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October
2016

Some Pertinent Information Regarding Indus Today

Book Fair is coming!
October 17-20

**First Student
(Bussing)**

Ride-along (before
noon):

403-948-9107

Late Bus Line:

403-250-0016

Questions or Con-
cerns?

403-948-1180

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OCTOBER EVENTS

October 6	Kindergarten field trip to the corn maze
October 7	Professional Learning Day - no school for students
October 10	Thanksgiving - no school for students
October 11	Professional Learning Day - no school for students
October 12	Movie Night: The BFG (doors open at 6:00, showtime 6:30)
October 14	Girls' Volleyball Tournament
October 15-16	Spirit of the North Ultimate Tournament (Edmonton)
October 17	Farm Safety presentations for Grades 1-6
October 17-20	BOOK FAIR!
October 18	Grade 5 & 9 Vaccinations
October 19	Parent / Student /Teacher Conferences (5:00-8:00)
October 20	Parent / Student /Teacher Conferences (4:00-7:00)
October 21	Girls' Volleyball Tournament
October 24-25	Outdoor Education (Gr. 7-9) field trip to River Heights Cove
October 25	Dental Health Presentations for Grades 1-3
October 25	Beginner Band Concert(7:00 - 8:00)
October 26	We Day
October 27	Kindergarten Halloween
October 31	Halloween

Ultimate practices: 3:30—5:00 Tuesdays and Fridays after school
Girls' Volleyball practices:
7:00 - 8:30 Tuesdays

WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN

September is a BIG month in Kindergarten! The students are at school for two full days and we are always learning new rules and routines about how to learn the best in our classroom. The children have had a lot of fun this month and they are all adjusting nicely to their new schedules and the expectations from all of teachers.

We have learned how to rotate through different centres, where to put all of our school supplies and how to check out books with Mrs. Potter in the Learning Commons. Here are some of the things that a few of the Kindergarteners like the best about coming to school!

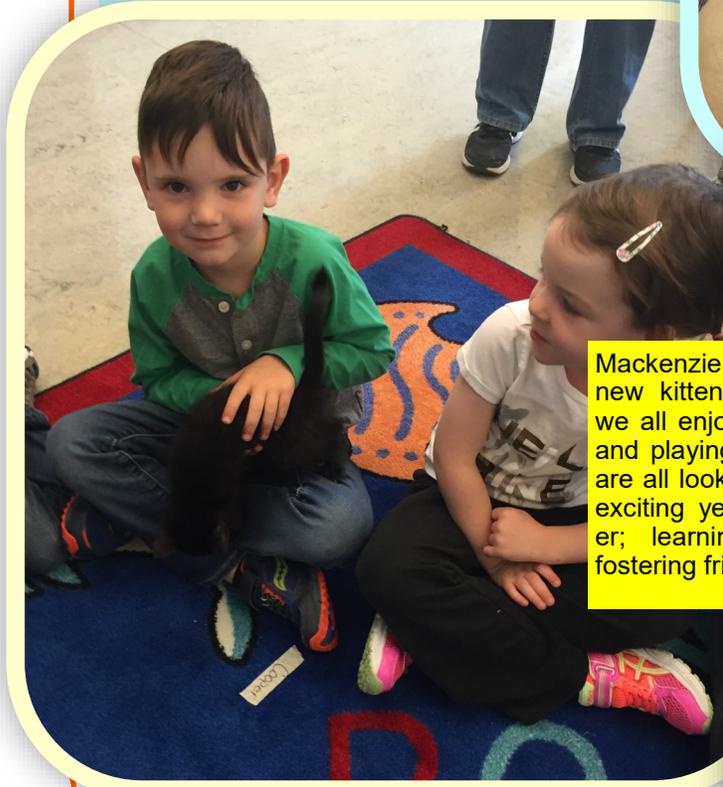
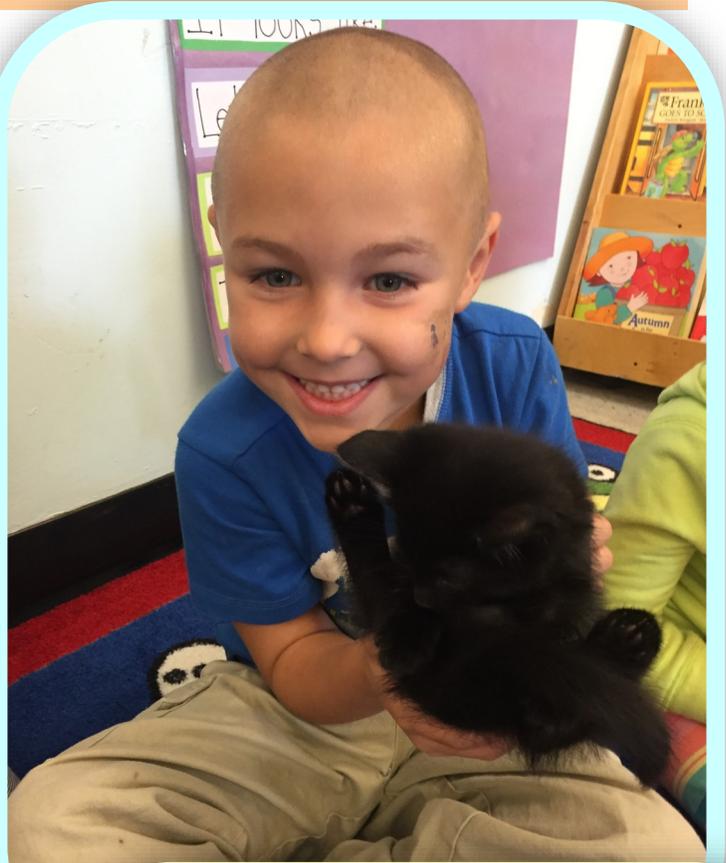
"I like playing at the playground the best!" – Kate

