

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God”

~ Matthew 5:9

This week we recognized a number of important events as we better learn and understand the Treaty system in Ontario and our call as settlers on this land to honour and respect our Indigenous Brothers and Sisters, and promises made to them. We also recognized that this week brought us Remembrance Day. Now more than ever it's important that we remember that people bravely fought and gave up their lives so that democracy and freedom could be enjoyed by all. A big thank you to Mr. Adams, our Cadets and a variety of our Bulldog classes who sang, presented and honoured those who sacrificed so much for us.

I also want to thank all the families who introduced themselves to me this week. I know there is a long way for me to go, but I was overwhelmed with the joy, compassion and love that I witnessed. Thank you for being an amazing partner in your child's education.

Important Reminders:

- Sunday, November 13th is World Kindness Day.
- Spirit Day – Twin Day November 16th
- Pizza Day – November 17th
- The week of November 21-25 is Bullying Prevention.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

“We know that parents have an important role to play in supporting student learning. Studies show that students perform better in school if their parents or guardians are involved in their education. This is the basis for the principle that students and parents should be kept fully informed about the student's progress.” ~ Growing Success, page 8.

Thank you to the families who called, met online or came in on Thursday and or Friday to meet with your child's teacher. Although there were many who attended, we continue to be curious about what we can do as a school community to ensure that ALL families feel welcomed under our St. Basil's

tent. Please don't hesitate to let us know if there is something we can do to ensure that you feel like a part of our family.

Police Checks:

We will have many opportunities for our families to participate in activities at school soon. Please complete your Police Check now as most are taking a minimum of 30 days to complete. Please contact the office to verify if your original Police Check is still valid or to obtain a letter to get your Police Check done.

Christmas is Coming: Save the Date

We are excited to return to past practices of hosting Christmas events in the school. Lots more information will be forthcoming over the next few weeks!

Have Blessed and safe weekend!

I believe in us!

Mr. Joe Atanas

Pray, Hope and Don't Worry~ Padre Pio