CLIFTON SCHOOL

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"Where the Eagles Soar"

NOVEMBER 2026 at Clifton School



November brings many opportunities for learning, reflection, and connection. We look forward to welcoming families into our school for **Parent-Teacher Conferences.** These conversations provide an important opportunity to celebrate student growth, discuss next steps, and strengthen the partnership between home and school that helps every child succeed. We encourage all families to attend and take part in these valuable conversations about their child's learning.

This year, we are introducing our **SPARK Learners** framework, which highlights the learning habits we hope to nurture in every Clifton student. SPARK Learners:

S - Stay Engaged
P - Participate Actively
A - Ask Questions
R - Reflect on Your Thinking
K - Keep Trying

Throughout the year, students will explore what these habits look like in their learning, their relationships, and their contributions to our school community.

As we prepare for our annual **Remembrance Day Service**, we have a meaningful opportunity to focus on what it means to be a SPARK Learner. Remembrance Day holds special significance in our community because of our connection to Valour Road and the story of the Pine Street Boys. Their courage, sacrifice, and dedication to others serve as a powerful reminder that the actions of individuals can have a lasting impact on their community and beyond. Remembrance Day encourages students to stay engaged with important stories from our nation's past, ask questions about the experiences of those who served, and reflect on their thinking as they consider the impact of courage and sacrifice. It also invites us to participate actively in our community by showing gratitude, respect, and care for others.

As students learn about the sacrifices made by others, they are encouraged to consider how they can make a positive difference through kindness, service, and everyday acts of generosity. These small actions help build the caring and connected community we value at Clifton School.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to welcoming families to our Parent-Teacher Conferences and Remembrance Day Service as we learn, reflect, and grow together as a community.

Lest we forget.

Susan Drysdale
Principal
Clifton School

WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

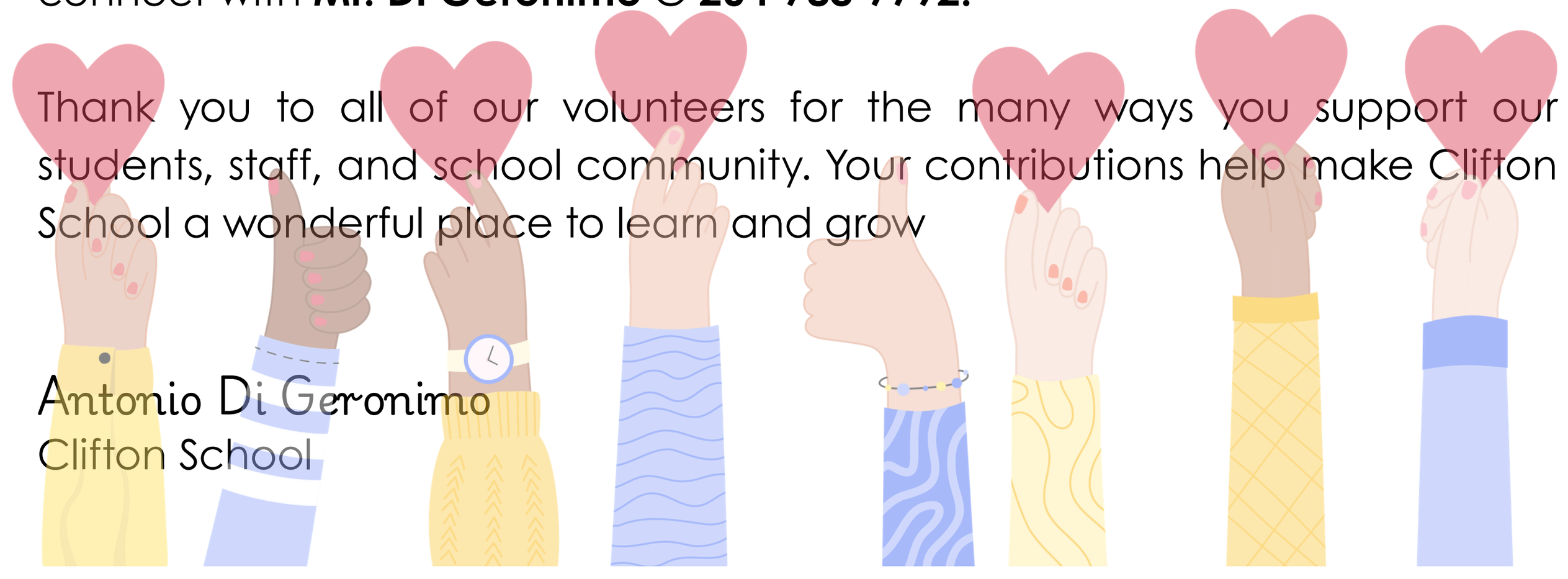
Volunteers Make a Difference at Clifton School!

