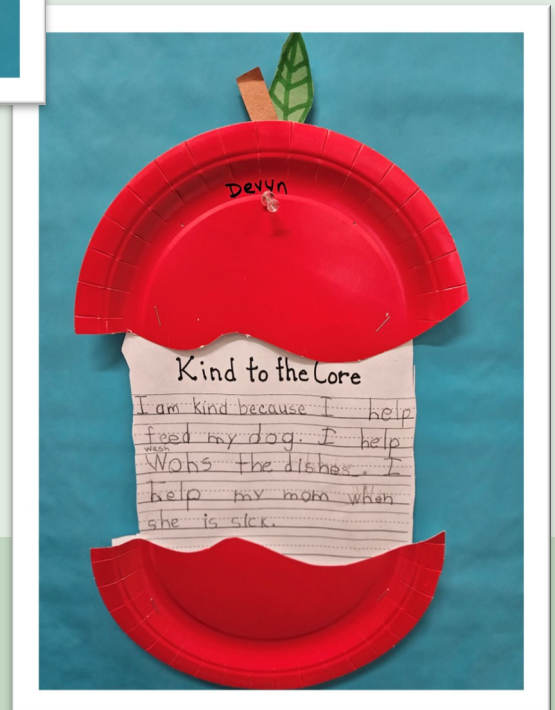
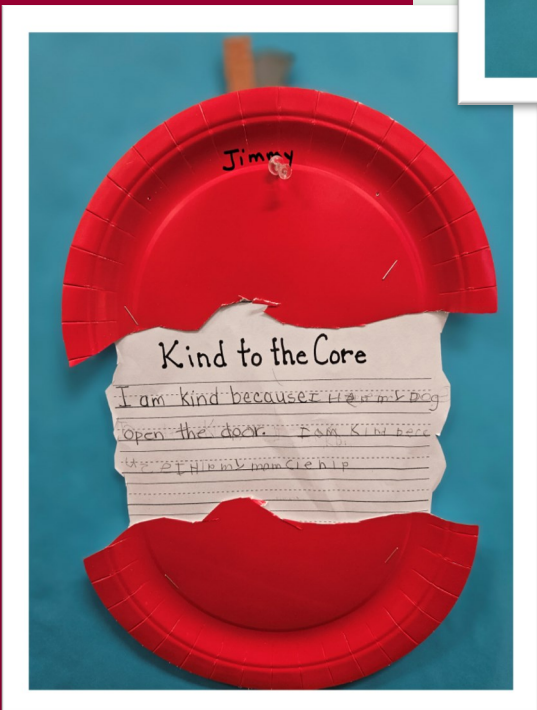
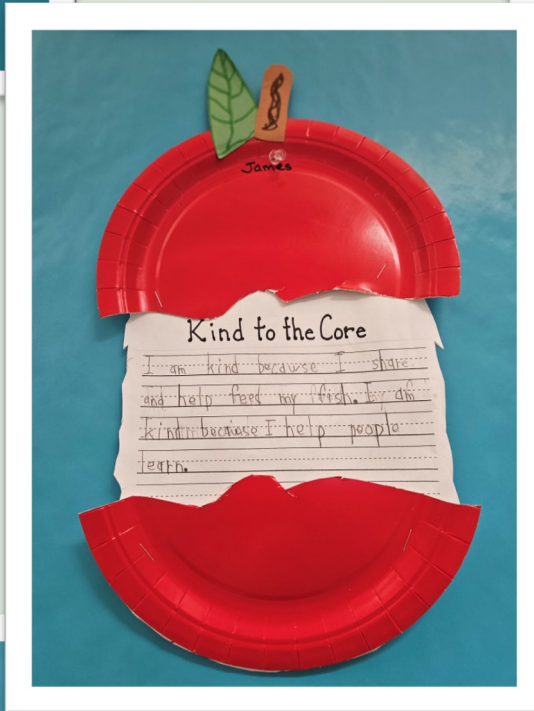
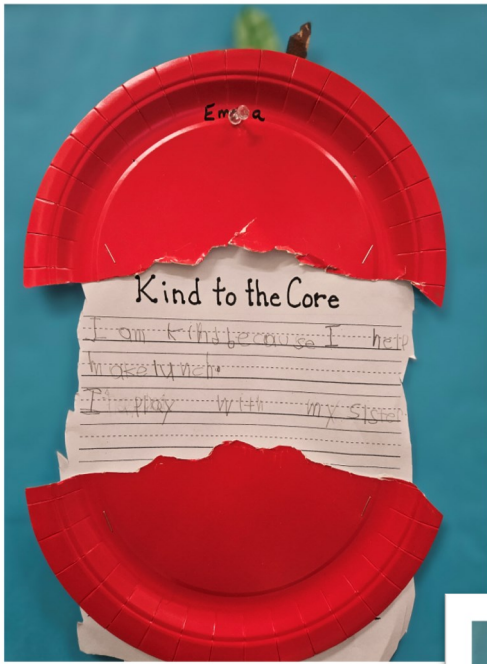
TRU EARTH
BUY 1, GET 1, GIVE 1
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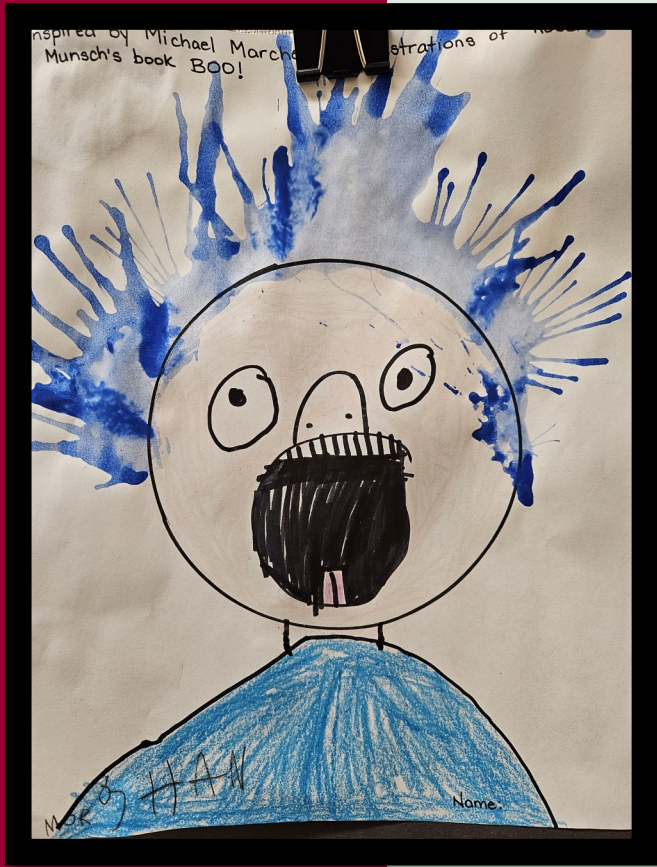
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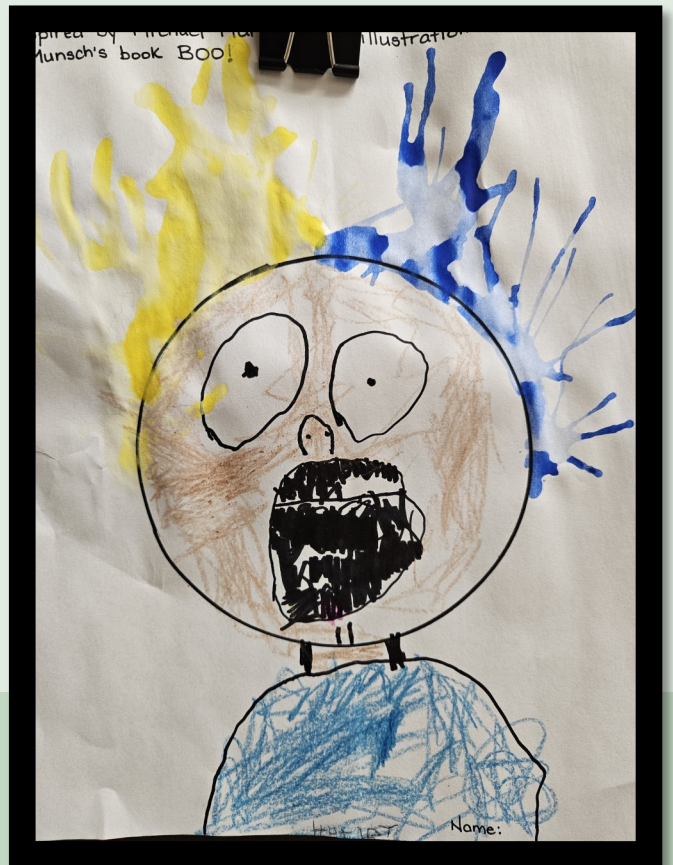
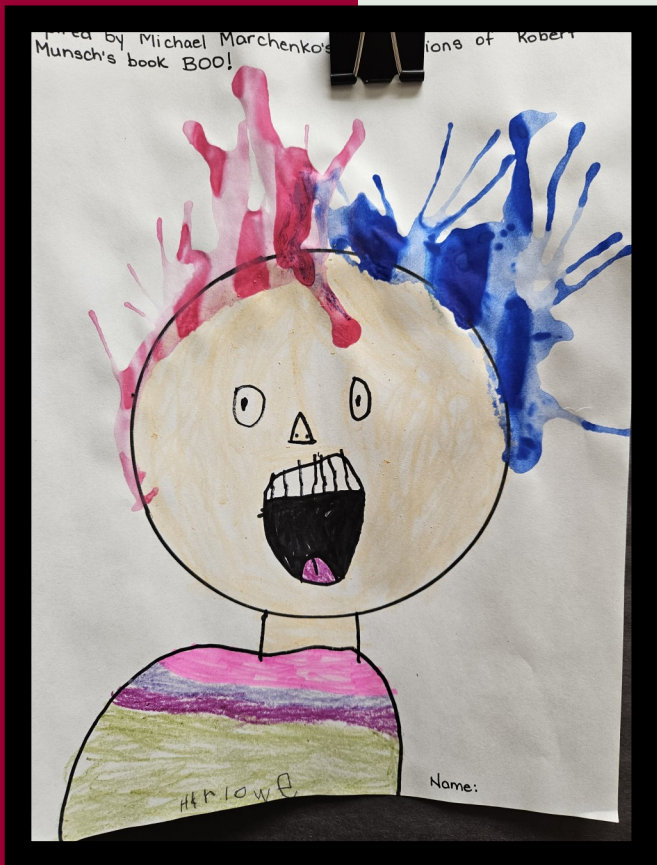
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Mrs. Potter's Grade 1 Class

