

October, 2025 - Division 1 Newsletter

Mrs Brulotte - Kindergarten

Dear Families,

It's hard to believe that September has passed us by already! The children are starting to settle in more and are becoming more familiar and comfortable with our classroom routines, new school expectations, and their peers. The days are very long for many of the children and it is still a transitional time for them. I am working hard to ensure that coming to school is a fun and positive learning experience for each child.

During October, Ms Hanlon our school counsellor will be working through a program with our class called *We Thinkers*. It focuses on social emotional learning and teaches things such as whole body listening, respecting personal space, thinking of others, following "the group plan" and more. Learning and practicing these skills will help to promote a positive learning environment and help us to create a strong sense of classroom community.

Parent Communication

Thank you to those who were able to attend our recent Open House! If you did not attend or did not sign up for a parent-teacher conference time, I will be contacting you soon to schedule a time. You are always welcome to send messages or ask questions via the Back & Forth Bag. *It is important that Back & Forth Bags come to school each day.*

I can also be contacted by email and encourage you to reach out should you have questions or concerns about your child or classroom happenings at any time. I will do my best to keep our class website updated and will try to include weekly photos from our classroom.

Most children now have an established after school routine. If it differs from usual, please send a note. If your child's routine changes regularly, I can continue to send home weekly transportation sheets so that there is no confusion about after school arrangements.

Student learning will be communicated with you regularly and I look forward to meeting with all parents later in the month on October 21st/22nd so that we can touch base to discuss your child's Kindergarten transition and progress so far. Please watch for more details regarding this.

Library

Our class library day is each *Tuesday*. Books should be returned *in their library bag* each Monday or Tuesday so that new ones can be signed out.

Terry Fox Run

Our class recently learned about Terry Fox. We proudly participated in the school Terry Fox Run in the field (doing a smaller circuit).

Jolly Phonics & Home Reading

Our *Jolly Phonics* literacy program will soon be up and running. As we learn letters and sounds, we will also work on blending sounds together to read simple phonetic words. You are encouraged to practice regularly with your child at home. Further details and direction will come home soon!

Little books will also come home regularly for reading practice and should be stored in the *Reading Treasure Boxes* (which you have hopefully started/planned on making with your child). Finger tracking (touching below the words) is encouraged, even if your child has simply memorized the text. Children are often very proud to share that they can "read" to someone at home!

It is always exciting to share the *Reading Treasure Box* creations. **Please help your child to complete this project and remember to send boxes to school to share anytime during the week of October 6th.** They will be returned home again once shared.

Clothing Reminders

Just a reminder that the children have outside time daily and need to come dressed appropriately for whatever the weather. All clothing items (jackets, boots etc) that your child brings to school should be labeled with your child's name. Your child should also have a full spare set of clothing, especially socks, in a name-labelled bag to keep at school.

I hope you're able to take time to check out our classroom website at <https://sites.google.com/view/mrs-brulotte/home>, if you haven't already.

We have a busy and exciting October planned!
Please help your child to stay well-rested.

Harvest Smiles,

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