



NEWS FROM ROBERT MOORE SCHOOL



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“Together, we empower all students to believe in themselves, to achieve, and to dream.”

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From the Office:

November is upon us!! It'll be interesting to see what happens, weather wise, considering our early brush with winter at the end of October! Because we never know what Mother Nature is going to throw at us weatherwise, please ensure that your child comes to school properly dressed for the outdoors. Layers are a great idea! Students are expected to go outside unless we have to implement our inclement weather policies.

Not even the snow can dampen the students' enthusiasm towards Halloween. Our Student Council has been hard at work preparing a batch of Halloween activities for each classroom to participate in and enjoy. They are a very enthusiastic bunch of students who are very keen on providing engaging, fun and learning-filled activities for our student body.

Our grade 7 and 8 volleyball teams are up and running and will be participating in a tournament on November 4th in Atikokan. The sweet sound of music can be heard in the atrium as our grade 7 and 8 bands have been hard at work practicing and learning their instruments. We have had many students take the initiative to start their own clubs! They've chosen what they'd like to do, secured adult supervision, rounded up interested students and are off and running with their clubs. The dance club has been practicing regularly and we look forward to a performance!

Report cards will be sent home on November 14th. In addition to your child's report card, you will find information about your appointment time for Parent/Teacher night on November 16th. Please return it to your child's teacher on the 15th. We look forward to meeting with you, celebrating your child's progress and working with you to support your child's learning both at school and at home. As always, Mr. Beckett and I look forward to talking with parents/caregivers. Please don't hesitate to call us with concerns, questions or ideas. Positive, healthy partnerships between school and home are integral in supporting students in their academic, social and emotional growth and needs. Our doors are always open and we look forward to talking with you.

Mrs. Kowalski and Mr. Beckett



School Council Meeting:

The next School Council meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 28th at 6:00 pm.** Meetings run from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. Free childcare is available.

Orange Shirt Day:

Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of the St. Joseph Mission residential school commemoration event held in Williams Lake in the spring of 2013. It grew out of Phyllis's account of losing her shiny new orange shirt on her first day of school at the Mission, and it has become an opportunity to keep the discussion on all aspects of residential schools happening annually.

The date (September 30) was chosen because children are back in school and teachers have the time to plan, and because it is an opportunity to set the stage for anti-racism and anti-bullying policies for the year. Orange Shirt Day is also an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and community agencies to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come. Robert Moore School recognized Orange Shirt Day on September 27th.



Remembrance Day:

We will be holding a Remembrance Day ceremony at the school on November 10th beginning at 10:00. The Legion will be participating in our ceremony. Teachers will be handing out poppies the same morning. Please send a donation with your child and it will be accepted on behalf of the Royal Canadian Legion.

November's Character Trait - Courage:

I will stand up for my beliefs and principles and face challenges, fear and difficulty with fortitude.

What is Courage?

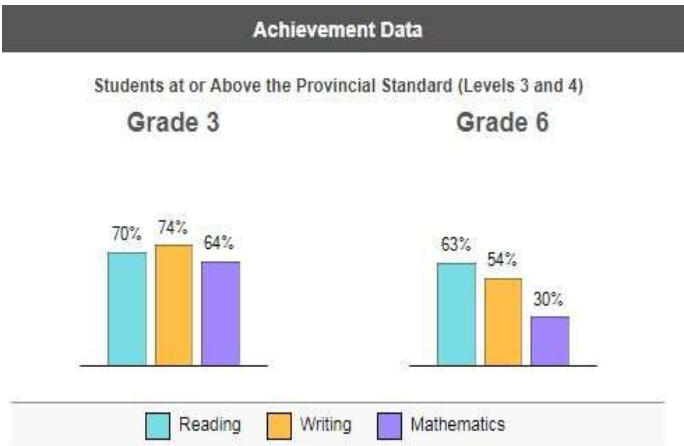
Courage is demonstrated by people who stand up for what they believe in their heart to be the right thing to do, even when others don't support them and might try to convince them that they are wrong.



The Terry Fox Run was held on Thursday September 28th. Our entire school walked to support the Terry Fox Foundation. As a school we raised \$1,036.80 to support cancer research. Great job Mustangs!

