

Blair Blast

October 28, 2011

It does not seem possible that this is the last week of October. So many wonderful things have happened during this month.

First, a very heartfelt thank you is being sent to all parents and guardians who were mindful of the fact that the first three weeks of October are dedicated to assessments at Mont Vernon Village School. Students in second grade participated in a baseline assessment through NWEA which will serve to as one form of assessment for academic growth. In addition, students in grades 3-6 participated in the state assessment, NECAP. This heartfelt that is in regard to the thoughtful nature of our parents/guardians as they made every effort to schedule activities and appointments during times that we were not testing. By the end of our testing window, we had approximately ten students who were required to make up a session of the NECAP. You have no idea how much this support facilitated in the assessment process. THANK YOU!

During the last week of September and the month of October, the students at MVVS have participated in many enrichment activities. Artist in Residence, Beth Olshansky spent many hours with our students and staff in grades K-3. The focus was on using art to facilitate and enhance the writing process.

During the month of October, the students at MVVS experienced the skills of Joe G, a ventriloquist. A program inclusive of thirteen puppets focused on anti-bullying. The children also learned how to throw their voice, as well as, how a ventriloquist puppet works. In addition to the ventriloquist, we had a visit from Marty Kelley who is an artist and illustrator of children's books. Yesterday, the Ethic's Forum joined MVVS for a short presentation in the MPR and then joined the students for lunch, and recess. Each child went home with a pumpkin hand decorated by the Ethics Forum.

Of course, Monday is Halloween. Our school parade begins at 2 PM. Below is a list of clubs and supports that will be offered during the month of November and into the future.

Art Club

Our Art Club began October 20th with 30 students enrolled. Students have the opportunity to express themselves through art using found/reusable/natural elements found in the home and/or environment. Due to the popularity of this club we have had to close this session. Further opportunities will be presented.

Homework Help

This help is being offered to students in grades 3 thru 6 from 8:00 – 8:40 am on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from November 1st thru March 29th. This is for students who either did not understand their homework or for extenuating circumstances. *Only students who require homework support will be allowed to participate.*

Lego Club

This popular club started October 26th and meets monthly from 3-3:50 in the library. This club encourages the use of the library and pairs books with building blocks using creativity and collaboration.

Math Carnival Club

This club begins November 1st and continues every Tuesday until December 6th. Due to the overwhelming response, we will no longer be able to accept new students after Monday. Enrollment ends on Monday, October 31st at 9 AM. We will offer another opportunity at a later date for those who could not participate this session.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

These conferences are being held November 17th in the evening and November 18th in the afternoon. If you have not scheduled a conference with your child's teacher, please do so as soon as possible. We would like 100% participation!

Happy Haunting!

Upcoming Events:

November

- 11/1 -11/4 Bookfair in the library 9am–3:30 (Friday 9-10am)
- 11/1 PTA Family fun night of Science & Games in library 6-8pm
- 11/4 PTA Movie Night – Cars 2 at 7pm
- 11/8 Late Start school begins at 10:40
- 11/10 MVVS board meeting
- 11/11 Veteran's Day No school
- 11/17 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 11/18 Parent/Teacher Conferences (early release)
- 11/23- 11/25 Thanksgiving Recess

December

- 12/6 Late Start school begins at 10:40
- 12/8 MVVS board meeting
- 12/12 Report cards go home
- 12/19 Kindergarten Play 6pm
- 12/20 Kindergarten Play snow date
- 12/21 Band/chorus night & day
- 12/22 Band/chorus snow date
- 12/23-1/2 Holiday Recess