"My favourite thing is playing with the dinosaurs." – Novah

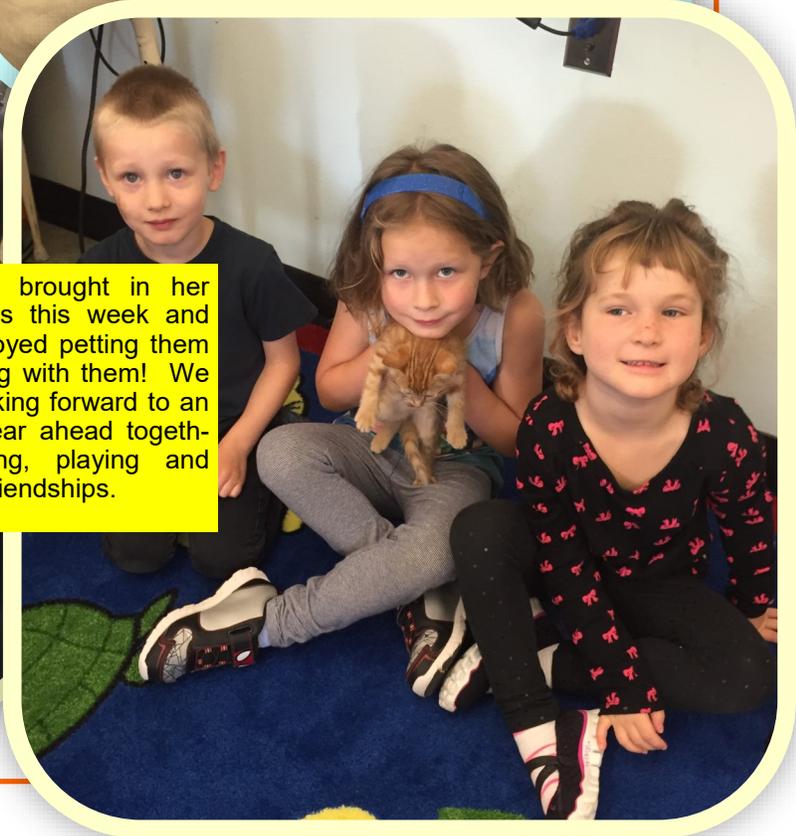
"My favourite things is Centres." – Cole

"I like drawing the best." – Alyssa

"We get to play with Tinker Toys!" – Lane



Mackenzie brought in her new kittens this week and we all enjoyed petting them and playing with them! We are all looking forward to an exciting year ahead together; learning, playing and fostering friendships.



THE TOWER GARDEN IN GRADE 1



Our Tower Garden has arrived! The Cooper family has been instrumental in acquiring funding for this exceptional project. It became a “family activity” when all the Coopers arrived to assemble the Tower Garden cooperatively in our Grade 1 classroom. The next morning, the students had many questions and speculations. It was proposed that it came from the science center, or maybe it’s for the science fair or it’s a s’more or cupcake maker. Curiosity led to flipping a switch and all stopped to listen to the “airy” sound. More suppositions poured forth! Students believed it was a smoke machine, a fresh air machine, a speaker, a music maker, a flower maker or could it be a time machine? Their inquisitiveness grew until we brought in the experts, Sophia and Alivia, who explained how the Tower Garden grew fresh food; fruits and vegetables free of pesticides. It is an aeroponic system with enhanced lighting for growing indoors during the winter months. Under the watchful eyes of our experts, we planted our seeds and we all look forward to germination when we can transplant our seedlings into our Time Machine!