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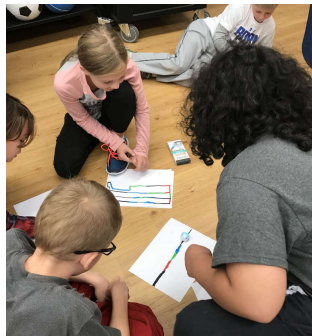
This graph indicates how our grade 3 and 6 students are meeting the provincial standards in reading, writing and mathematics. Overall, our grade 3 students are achieving slightly above the Board in all areas and our grade 6 students are achieving below the Board in all areas. The EQAO results, along with school based assessments, inform our School Learning Plan which provides a focus for teaching and learning. The School Learning Plan can be found on our school web page. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B3ZtJgVBIL3cEVxR3NUM09YYjQ/view>



Grade 4 News:

The grade 4 classes have been coding or programming mini robots called Ozobots. Students have used block codes to get the ozobots to follow the codes they created. Coding options include having the Ozobots follow a path, turn right or left, pause for 3 seconds, move at turbo speed, jump lines, and change directions. Students found they had to debug their coding after thinking/reflecting about reasons the Ozobot did not do what they thought they had asked it to do.

Students changed their coding, sometimes having to make their paths either narrower or wider, some built new pathways and started over several times. We were all excited when students successfully debugged their coding. Students also tried their hands at making costumes for the Ozobots. We have a Wonder Wall where we can write down things we are curious about, or would like to try to make.



The students in Ms. Haugo's grade 4 class are shown above coding their Ozobots.

Cross Country:

Congratulations to all of the Cross Country Runners. Robert Moore was represented well. Thank you for showing good sportsmanship throughout the day. A special congratulations to the students who placed in the top 13.

Grade 4 Girls - Rachel(7th), Whitney(10th)

Grade 4 Boys - Parker(1st) Way to go Parker!, Tarran(4th), and Aiden(8th).

Grade 5 Girls - Harper(4th)

Grade 5 Boys - Saul(12th) and Corson(13th)

Grade 6 Boys - Bo(5th), Hayden(6th), Teagan(7th), Jack(9th), Riley(10th), Evan(12th) and Carter(13th).

Grade 6 girls - Natalie(4th)

Grade 7 Boys - Kade Evan(2nd)

Grade 8 Boys - Josh(4th) and Corbin(7th)



Parker - 1st Place



Kade-Evan - 2nd Place

Fall Harvest:

The Grade 5 students at Robert Moore attended Fall Harvest. Students were fortunate to hear stories from Laura Horton, an Elder, who taught them about different plants found in our area and how they are used. They sat on moose, elk, and buffalo hide rugs. Students also made bannock on a stick and watched Mrs. Jones prepare a deer carcass for smoking. Another group of women showed students how to make bear grease and said it could be used for healing purposes. One of the best parts was eating popped wild rice.



Cheers from Grade 4:

- I like to play 4 squares and the new ball wall. I also like the hill because sometimes I like to just sit with my friends and talk.
- I like the zip line, I like the climbing wall and I play games on the equipment with my friends."
- I like playing on the hill, we roll and hide behind the hill. I like playing on the blue equipment, it is fun to climb.
- I felt happy when they built new equipment because I like the zip line. The big equipment is fun to because it tests me.

The grade 4's in Ms. Pagnotta's class made apple sauce as part of their Procedural Writing Assignment.



Bullying Prevention Plan:

A committee of staff members, parents and community partners met earlier this month to review and complete our school's Bullying Intervention and Prevention Plan. The plan outlines the supports and programs available and what staff, parents, students and the community can do to help prevent and address bullying. You will find a link to the plan on our website.

<http://rms.rdsb.com/sites/rms.rdsb.com/files/rms%20bp%20october%202017%202.pdf>

Important Dates For 2017-2018

Nov 10	Remembrance Day Ceremony
Nov 14	Progress Reports Go Home
Nov 16	Parent/Teacher Night
Nov 20-24	Bullying Prevention Week
Nov 27	PD Day - No school
Nov 28	School Council Meeting-6:00pm
Dec 25-Jan 5	Christmas Break
Feb 16	Report Cards Go Home
Feb 19	Family Day (No School)