



Pictou Landing First Nation School NEWSLETTER

Wikewiku's It's the Month of OCTOBER

Picture Day is Friday, October 20th

Dear Pictou Landing School Families,

October is a busy month with the Grade 6 students writing Provincial Assessments in Math, Reading, and Writing. Our Grade 5/6 class had their first visit from Baby Emmet and his mom Kaitlyn in the Roots of Empathy Program.

Our Primary, 1 & 2 students have started their six week swimming program at Fisheries Pool.

Grade P-3 students had the opportunity to see a performance of the Swinging Belles at the DeCoste Centre. Our Grades 5 & 6 students were treated to a Neptune Theatre performance about the Halifax Explosion.

We have been celebrating Mi'kmaw History Month as we learn more about our language and culture.

We have been playing the Honour Song each morning and we look forward to students from Trenton School joining us in a little Mawiomi on October 25. We also enjoyed a visit from Walter Duggan Elementary school. We played Mi'kmaw Bingo and joined in a round dance in the gym.

To encourage our students to speak Mi'kmaw throughout the day, at recess, at lunch, everywhere, we have been giving out tickets when we "catch them" speaking Mi'kmaw. We have a weekly draw, where the winner gets to choose something enjoyable for the whole class, thereby sharing their good fortune.

Our Lego Robotics Club is busy building and programming each Tuesday after school.

Our Grade 3-6 Running Club meets each Thursday. We thank Corbin Stevens and members of the PLFN and Little Harbour Fire departments for teaching our students about fire safety and prevention. Our Grade P-2 Book Club has met once so far, and will be meeting again after school on October 24th.

Our Scholastic Book Fair is underway and will continue all week, including being open to the public the evenings of Wed. and Thur. 3-6 pm.

As always, you are encouraged to be in touch with your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns. Communication is key, and we want to keep the lines of communication between home and school open at all times. Wela'liq!

We have some events coming up that we would like you to be aware of, so please mark your calendar, or check out our School Calendar of Events online at www.pictoulandingschool.ca

Your child's school agenda is also a great way to check to see what's happening.

TRIP TO THE DECOSTE CENTRE

On October 11th, the students from grades Primary to 3 went to the Pictou DeCoste Centre to see the musical "Swinging Belles". The students enjoyed the singing and they participated in the dancing. Our students got their picture taken with the Swinging Belles. A great time was had by everyone!

Here are some of our students' comments:

"I really liked the singing and dancing"

Kennedy Francis-Grade 1

"I liked the singing and dancing." Bryden

Paul-Grade 2

"I really enjoyed the dancing." Alissa

Francis-Grade 2

"I liked getting my picture taken with the Swinging Belles." Kiera-Bernard-Mills Gr.2

"It was a great experience."

- Bailie Francis- Gr.3

Congratulations to our colleague Lindsey MacPhee, as she and Aaron Prosper celebrate their marriage this weekend!

Neptune Theatre came to our school to present to our Grade 5 and 6 students the play:

Lullaby, Inside the Halifax Explosion

Here are some of our students' reactions to the play.

It was very sad, but it was a great play. I bet they worked hard on it, too. I learned how it blew up. I really liked the noises, there were cool rattlings and everything. I loved the way they acted, it was like real life and the tent they made was cool too. I liked the way they were wondering where they were at first. They are great actors. That's really all the things I really loved about it. – Theresa Pace- Gr.5

I thought the sounds and the acting were very good. The characters were super realistic. It made me wonder why the people were so racist and mean to each other. -Jake Maloney Gr. 5

I would like to see the boats crash together and people running to find their families so they can get out of that place and go live somewhere else. But what I really wanted to see was more people all together looking for things, if it was in the play.

Seth Williams- Gr. 6

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The play was about what happened after the explosion. I wanted to see when the explosion happened, not after. They said they wanted us to see what the characters were feeling. Things I wondered about: Is Jenny ever going to find her sisters? Is Meshel ever going to find her missing baby? But when I found out they were all dead, I was surprised to learn that information and I was so shocked.