Volunteers are an important part of our school community. Their time, talents, and commitment help create engaging opportunities for students both inside and outside the classroom. From supporting special events and field trips to assisting with extracurricular activities and school initiatives, volunteers help make Clifton School a welcoming and enriching place for all learners.

We encourage parents, guardians, grandparents, and community members who are interested in becoming more involved in school life to consider volunteering. Even a few hours of your time can make a meaningful difference in the experiences and success of our students.
To help ensure a safe environment for everyone, all volunteers must complete the required screening and documentation process before volunteering begins, including participation in field trips.

If you would like to learn more about volunteer opportunities at Clifton School or need assistance with the volunteer application process, please connect with **Mr. Di Geronimo @ 204-783-7792.**

Thank you to all of our volunteers for the many ways you support our students, staff, and school community. Your contributions help make Clifton School a wonderful place to learn and grow



Antonio Di Geronimo
Clifton School

CLIFTON Patrol of the Month

Congratulations



Congratulations, Maya!

We are excited to recognize Maya as our Patrol of the Month for October! Maya is always on her post and ready to help. She consistently arrives on time, steps in when needed, and is always willing to lend a hand to her fellow patrols and our school community.

Thank you, Maya, for being such a reliable, responsible, and helpful patrol. You are a great example of what it means to be a Clifton Patrol!

Congratulations, Maya! Keep up the great work!

Rm. 10 **Mrs. Lagadi** Nursery & Kindergarten

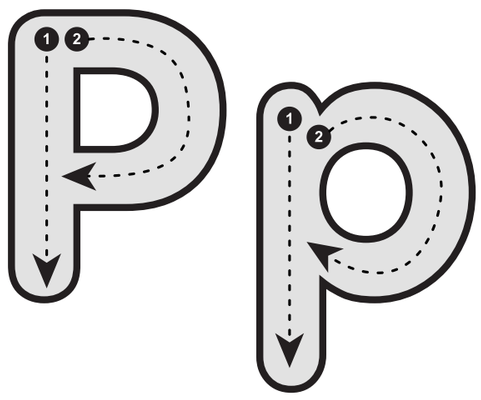
What a fun and busy month we had in October! We had picture day, participated in our first lock down drill, bus ridership and many fun Halloween activities! We began working on **identifying our letters** and the sounds they make. A couple of the letters we learned about were the letter "F" and the letter "P". In **MATH** we spent time practicing our counting forwards and backwards as well as counting objects one by one. We also created some beautiful **ART WORK** by creating our own fall tree using Lego Blocks! So much fun!

Next month we will be learning all about Colour! This will include many reading & writing activities, fun colour days and colour math activities.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at our parent/teacher conferences this month and sharing in your child's progress.

Happy Fall!

Mrs. Lagadi



Rm. 7 **Ms. Mozit** Grades 1 and 2

This month, students continued developing their understanding of **NUMBER SENSE** through hands-on activities, discussions, and opportunities to explore numbers in different ways. They practiced counting, recognizing numbers, comparing quantities, and making connections between numbers and the world around them. Students were encouraged to explain their thinking, share different strategies, and use mathematical language to describe what they noticed. These experiences helped build their confidence, problem-solving skills, and understanding of early mathematical concepts.

In **SCIENCE**, students continued their investigation related to our current science inquiry on Life Systems as we continue to explore that too. They explored ideas, made observations, asked questions, and shared their thoughts about what they were learning. Through discussions and investigations, students were encouraged to think like scientists by noticing details, making predictions, and developing their curiosity about the world around them. They also had opportunities to listen to their classmates' ideas, share their own discoveries, and make connections to their prior knowledge and everyday experiences.

In **WRITING**, students focused on identifying **story elements** to strengthen their reading comprehension. They explored important parts of a story, including the characters, settings, and events.

Ms. Mozit

















Rm. 7 Ms. Mozit

Grades 1 and 2

Happy Halloween ! ! ! ! !



FROM MS. MOZIT & ROOM 7

Rm. 9 **Ms. Langille** Grades 1 & 2

It has been a busy and exciting month in Room 9! As we settled into our classroom routines, we spent time learning about **Orange Shirt Day** and the importance of making sure every child feels welcome, valued, and included at school. We talked about kindness, respect, and how we can help everyone feel like they belong in our classroom community.

We have also been **LEARNING** how to use several of our online learning platforms, including **Seesaw, Epic Books, Mathletics/Mathseeds, and Reading Eggs.** While technology is a useful learning tool, please know that most of our day is still spent engaged in hands-on learning activities, games, discussions, and collaborative work. Home access codes for Seesaw and Mathletics will be sent home as soon as possible.

In **LITERACY**, we have started our daily small-group literacy instruction. Students work with an adult each day to develop the foundational skills needed for reading and spelling. They are practicing connecting sounds and letters, reading words, spelling words, and building reading fluency. These important skills help students become confident and successful readers.

During **WRITING**, we have been reading and creating informational texts. Students are learning about text features that help readers understand information, including headings, labelled diagrams, photographs, and captions. They have enjoyed becoming "experts" on topics and sharing their knowledge through writing.