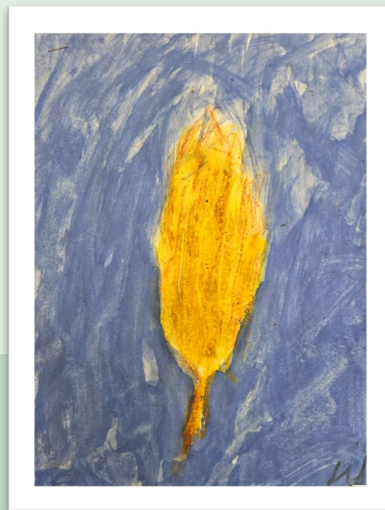
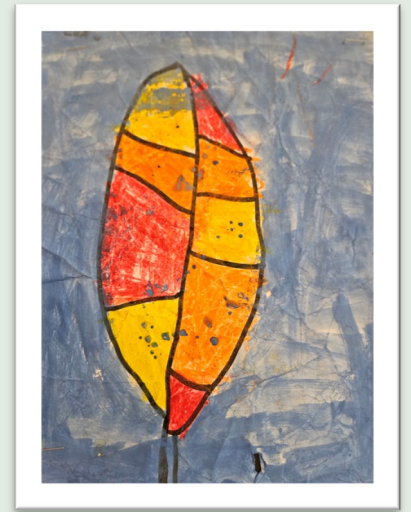