GRADE 2'S BUCKETS OF POSITIVITY



Did you know that everyone has a bucket? It is an imaginary bucket and every time someone says kind words or does something nice for you, your bucket gets filled. On the other hand, your bucket gets drained when someone says or does something unkind. The Grade 2 classroom has a class bucket and are keeping track of bucket fillers! Already in September, the Grade 2 students have completely filled their classroom bucket! Some of the ways they have been bucket fillers are playing with others outside, saying kind words, helping each other, putting their things away, listening and following directions, and taking turns.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

We had our first council and society meetings September 26th and they went really well. We are excited to have Crystal Sproule join us as Vice Chair, Cindy Robinson as Treasurer and Rhonda Scharff as co-hot lunch coordinator.

Society was able to approve all funding requests and we are looking forward to the amazing field trips and events that the school is putting together for our students.

Online Hot Lunch orders for Oct 18 - Jan 17 are online. All orders and payments are due Oct 11th at 9:00 a.m. You can order @ indus.hotlunches.net

Our next council meeting is November 29, 2016 at 6:30pm. We will be approving the new bylaws at this meeting. Childcare will be provided. We hope to see you there!

HOT LUNCH

The online hot lunch ordering is now ready to take orders for Oct 18- Jan 17.

- Oct 18- Subway
- Nov 1 Corn Dogs and Mac & Cheese
- Nov 15- Amato Gelato
- Nov 29- Pancakes and Sausage
- Dec 13- Little Caesars pizza
- Jan 17- Chicken Nuggets and veggies

All orders **AND** payments are due October 11th @ 9:00am. **Paypal** payments are preferred.

To order go to indus.hotlunches.net

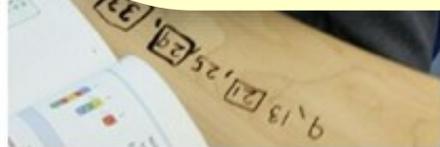
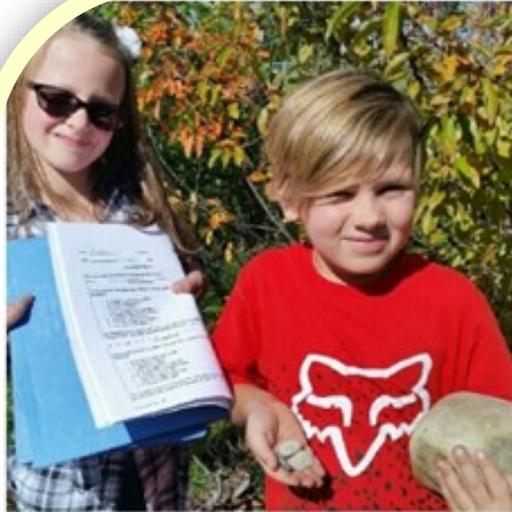
EVERYONE will have to register for a new account as all of last years information has been deleted. Click on "click here to register" and enter requested information.

Go to the Profile tab and add students and proceed to order! (If you are volunteering at the hot lunch feel free to order something for yourself too.)

If you have any questions or issues feel free to email us at indushotlunch@gmail.com or text/call 403-992-0217

GRADE 3 BRILLIANTES (BRILLIANT ONES)

The Grade 3 class had a swift yet spectacular September! After having a class scavenger hunt throughout the schoolyard, looking for rocks that met a specific criterion, we came back and had some fun sorting those rocks according to particular criteria. Can you guess some of our sorting strategies? We are now expanding our knowledge beyond large and small, rough/edgy and smooth and moving it on to learn about the properties of rocks and minerals. We are learning about colour, lustre, streak and hardness of rocks and minerals. In November, we will even go on a field trip to the Glenbow museum to practice with some amazing museum rocks!



We are now expanding our knowledge of patterns too! We started by showing we could make patterns with various materials in our classroom and expanded that knowledge by figuring out increasing and decreasing patterns. We learned about the importance of always having a pattern rule. Can you figure out what pattern rules we used in our pictures?



LEARNING COMMONS NEWS

We are all enjoying the new look of our Learning Commons space! If you haven't seen it yet, pop into the LC soon to see our new carpet, furniture, Wall-talker, shelves, and more!

Right from the first day of school, students ask me "When is Book Fair?" I love it! The Bookaneer Book Fair, where books are the treasure, will be October 17-20 and more details will be sent home soon.