In **MATH**, we have been exploring patterns. Grade 1 students are learning about repeating patterns, while Grade 2 students are investigating increasing patterns. We have also been making great use of Seesaw to document our learning. Students use the classroom tools within Seesaw to build, explain, and demonstrate their understanding before posting their work to their accounts. It has been wonderful to see them proudly sharing their thinking and learning.

We are off to a fantastic start and look forward to another month of learning and growth!

Stacy Langille
Classroom Teacher



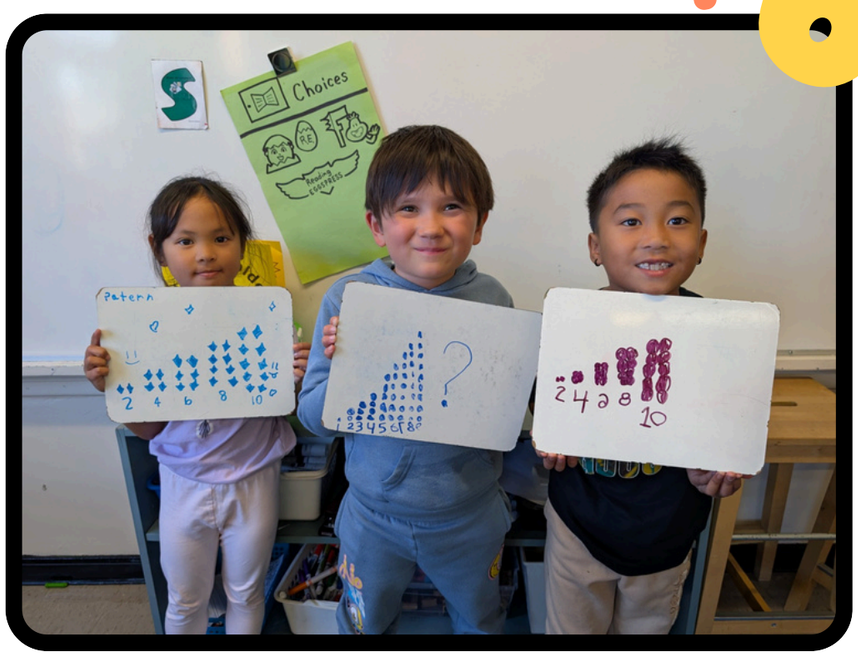
ORANGE SHIRT DAY