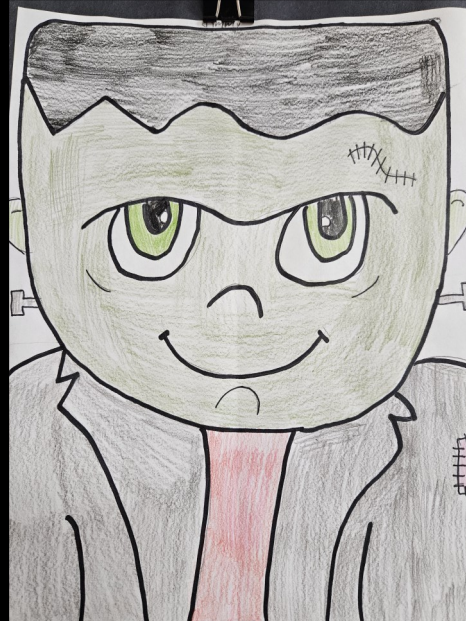
Mrs. Linardic's Kindergarten Class
Inspired by Robert Munsch's Book "Boo"!



Ms. Boss' Grade 2/3 Class



Mrs. Reinarz's
Grade 3/4
Class



Celebrate the Ktunaxa Language!!

Scan the QR codes below with your phone's camera to hear the word in Ktuanxa.



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Courage



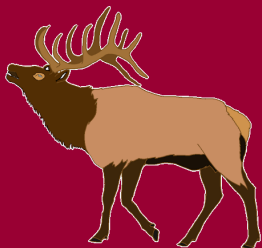
maʔ huʔ ʔakpayata

Lest we forget



niʔnapku

Moose



kitʔatti

Elk



We would like to acknowledge that we learn, play and work on the Homelands of the Ktunaxa people.