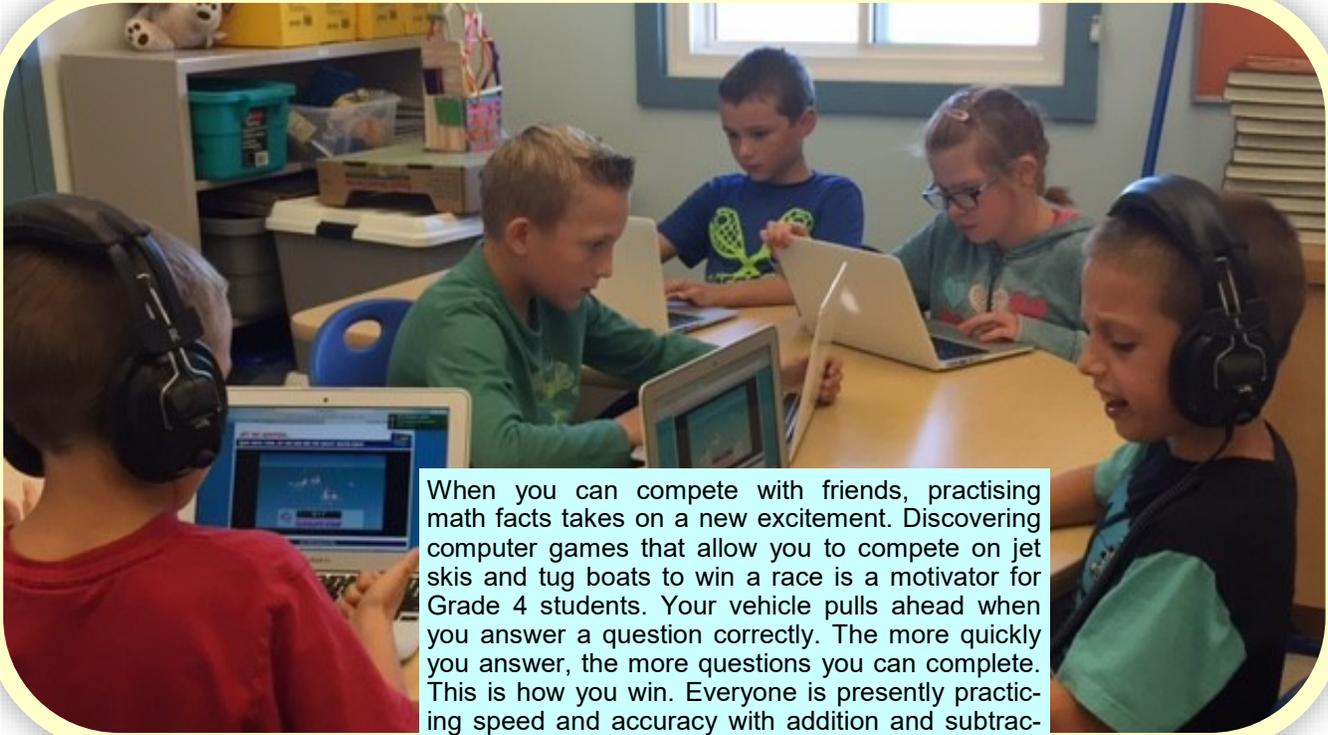
Sold Out!
Sorry, we have no more Admazing Coupon Books.
Thanks to everyone for their support.

