



Dear Stave Falls Families,

It's hard to believe that we are at the end of October already ... next thing you know it will be Christmas! And to be sure that the seasons are on the cusp of change, even if it seems early, here's some ice we found on the field this week to confirm that!



We are pleased that the formal announcement for the playground was made by the Ministry this month and we are looking forward to getting started “on the ground” as soon as the contract is confirmed. Meanwhile we have had the opportunity to have an outdoor shelter installed with an amazing white board – encased in a cedar frame as made by SD75 carpenters! It looks (and smells) beautiful! We will be utilizing this space as another perfect outdoor learning classroom!

Covid Update – We continue to follow the PHO guidelines and thank the families for helping us follow the protocols and keep everyone safe! Thank you again to all visitors and parents for following our site-specific health and safety protocols. We do require that all visitors wear a mask and follow guidelines as outlined on the website.

October Highlights & Reflections

- Staff enjoyed a *Lunch and Learn session* this month with *District Mentor Math Teacher – Rebekah Stenner* – we are pleased that Stave Falls will be one of two schools that will be working with Ms. Stenner on a pilot project entitled Joyful Math!
- Students participated in our very own Stave Falls Pumpkin Patch organized by PAC on Thursday October 29<sup>th</sup> – Check out Twitter for more photos and the website for a collection.



- The Food Drive was a huge success with families donating over 200 items. We are very proud of our community contributions and know that many families will appreciate receiving this kindness!



- Students participated in a Halloween Parade today. Check out the video on the website!

And don't forget Trunk or Treat Halloween Night in the Parking Lot at Stave Falls Elementary





Upcoming Events – What’s Happening

- Sat. Oct. 31 Trunk or Treat – Stave Falls Elementary Parking Lot 5:30-7:30PM
- Mon. Nov. 6 Photo Retake Day
- Kwantlen Elders – Blessing of Cedar Log & Drumming Ceremony
- Tues. Nov. 10 Remembrance Day Assembly by Zoom – the presentation will be on the school website on November 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Wed. Nov. 11 Remembrance Day – No School
- Fri. Nov. 20 Half Day – Students Dismissed at 10:45AM
- Mon. Nov 30 Report Cards Sent Home

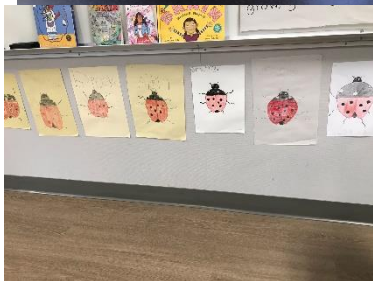
Teacher’s Gallery Corner

Div 1 - Ms. Angotti’s class found a snake while exploring. While exploring they collected things to do leaf art.



Div 2 – Ms. Glasgow’s Halloween Pumpkin

Ms. Glasgow’s class is also working hard on daily positive affirmations and learning about success criteria and learning intentions. These things are first steps in teaching our students how to be metacognitive learners – thinking about their thinking! ... not to mention honing artistic and observer skills – whether it be drawing ladybugs or finding bear tracks!



**Cheryl Glasgow** @CherylGlasgow · Oct 26  
The students found signs of a bear @SFNatureschool Excitement that created a discussion on bear movements in the forest. #outdoorlearning #SD75



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Division 3 - Mrs. Pruim's class

Ms. Pruim's class has been getting into a number of routines (especially hand washing!) and have been working on beginning literacy skills and writing and responding in their journals when they are in the forest. Students have made rattles and walking sticks and have been very busy with lots of fall crafts as well as learning Halquemeylem with Pipte... and they love the library!

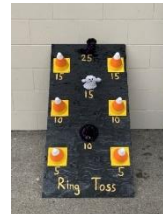


Division 4 – Ms. Gregson's Kindergarteners are always busy outside. Here is a math activity working on patterning ! and they continue to explore their outdoor classroom daily with their own stream!



More Halloween Celebrations

We would like to thank our PAC for arranging a Pumpkin Patch for the students of Stave Falls this year.



Today at recess students enjoyed a visit from Safety Bear and Constable Robinson to discuss safety on Halloween!





PAC CORNER



New PAC members were elected on September 29, 2020 at the online AGM –  
**President:** Joelle Reynolds, **Vice President:** Katherine Russell, **Treasurer:** Nicole Hande, **Secretary:** Maren Ross, **DPAC Representatives:** Kristi Strell and Kira Hollingsworth, **Members at Large:** Kristi Strell, Kira Hollingsworth and Erica Coatta

OTHER Community Events

POPARD is pleased to announce the following FREE Family School Liaison Workshops that will be offered virtually, via Zoom:

- **Understanding the Individual Education Plan and Process:** Nov 3 (330-430pm) or Nov 5 (12-1pm)
- **Self-Regulation for Students in the Home, School, and Community:** Nov 10 (330-430pm) or Nov 12 (12-1pm)
- **Executive Functioning for Students in the Home, School and Community:** Nov 17 (330-430pm) or Nov 19 (12-1pm)
- **Inclusive Education: Knowing the School System and Options for Advocacy:** Nov 24 (330-430pm) or Nov 26 (12-1pm)
- **Supporting Families with Navigating Mental Health Services in BC for Children/Youth with ASD:** Dec 1 (330-430pm) or Dec 3 (12-1pm)
- **Social Skills for Students in the Home, School and Community:** Dec 8 (330-430pm) or Dec 10 (12-1pm)

These **FREE** 1-hour workshops are intended for parents/families of students who are on the Autism spectrum, however educators and other professionals may attend.

Workshop descriptions can be found here: <https://autismoutreach.ca/services/family-school-liaison/> (scroll down the page to view workshop descriptions).

Registration links for these workshops (and all POPARD training) are on this page of the POPARD website: <https://autismoutreach.ca/upcoming-training-dates/>.



Have a wonderful weekend and welcome November and Fall Back and get an extra hour of sleep!

*Elena Di Giovanni*