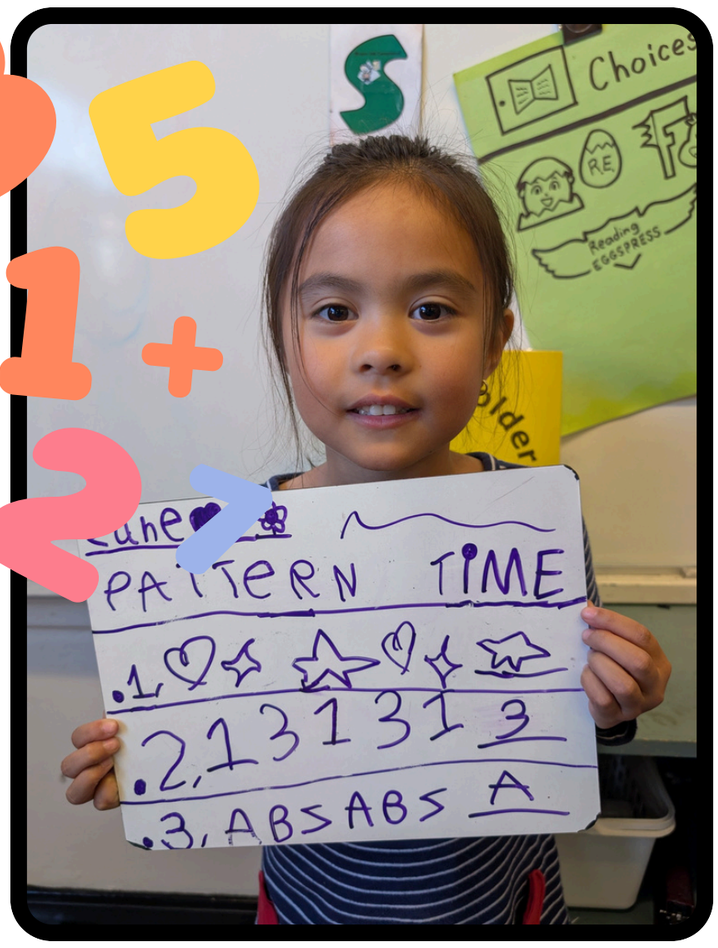
Rm. 9 Ms. Langille

Grades 1 & 2

MATH -

INVESTIGATING PATTERNS









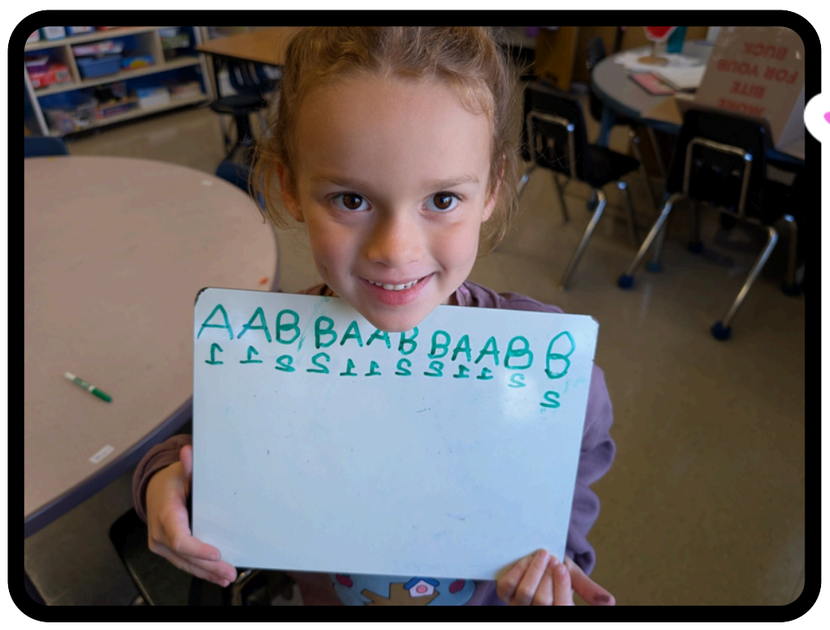




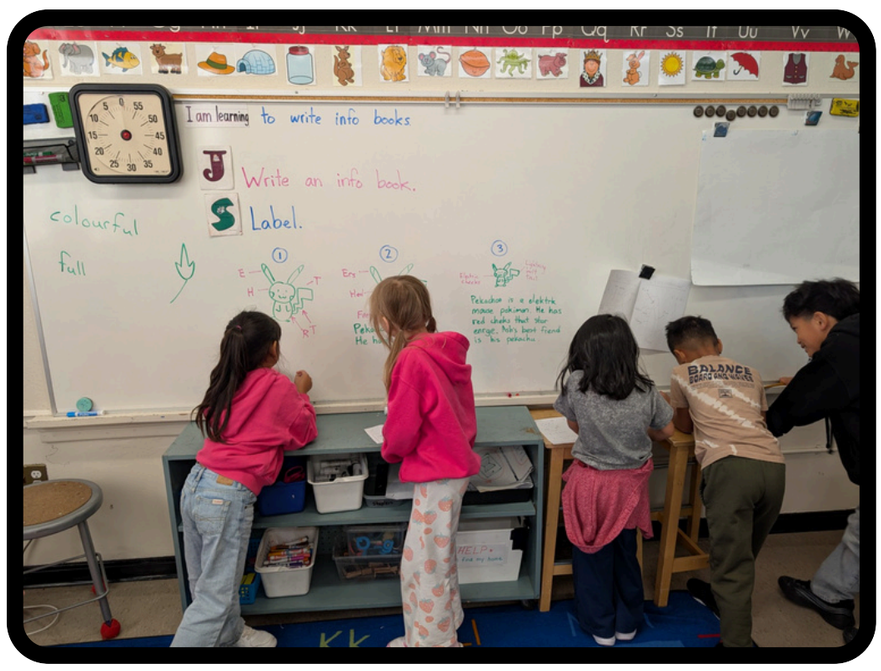


WRITING - Reading
and creating
Informational test

SEESAW - Patterns







Rm. 3 **Mrs. Kuzyk** Grades 4 & 5

Room 3 News

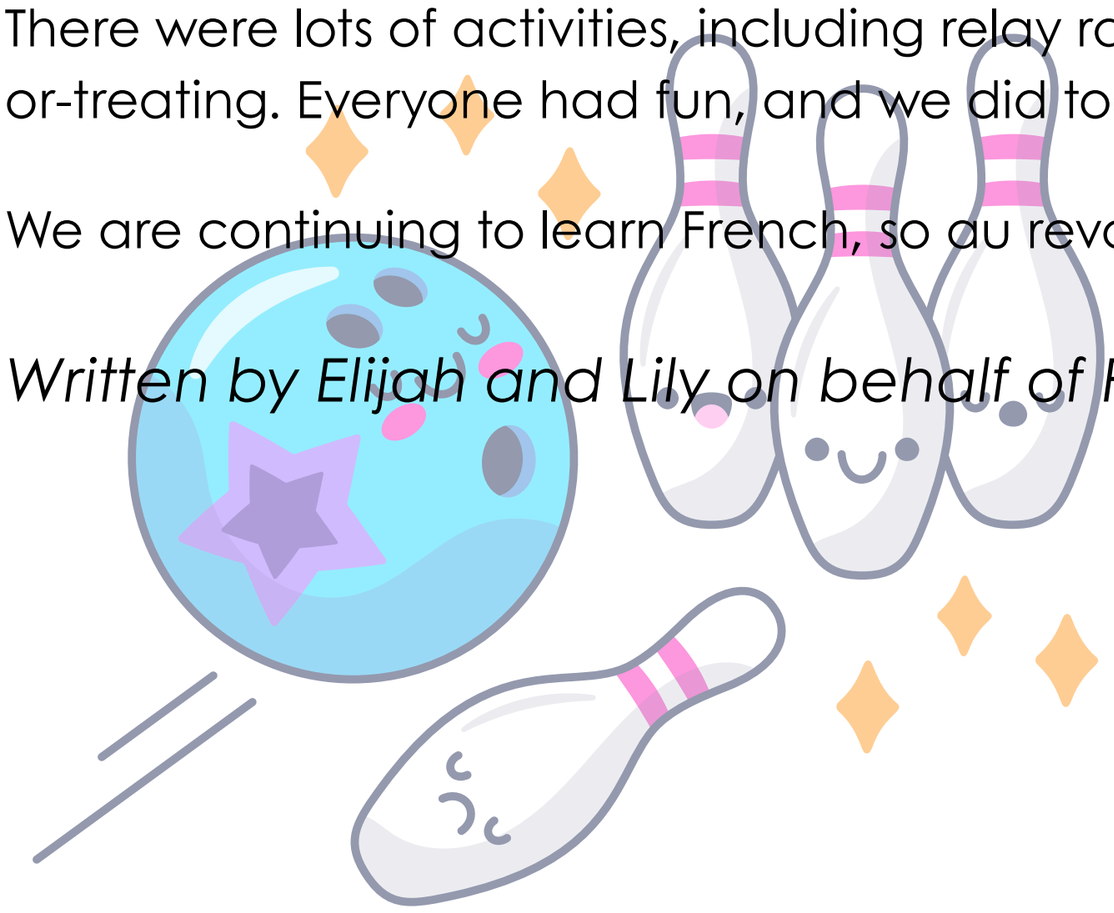
This month, we worked on our **Number City Project** and our **All About Me Project.** This project was to get others to know more about us. We liked doing these projects because it was fun and exciting. We also made our own classroom flags in art. Another exciting thing we did was continue reading *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing*.

