

November Newsletter

Wednesday November 1, 2023

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Moberly Elementary School

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Principal's Message:

Hello Moberly School Community! What an exciting month October has been for the whole school community. Children are settled into their classroom routines, and they are clearly active, engaged learners. Families have had a chance to share progress and plan goals through Meet the Teacher Night, Goal Setting Conferences, IEP Meetings, and informal conversations. Student success has been at the heart of all these connections. In Communicating Student Learning teachers will be giving you information to help students AND parents answer 3 questions about the learning:

Where is the student now?

Where are they going?

How do they get there?

The first formal written report is coming home on December 1st.

Physical Activity and athleticism continue to play a strong role at Moberly. A big thank you to Mr. Sapic and Ms. Harcus who are leading the way in gym class. The Terry Fox Run was an exhilarating experience as we watched students, staff, and parents complete lap after lap around Moberly Park. Volleyball season starts this week with our Sr. Girls forming 3 teams for league play. Thank you to parent coach, Ms. Carlson and teacher sponsors, Ms. Rantamaa and Ms. Arnold!

Please help remind our students to....

Be kind, courteous, and respectful all the time!"

Have a Great November



Important Dates

October 31

Halloween and School Costume Parade

November 10

Remembrance Day Assembly (Parents Welcome) 11:00 am

November 13

No School (Remembrance Day)

November 10

Burger Day

November 23

Pizza Day

November 23 (evening)

Moberly Parent Meeting in the library time TBD – Principal to share New Report Card Information

More Important News

Parents Visiting the School

All school visitors must report to the office and sign in for a visitor's identification badge.

Please do not "drop in" to visit classrooms or meet with teachers without making an appointment.

School Fees (payable online)

General School Fees (\$35.00)

Agenda Book (\$8.00)

Jump Math Workbook (\$15.00)

School-Wide Performances (\$15.00)

Student Drop Off and Pick-Up:

Thank you for **not** using the staff parking lot to pick up and drop off your children as this can be very dangerous. Remember to always choose safety over convenience. Also, you might want to consider parking far from the school and walking to and from the car; the extra walk for you and your children can be a nice opportunity to catch up on the school day. It's healthier too!

Reminder: your child needs to be picked up from school on time. Dismissal is 3:03pm. Anyone who remains on school grounds after dismissal must be *actively supervised* by a family member. Thank you.

Absence From School



SAFE ARRIVAL

Please report your child's absence **PRIOR** to 9:00 am:

CALL: (604) 713-5159
Extension: 56

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Parent Committee

November 6 & 7 – Family Photo Day

Nov 10 – Burger Day

Nov 23 – Pizza Day

Nov 23 – Moberly Parent Meeting

Nov 26 – Purdy's Order Deadline

Nov 30 – Moberly Community Information Session

Clothing Room - Do you have clean, gently used shoes, boots, warm winter clothes and winter/rain jackets that you are looking to give away? For any questions, please email Jocelyn at vicechairmoberly@gmail.com.

Halloween - A huge THANK YOU to our Moberly families who helped make our Halloween Fair a success. Whether it was through donations, volunteering or showing up to enjoy and purchase items – we are extremely grateful. Nothing is possible without our school community!

We will be hosting our first parent meeting of the year on Thursday November 23 at 6:30pm in the Moberly Library. This is your time to connect with us with your questions, get more information on our upcoming events, volunteer opportunities and get a school update from the principal. Please join us!

News From the Community

VCH When Should I Keep My Sick Child Home from School

Things to consider if your child feels unwell:

- The wellbeing of your child. Without proper rest, a child may have a hard time fighting illness or be at risk for other illnesses.
- The ability of your child to actively take part and learn at school.
- The school staff cannot care for a sick child and give them the support that they may need.
- The protection of other children

Please keep your child home if they:

- Have a fever.
- Are too sick to take part in normal school activities.
- Have a suspected or known communicable disease (i.e., strep throat, chicken pox, measles).
- Is vomiting or has diarrhea. It is recommended that students be symptom free at least 24 hours before returning to school.

Keep your child home until they can participate fully in normal school activities or as told by a health care provider.

Please let the school know your child's symptoms as per the school's callback procedures.

If the school finds it necessary to send your child home because of illness, please make sure you have arranged an emergency contact if you're not available. Inform your school of these arrangements.

New Government Reporting Order for 2023/2024

Not Report Cards but rather Learning Updates

1) The Purpose of Assessment – to facilitate learning and move it forward in an equitable way. It should help to answer the questions: Where am I now? Where am I going? How do I get there?

