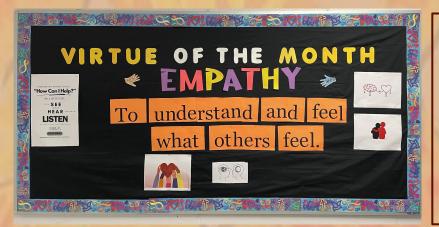
October Monthly Round Up

What happened at St. André Bessette in October?

October 2024



Our virtue program has changed. This year, classes have signed up to prepare a short liturgy that is said on the morning announcements. In addition, as teachers imbed the virtue in their lessons. They are watching for students who exemplify the virtue throughout the month. Students are then recognized on the morning announcements and are given a certificate and bracelet.



Thank you to our Gr. 8 students and teachers who organized our first school mass. We also welcome Fr. McLaren who is the new Associate Pastor at St. Patrick's Parish. Our next school mass will be Dec 5th for our Advent mass. All are welcome.

We welcomed a number of families at our school open house and BBQ on October 2nd. It was wonderful to see familiar faces and to meet new ones! We also had a visit from a special guest! Families were able to meet the teacher and visit classrooms.



School Happenings...



Water Education Workshop

We wish to thank The
Region of Peel and their
instructors for teaching us
about some of their important
services! This water
workshop was offered to Gr. 2
students. It complemented
their science curriculum and

talked about the water cycle, water conservation and how water from Lake Ontario is treated in order to provide beneficial tap water. This visual presentation was informative, hands-on and it offered physical movement as well!



Reading buddies are a fantastic partnership between an intermediate class reading with a primary class. Little ones learn good reading habits and the older students learn leadership skills.







#busdriverappreciationday!

New sand in the kinder yard!!

The Indigenous Education team came to our school to do a presentation for Gr. 4-8 classes with a Giant Map that focused on Indigenous language, traditional territory, treaties, communities and more. Students participated in various exploratory activities, depending on the grade level. Melanie, from Bearskin Lake opened with an introduction and a song and then students are invited to explore the map with an activity assisted by Melanie

and the team.









This year we are focusing on Math confidence and having math conversations. We are having Math Game Mondays where teachers play games in their class that integrates various math concepts. Through game play students develop collaboration skills, have meaningful conversations all while learning!



Gr. 8's attended a retreat day hosted by the City of Brampton. Students participated in movement, collaborative games and meditation. Thank you to our Gr. 8 teachers for organizing this event.



One of our STEP class students participating in one of their many hands on activities.



Our Youth Faith Leaders went to various K-Gr. 2 classes to make Halloween crafts during our Halloween Spirit Week.



Ms. Page has been teaching students all about Christian Mediation. Our school goal is to have schoolwide Christian meditation days.

Clubs and Sports...



Meet Osa, the EcoTeam Leader who has been instrumental in leading our Litterless Lunch Campaign.



Our Cross Country Team had a lovely day competing at our family tournament. From there, 4 qualified to compete at the board tournament. Our very own Isaiah came in second overall for Gr. 4/5 Boys!



Our Junior boys and girls volleyball teams played impressively in their mini-tournaments. Both teams advanced to the Family tournament.

The girls came out very strong, winning 4 straight games in their pool. They made it to the semi-finals but were ultimately defeated by another school. They boys also fell short in a nail-biting semi-final match against another school. Coaches for both teams were very proud of everyone's hard work and dedication to improve throughout the season.

Up-Coming Sports and Clubs: Intermediate Volleyball

Intermediate Volleyball Chess Club

Art around the school...



































Halloween Spirit Week!

We were able to raise just over \$1500 for ShareLife and our school. Thank you for your generosity Bessette!

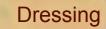


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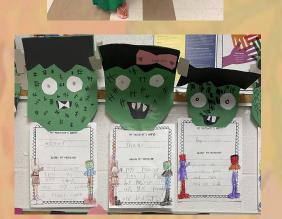
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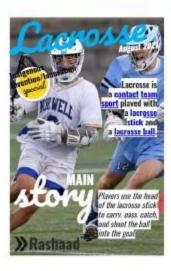




We have many proud moments at Bessette but we need to recognize this specific one. Students in our SERC class were published in the latest Director's Bulletin for their projects during Truth and Reconciliation Week. This bulletin is sent to all Dufferin-Peel employees. Please see the article below. Great job to Mrs. Nephew's students!

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As part of their commitment to celebrating Truth and Reconciliation week at St. Andre Bessette Catholic Elementary School students in Mrs. Nephew's SERC class learned about Indigenous inventions such as moccasins, canoes and lacrosse. They used a variety of technological tools to read, write, and publish their learning. One of their favourites was the posters they created using Book Creator.