We have also been working on our **estimation skills.** Our class has been practicing making estimates by doing Est-Mysteries. We are now making our own for our class to do. Congratulations to Room 6 for winning this year's jellybean estimation challenge!

Halloween was very exciting this year. We went **bowling** and had fun at the **Haunted Gym**. There were lots of activities, including relay races, volleyball, a haunted jungle gym, and trick-or-treating. Everyone had fun, and we did too!

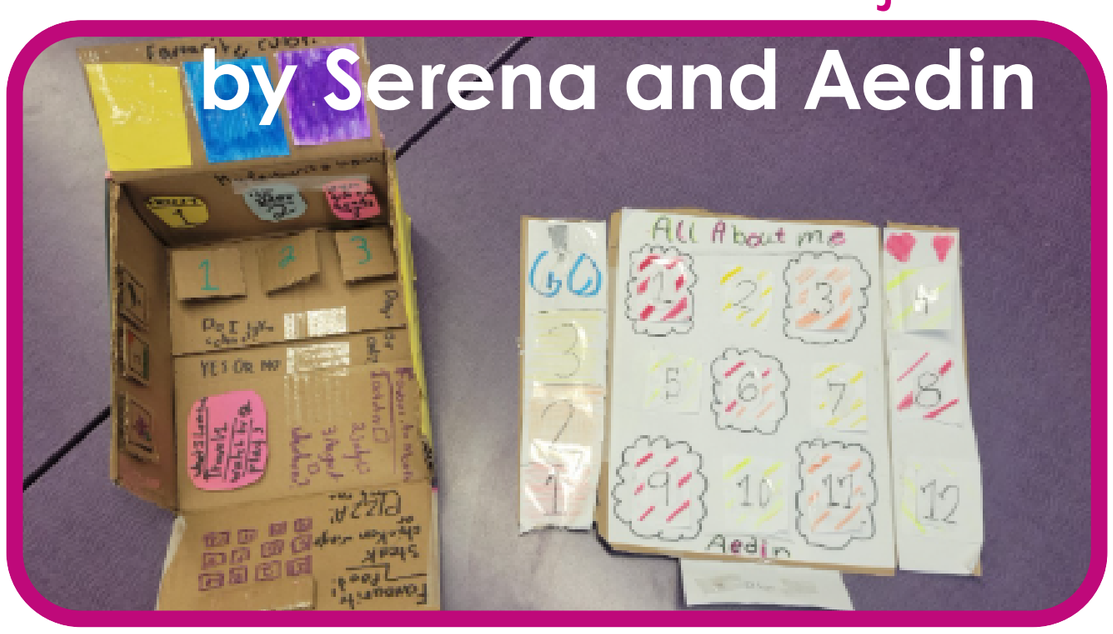
We are continuing to learn French, so au revoir! (Goodbye!)