2) We are guided by the same ideas found in the First People's Principles of Learning - Learning is holistic, reflexive, reflective, experiential, and relational. Learning involves generational roles and responsibilities.

3) The Provincial Proficiency scale (Now reduced to only 4 areas!)

The Provincial Proficiency Scale	EMERGING	DEVELOPING	PROFICIENT	EXTENDING
	The student demonstrates an initial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a partial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a complete understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a sophisticated understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.

***Everyone has a place on the scale but Proficient is the goal for all students.**

4) How we Assess - Learning is continuous. Averaging marks over a term, semester, or year does not provide an accurate picture of student learning. Learning demonstrated close to the communication of student learning will be the most reflective of student proficiency and should be used as the strongest evidence of learning when deciding on a letter grade and percentage. Assessment should be based on the learning standards alone. Attendance and behavior should not factor into where students land on the proficiency scale.

5) New Possible Mark "IE" – Insufficient Evidence of learning is only used when a student arrives late in the term or is away for an extended period.

6) The Timeline - Teachers will provide feedback on each subject taught in 3 written reports that will be sent home and there will also be 2 in-person conferences offered. For conferences, teachers may decide to conduct goal setting conferences, student-led conferences, or parent teacher conferences. All students will create goals for the year and complete Core Competency Self Assessments three times per year.

Highlights of the Past Month

Our Journey Towards Truth and Reconciliation

“The Fisherman”



On Thursday October 19, 2023 the carving featured here was unveiled and presented to the Newcomer Welcome Center. The NWC is connected to Moberly Elementary (we share the same building). Some of our students were invited to participate in the unveiling and gifting ceremony. It was a heart warming and phenomenal learning experience for our students who took part in the ceremony. Jacy Alexander (boy with grey hat) is shown below having a conversation and asking questions to the carver and the elders.



Friday Sports Days @ Moberly Park

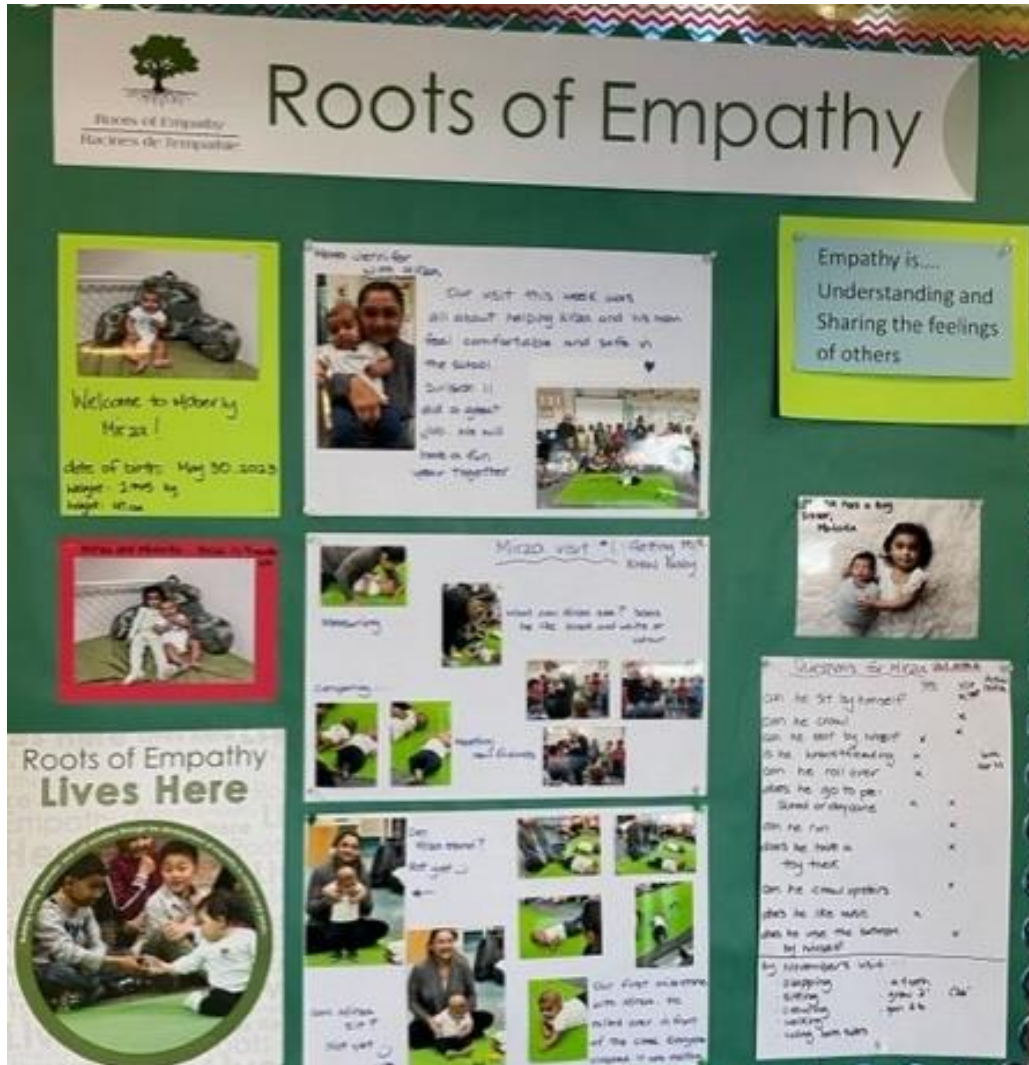
The Friday Sports Days continue and so does the fantastic weather. Pictured below are the coaches that are working with our children: From Left to Right we have Nick, Sharham, Paul, Jessie, Anja, and Alistair. Students have been learning the basics of soccer, tennis, and flag football. As the weather starts to change, we will be moving the games inside to the small gym. If it's nice this Friday, please come by the field to see the action live.