BAND NOTES

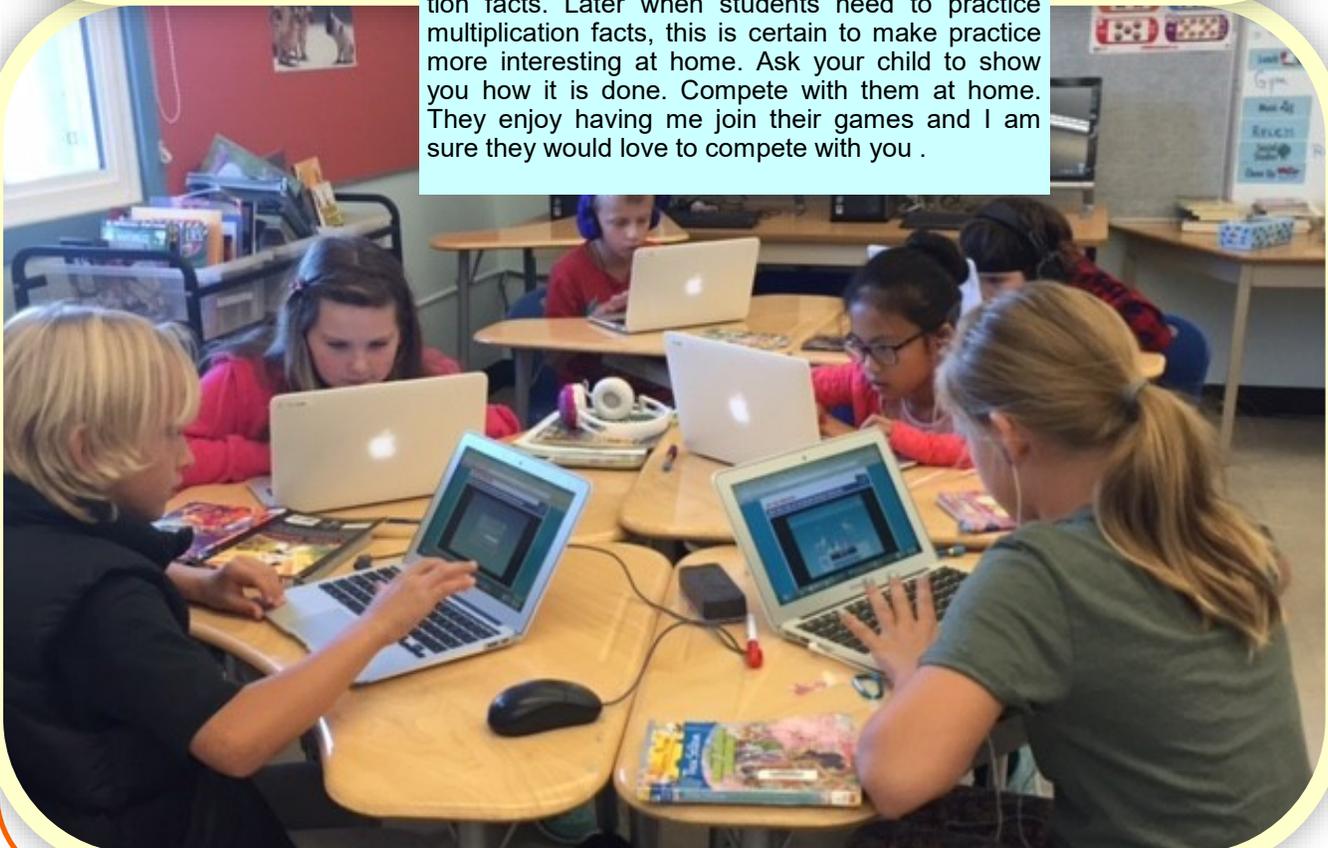


Junior and Senior Band are up and running! Students are remembering old skills and exploring new instruments. Junior Band is eagerly preparing to show off at our Beginner Band Concert on Thursday, October 25th at 7 pm, while Senior Band is working towards our Remembrance Day Assembly on Thursday, November 10th. We hope to see you there!

Small but mighty! Senior Band rehearsing for our performance of *O Canada* in the Remembrance Day Assembly.