Written by Elijah and Lily on behalf of Room 3

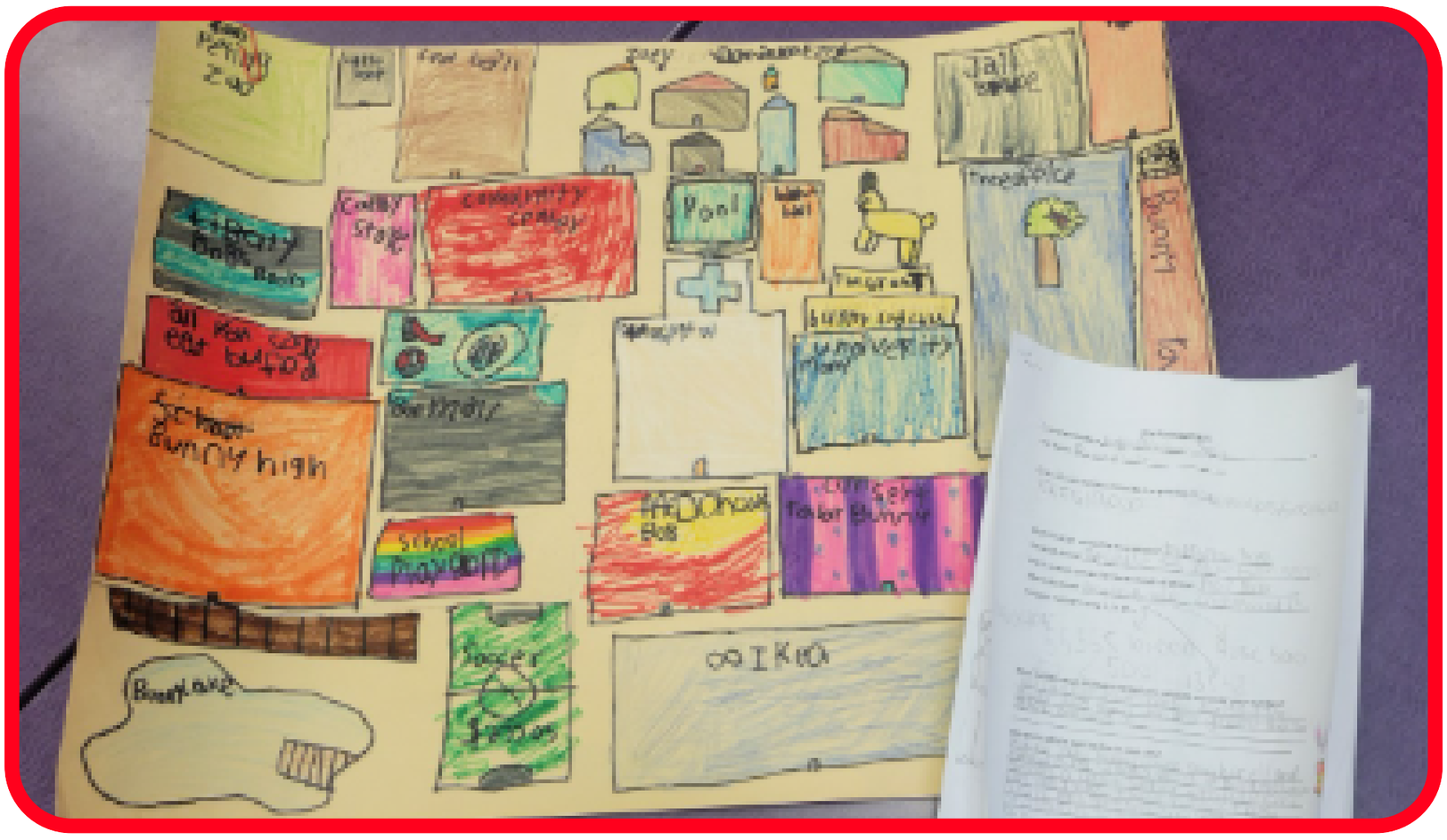


All About Me Projects

by Serena and Aedin







Number City Group Project

by Ezra, Daniela, Janiah, & Zoey

Mrs. Kuzyk
Room 3 Teacher

Rm. 4 **Mrs. Bedard** Grades 3 & 4

BUILDING A COMMUNITY OF WRITERS

October has been a wonderful month of learning, creativity, and growing confidence in our classroom! We have been working our way through the writing process, learning that great writing takes time, thought, and a little bit of magic. We have some **FUN TOOLS** to help us along the way, including our **Planning Pals** to help organize our ideas, **Whisper Phones** to help us hear our writing as we revise, and **Super Editing Glasses** to help us spot those important details when editing.