-Kyleigh Francis- Gr. 6

I think that the play was good. I wish we seen the boats crash into each other. Questions I have: Did the little sister die? Were those real old clothes or just costumes? How long did they take to set up? Were those real people back in the old days, or just made up? Did that guy's wife die?

-Kyle Francis-Denny Gr. 6

What would I have liked to see that wasn't in the play? I wish I saw the boats and the explosion. Personally I thought the actors were great and the story was great too. I find it was cool because they are finding out that they are really dead and not alive. What did I notice about the cultures? I notice they don't wear the same things, they don't know the same things, but they end up getting along. What stood out to me was the sounds of the explosion.

-Evan Beadle – Gr. 5

My favourite part that really stood out for me was when they made a wigwam because many grades ago my class went out to make wigwams and we had fun, so when they made a wigwam it reminded me of when I worked together with my friends.

- Ariel Francis Gr. 6

I think the play was amazing because the actors were so good, they didn't get anything wrong. If I could change one thing it would be that they didn't die and the two sisters would see each other. I like the most is when they imagine what happened and the sounds.

- Paige Francis – Gr. 6

We had a play yesterday. It was about the Halifax Explosion. It was a great play and the after life part was a cool twist. I think they're all good actors. I think their makeup was great too. I think the thing that stood out most was the fire pit scene because they were all connected. I wish they showed the boom.

-Jerry Swallow – Gr. 6

WELA' LIEK!

-Wela'liek RCMP Constables for leading our Terry Fox Walk and keeping us safe.

Wela'liek Ann Francis & Don Muise for safely transporting us to all our events.

Wela'liek Sheila and Barry Francis for their very generous donation to our Book Fair.

-Wela'liek Melissa Latter for coordinating the Roots Of Empathy program again this year, and to Baby Emmit and his mom Kaitlyn Dykstra for taking part in the program at our school.

-Wela'liek to everyone who donated to our Terry Fox Walk. We raised \$75 to go cancer research.

-Wela'liek Kim Strickland, Sylvia Francis and Heather Hughes for helping organize our visit from Walter Duggan Elementary School students.

-Wela'liek to everyone who bought a cupcake and candy apples in support of our Book Fair.

-Wela'liek Elders Freda Prosper and Ralph Francis for helping out in events at our school.

Wela'liek Jill Laffin for donating her time to our Math Exploratory in September.




Wela'liek Brenda Bernard for her donation of bags to our school.

Wela'liek Edie & Leonard Cremo for their generous donation of a keyboard to our school.

Wela'liek Colleen Denny for donation of sidewalk chalk for our school.

Wela'liek Shaylene Sutherland for donation of veggies from her garden.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

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| Week of Oct. 16 | PLFN School Scholastic Book Fair |
| Wed. Oct. 18 & Thur. 19 | Gr. 6 Math Assessment |
| Friday, October 20 | School Picture Day |
| Tuesday, October 24 | P-2 Book Club 3-4 pm |
| Wednesday, October 25 | PLFN School Mawioni |
| Friday, October 27 | Provincial Inservice Day <u>No Classes for students</u> |
| Monday, October 30 | Gr.5/6 class visit to Walter Duggan Elementary |
| Tuesday, October 31 | Hallowe'en |
| Friday, November 3 |  Gr. P-2 Swim Lesson AM |
| Wednesday, November 8 | Non-Violent Crisis Intervention Training for School Staff <u>No Classes for students</u> |
| Friday, November 10 | Veteran's Tea |
| Friday, November 10 |  Gr. P-2 Swim Lesson AM |
| Monday, November 13 | Observance of Remembrance Day <u>School Closed</u> |
| Friday, November 17 | Assessment & Evaluation Day <u>No Classes for students</u> |
| Friday, November 24 |  Gr. P-2 Swim Lesson AM |