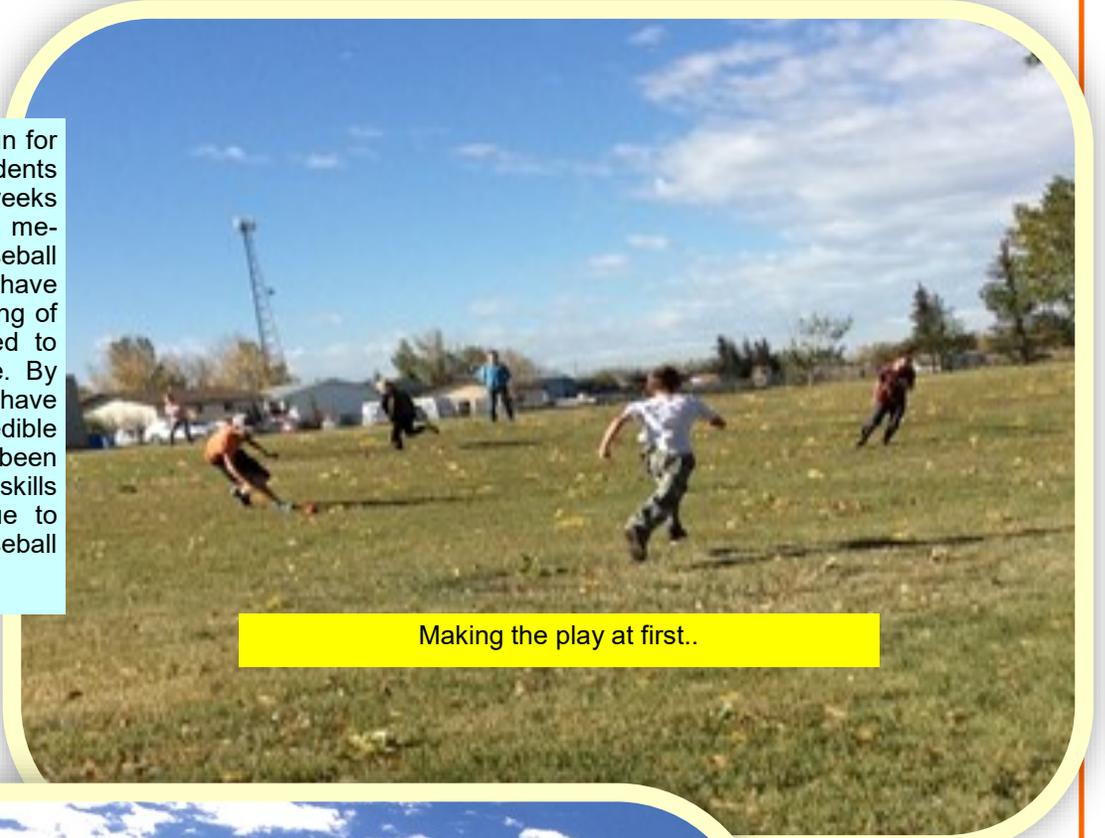
GRADE 4: RACING WITH MATH FACTS

When you can compete with friends, practising math facts takes on a new excitement. Discovering computer games that allow you to compete on jet skis and tug boats to win a race is a motivator for Grade 4 students. Your vehicle pulls ahead when you answer a question correctly. The more quickly you answer, the more questions you can complete. This is how you win. Everyone is presently practicing speed and accuracy with addition and subtraction facts. Later when students need to practice multiplication facts, this is certain to make practice more interesting at home. Ask your child to show you how it is done. Compete with them at home. They enjoy having me join their games and I am sure they would love to compete with you .



BATTER UP! GRADE 5 BASEBALL

Baseball season has begun for Grade 5 students. Students have spent the past few weeks learning about the proper mechanics for throwing a baseball and swinging a bat. They have developed an understanding of some of the rules needed to compete in a softball game. By combining these skills we have witnessed some incredible baseball games. It has been exciting watching their skills develop, as they continue to grow accustomed to a baseball diamond.