We have also had several students share their writing during **Author's Chair**, giving us the chance to celebrate their hard work, learn from one another, and recognize that every writer has a unique voice worth sharing. We are building a community where we see ourselves as authors and take pride in our work!

I am so proud of the creativity, effort, and growth our young writers are showing. I can't wait to see what they create next!

Mrs. Bedard
Clifton Classroom Teacher











Rm. 6 **Mrs. Schultz** Grades 5 & 6

October in Rm 6 Building Testing and Learning Together

October has been a busy and exciting month in Grade 5/6! During our Friday STEAM explorations (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math), students have been designing, building, testing, and improving their creations. From towers and bridges to marble runs, circuits, and sound makers, students have been putting their creativity and problem-solving skills to work.

A big part of learning is discovering that things don't always work the first time! Students are learning to try new ideas, make changes, work together, and see mistakes as opportunities to learn and improve.

In Science and through our novel study of A Song for a Whale, we've been exploring how whales communicate and how living things interact with their environments. Our learning also invites us to consider Indigenous perspectives on the relationships between people, animals, and the natural world, including the importance of listening, respect, and caring for the world around us.

Thank you for your continued support! It's wonderful to see students growing in confidence, curiosity, and teamwork as we learn and explore together.

Mrs. Schultz







Rm. 6 **Mrs. Schultz**

Grades 5 & 6







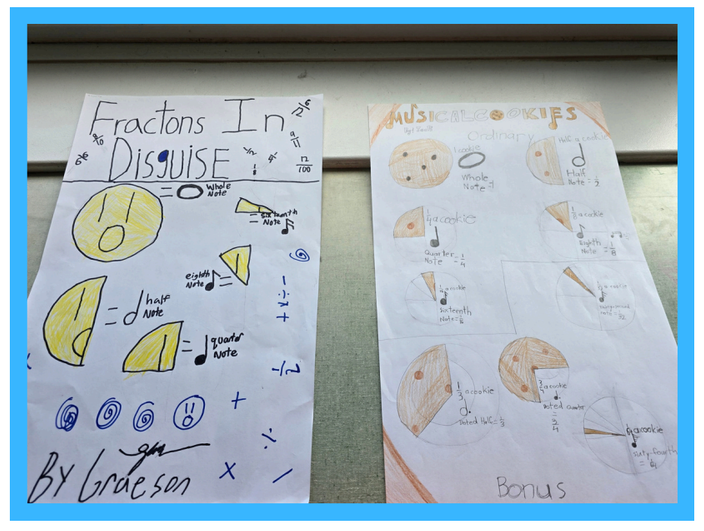












November Physical Education News

Mrs. Lyon-Anderson

October went out with a Halloween blast of fun in the gym and fantastic weather to play outside. Special Halloween themed games, and **"Haunted Gym"** were a great way to end the month. *Many thanks to Monica Careu for lending the school decorations.*

November we will focus on volleyball. Grade 1/2 students will engage in scooter play, volleyball lead up activities, throwing and catching activities over the net using a variety of equipment such as balls, balloons and racquets.

Grade 3-6 students will participate in volleyball skill development and basic rules. Students can look forward to playing **"Circulation Ball"** and **"Triple Ball"**. As always, we will have a variety of low-organized games/activities to spice lessons up.

Intramural Schedule: (Lunch time activities in the gym from 12:20 -12:50 p.m.)

DATE	Grade
Thursday, November 5	1
Monday, November 9	2
Thursday, November 12	3
Monday, November 16	4
Wednesday, November 18	5
Tuesday, November 24	6
Thursday, November 26	1
Monday, November 30	2
Friday, December 4	3
Tuesday, December 8	4
Thursday, December 10	5
Monday, December 14	6



Grade 5/6 Volleyball Team Practices and Tournaments

Practices will be held from 3:30-4:30 p.m. on the following days:

November 5, 9, 12, 16, 18, 24, 26, 30



Tournaments (spectators are welcome):

Wednesday, December 2 at Sargent Park School

Wednesday, December 9 at Greenway School **(Grade 6 students only)**

Mrs. Lyon-Anderson
Physical Education Teacher

November Physical Education News

Mrs. Lyon-Anderson



our homemade game of ...