The Roots of Empathy Elementary School Program

Ms. Wong's Division 11 class is hosting the Roots of Empathy baby this year...

BC was one of the first provinces to embrace Roots of Empathy programs for elementary school children and BC co-piloted the Seeds of Empathy program for children 3-5 years old in childcare centres.



BC was one of the first regions to do research on Roots of Empathy. Dr. Kimberly Schonert-Reichl of the University of British Columbia and Director of the Human Early Learning Partnership measured the efficacy of Roots of Empathy as a social emotional learning (SEL) program and found that teachers considered students in Roots of Empathy classrooms to be less aggressive and that students were more likely to say their peers exhibited pro social behaviors.

THANK YOU TO MS. KAREN PARISOTTO FOR BRINGING THE PROGRAM TO US!

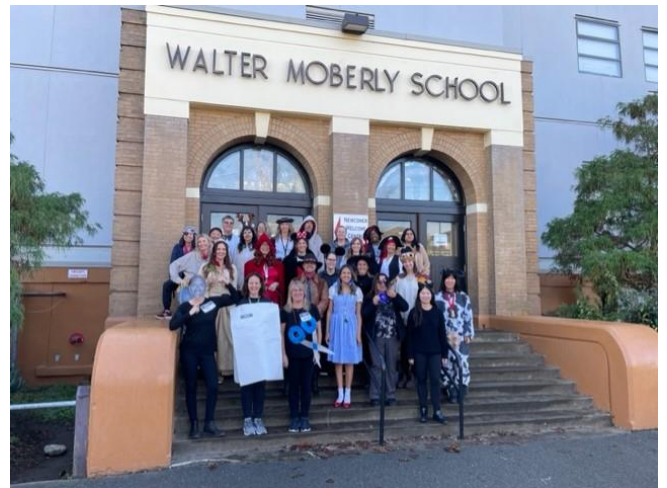
Happy Halloween at Moberly Elementary

The PAC Event last Friday was a tremendous success. Thank you for supporting the school community! Parents and students had a great time in the big gym, outside in the inflatable haunted house, and of course, enjoyed delicious treats at the concession stand!



(LEFT) A Big shout out to all the Grade 1 teachers: Ms. Pocrnic, Ms. Sauder, Ms. Mach, and Ms. Chee for teaching the kids the Thriller Dance. Well Done Grade 1s!

Amazing school spirit shown by all the staff at Moberly who dressed up in creative costumes. First Prize went to Ms. Elliott, Ms. Becker and Ms. Scott who dressed as "Rock, Paper, Scissors".



Students also claimed their best dressed prizes in the office!

COMING TO MOBERLY THIS NOVEMBER

Jess Dance – Since 1998 We have been committed to empowering and inspiring our next generation through dance experiences that develop self worth, self expression, and connection to one's body and each other!

We are proud to be healthy role models that support students in more than just physical learning.



Jess Dance, Education Beyond The Body!

Jess Dance is a team of passionate dance educators dedicated to reaching all communities in BC for meaningful and impactful week-long dance programs within elementary and secondary schools!

The Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada (CPA Canada) has a [Financial Literacy program](#) that delivers unbiased financial literacy education for all people of Canada. We have created over 50 sessions that are available both in-person and virtually.

These sessions are conducted by CPA volunteers across the country and continue to be offered at no cost. They typically last about an hour, including a 15-minute Q&A with a Chartered Professional Accountant



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