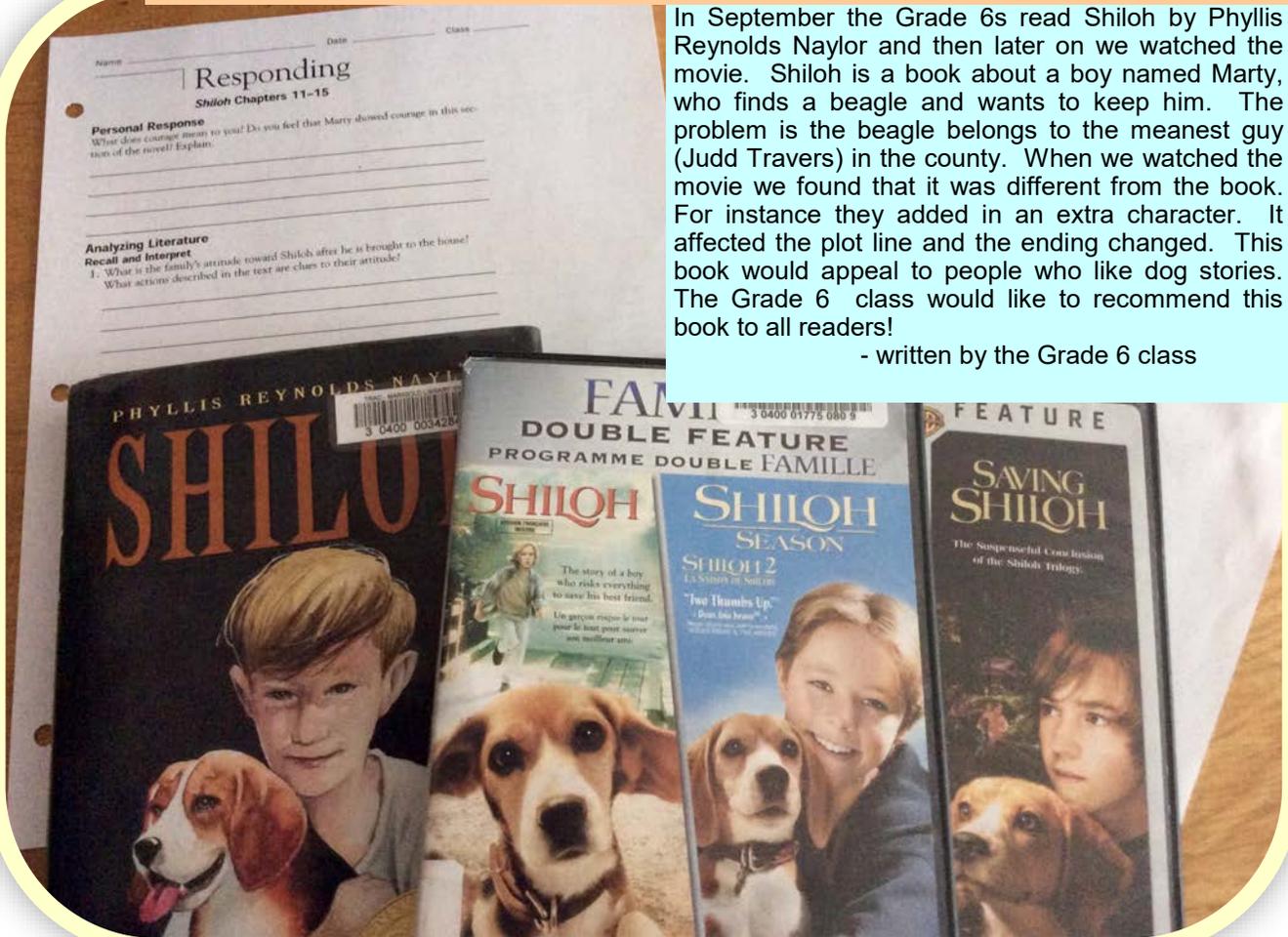


Making the play at first..



Fly-ball to third.

GRADE 6 NOVEL STUDY: "SHILOH"

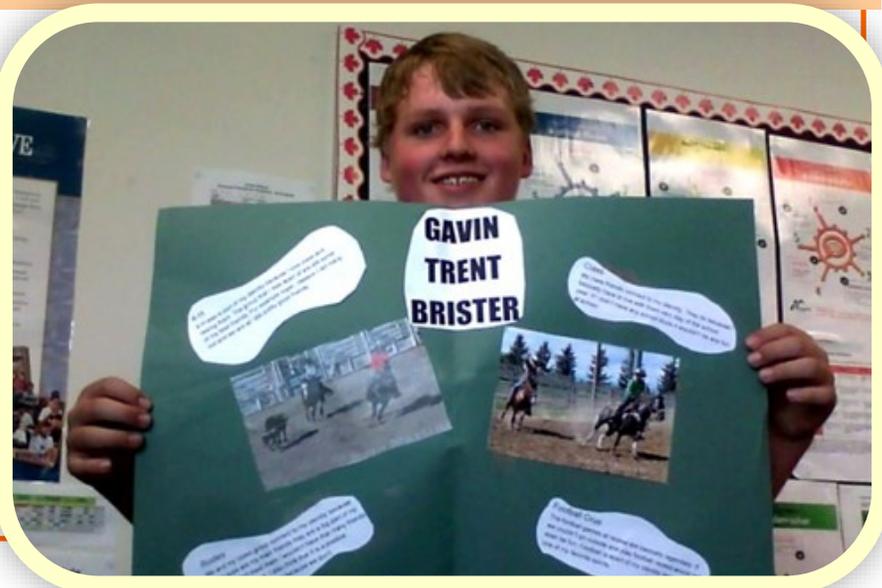


In September the Grade 6s read *Shiloh* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor and then later on we watched the movie. *Shiloh* is a book about a boy named Marty, who finds a beagle and wants to keep him. The problem is the beagle belongs to the meanest guy (Judd Travers) in the county. When we watched the movie we found that it was different from the book. For instance they added in an extra character. It affected the plot line and the ending changed. This book would appeal to people who like dog stories. The Grade 6 class would like to recommend this book to all readers!

- written by the Grade 6 class

GRADE 9: IDENTITY

In September the Grade 9s completed an identity project in Social Studies. The purpose of this was for students to recognize the collective groups they belong to, and how those groups contribute to their individual identity. The students showed off their diversity, and that they belong to a wide range of collective groups; from rodeo all the way to cultural religious groups. It was fantastic to see the students become engaged in this project, and for them to recognize the impact that the groups they belong to have on them as Canadian citizens.