Play Structure DODGEBALL





HAUNTED GYM Play Structure STATION





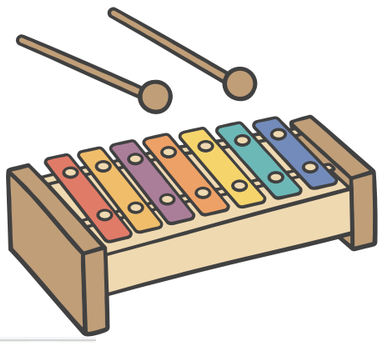
HAUNTED GYM FUN

Music and Arts

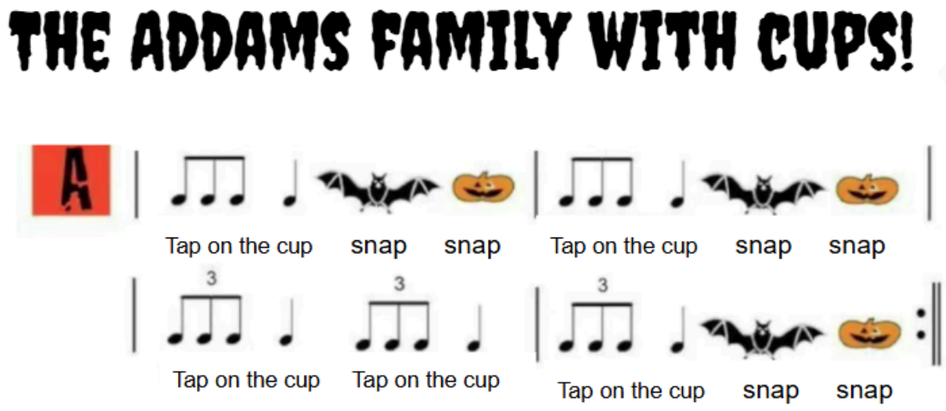
Mrs. Robinson

Welcome to Music

This month **Room 6** is working towards learning **“Seven Nation Army”** on the Xylophones.









Rm. 4 worked as a team to perform a successful cup routine to not one but two different songs.

Rm. 7 and Rm. 9 have been exploring their voices with the song, “Itty Bitty Bat” and the singing game “Pass the Cauldon.” If the cauldron stops on them, the student must pick a card that has a spooky sound, like a hooting Owl, a cackling witch, or a howling wolf, then using their voice they were to create the Halloween Sound.





Do you know what . . . .
Every Good Boy Deserves Fudge means? Or what **FACE** stands for in the music room. Well, Room 3 does. They have been working hard reviewing the notes on the staff. Even
creating an Ice Cream cone featuring all the notes!

Thanks,
Courteney Robinson (she/her)
Music Education

P.A.C. PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Clifton Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meetings are open to all parents/guardians at Clifton School! We hope to see you! Next meeting is **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH, 2026 at 6 PM** in the library.



As brought up at the last meeting, we plan to discuss:

1. Amendments to the constitution and bylaws.
2. A proposal was put by Natalie H. to amend the following:
    - consolidate the Chair and Vice-chair titles to Co-chair(x2).
    - remove wording for the Lunch Program as the school no longer has a lunch program.

PAC has been busy with planning some upcoming events - mark your calendars!

- Wednesday, March 3, 2027 - Family Games Night
- Thursday, June 10, 2027 - Year End Block Party (**Rain date: June 17**)

Our **fundraising goals** this year are:

- Grade 6 Farewell
- Year End Block Party
- PAC Student Awards - honouring community service
- Outdoor Sports Equipment

Our first fundraiser to support our goals is underway! Feel free to share with friends and family. Just visit: **https://ordering.fundscrip.com/ABGAVS**. You can place your gift card order, and pay via cash, cheque or e-transfer to **pac.cliftonschool@gmail.com** by the deadline Monday, November 23, 2026, at 5:00 pm. Paper forms available by request (Email us at ***pac.cliftonschool@gmail.com*** and we can send one home with your child).

You will receive the **FULL VALUE** of the gift cards you order, and we receive a percentage for our fundraising goals. The gift cards will come directly to the school and arrive in early December so you can pick them up in time for the Holiday Season, or to use for your holiday shopping!

Questions? Contact Natalie H. at **natalie.husar@gmail.com**. Thank you for your support!

Your 2026-27 P.A.C. Executive:
Natalie Husarewycz (Co-Chair)
Natalie Geddes (Co-Chair)
Aleisha DeRose Monck (Treasurer)
Jo Ann Kushman (Secretary)

2026 November

Volleyball Practice
from 3:30 - 4:30

Volleyball TOURNAMENTS
Sargent Park & Greenway

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Day 2	**3** Day 3	**4** Day 4 P.A.C. Meeting 6- 7 PM	**5** Day 5	**6** Day 6
9 Day 1	**10** Day 2 **Remembrance Day Service 11:00 A.M.**	**11** REMEMBRANCE DAY No School	**12** WFS Day 3 Fire Safety Awareness Grades 2 - 4 at 9:15 AM	**13** Day 4 New Clubs Assembly
16 Day 5	**17** Day 6	**18** Day 1	**19** Day 2 *Scholastic Book Fair* Parent Teacher Interviews 4:00 - 8:00 PM	**20** Day 3 No School Parent Teacher Interviews 9:00 - 12:00 PM
23 Day 4	**24** Day 5	**25** Day 6	**26** Day 1	**27** Day 2
30 Day 3	**DEC 1** Day 4	**DEC 2** Day 5	**DEC 3** Day 6	**DEC 4** Day 1
		DEC 9 Day 4		