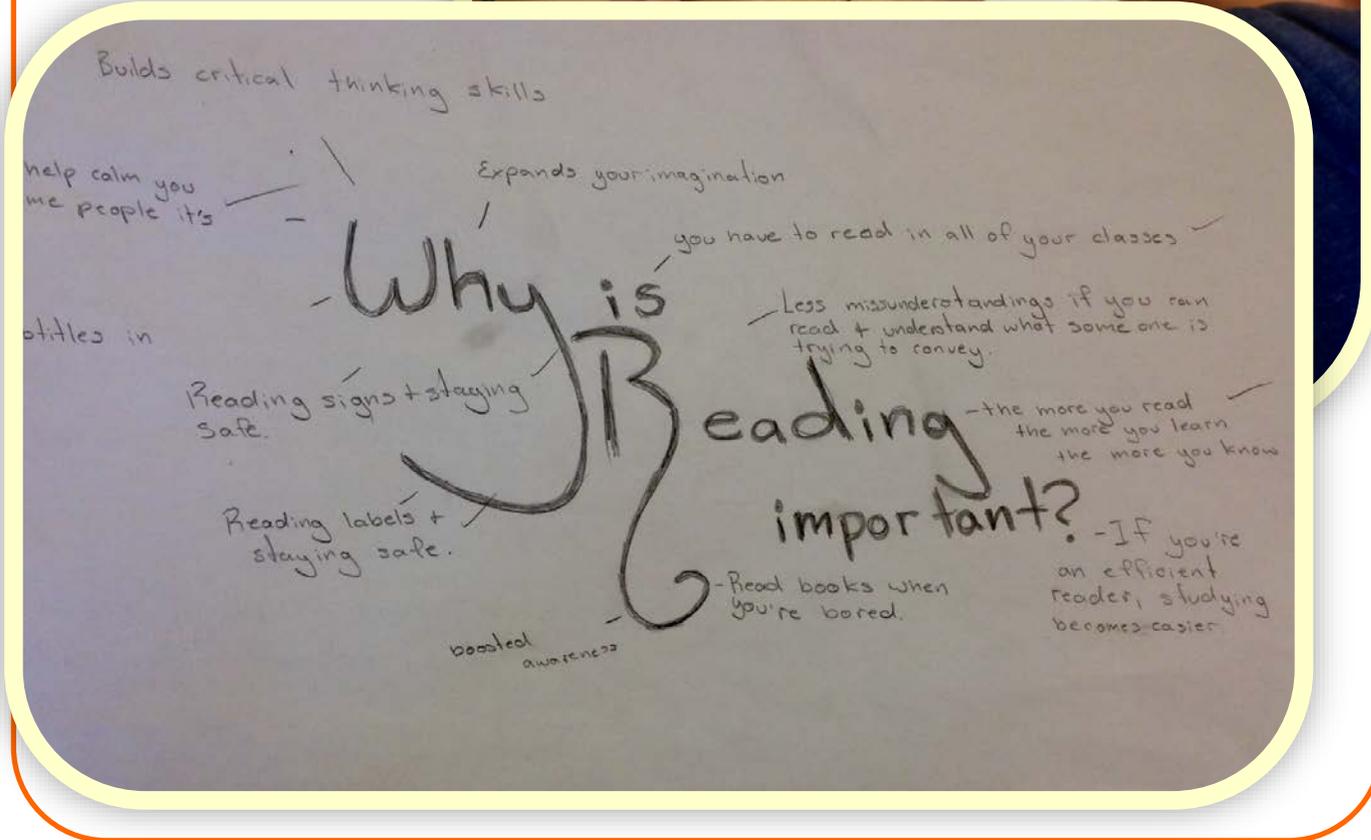
TERRY FOX RUN

Despite the gloomy weather, we had a fabulous day on September 22nd when everyone from Indus made the 4.2 km trek in support of Cancer research. Please submit your pledge forms and money collected in to the school by October 13th. Thank you for supporting this very worthwhile cause.



GRADES 7,8,9 ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

A great way to start off the year is to remind students why the subjects they study are important for their future success. In ELA 7, 8 and 9, students asked themselves why reading and writing are important. Their small groups came up with lengthy lists of all the ways that they use reading and writing in their lives now, along with many reasons why learning to be strong readers and skillful writers will improve their lives in the future. From keeping in touch with their friends on *Snapchat* to searching the web for the latest world news, students recognized that today's technology makes reading and writing skills more important than they have ever been.



EVERGREEN THEATRE



Students in Kindergarten through Grade 6 created wetland vignettes from idea to full costumed performance in one week, all with the guidance of three creative and energetic thespians with Evergreen Theatre. A packed audience for the lunch performance Friday really excited the kids.

Our thanks go out to the Alberta Foundation for the Arts and Indus School Council for their extensive financial support.