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Dear Blueridge Families,

We are welcoming October with feelings of gratitude. We are grateful for the staff who continue to find new and innovative ways to ensure that students are safe and engaged in learning. We are grateful to the parent community for your support and understanding as we navigate new protocols. We are grateful for the students whose enthusiasm and thirst for learning inspires us to always strive to meet their needs. It is a pleasure to observe the students adapt and grow each year. They are demonstrating their resiliency every day.

Blueridge teachers continue to use the Second Step program in their classroom. The program will include lessons that support school-wide behaviours. Our school-wide theme is Blueridge is a welcoming place where every student feels like they belong. In our morning announcements, we'll be reminding students to welcome others and be cooperative, accountable, respectful, empathetic and safe.

Support your child at home in welcoming others and acting and speaking in safe, respectful, and responsible ways. Please reach out to your child's teacher if you have questions about specific ways you can help your child with these behaviors at home. Teachers will be sending home more specific examples of what your student will be learning.

Message from the office

If you haven't already, It is important that you fill out your online forms as these allow your child to participate in walking field trips, use technology and demonstrate that you understand the daily health assessment. As well, please go online to pay for your Childs Agenda, You can do this by going to [School Cash Online](#) If you are uncertain how to do this please contact the main office. 604 903 3250.

Terry Fox Run

The Terry Fox Run was a success and the school raised over \$500 which was donated to the Terry Fox Foundation. A big thank you to our Grade 7's for leading the school in such a great event.

Parent Conferences

Parent conferences will take place October 27th – October 29th. The conferences are an opportunity for parents to speak to their child's teacher about progress so far as well as ask any questions they might have. **October 27 and October 29th** will be extra early dismissal days. Students will be dismissed at **2 pm** on both of those days in addition to the regular Wednesday early dismissal. You will receive an invite via email next week, to sign up for a time provided by your teacher. The conferences will take place via MSTeams or a telephone call. I encourage you to log into MS Teams, it is a great communication tool.

Allergy Alert

We have many students throughout the school who have a life-threatening allergy to peanuts, tree nuts, fish and kiwi. We respectfully request that you do not send these food items to school and to remind your children to not share food. Traces of these food items can be easily transmitted to shared school equipment and toys. We appreciate your co-operation to keep all the children in our school family safe.

Bikes, scooters, etc.

Students who use these forms of transportation to and from school should be wearing a helmet. Students must dismount before they enter school property and ensure bikes, scooters, etc. are stored in a safe place so they do not become a tripping hazard for others. Students should ask their teachers if they are unsure where to store these items.

Halloween

We are currently planning an alternate experience for the students this year. Students are invited to wear a costume or black and orange on Friday, October 30th. We ask that they come to school dressed in their costume. We will be sharing costumes virtually school-wide and then asking them to remove them before they go out for recess to preserve them for later use. Please provide a costume that is easy for your child to take off independently and is appropriate for all of our community to enjoy. Teachers will be sending more specific information pertaining to their own classroom in the upcoming days.

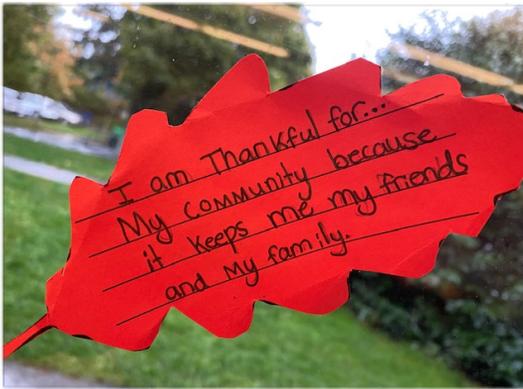
THIS IS HOW WE CELEBRATE

Ms. Quarless/Ms. Sedola's grade 1/2 class learning about being grateful and showing their creativity.



Ms. Black's Kindergarten class drawing pictures to show what they are thankful for.

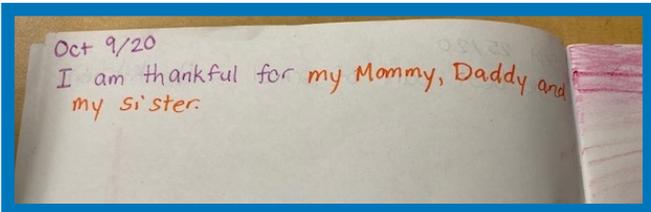




Ms. Madill's Grade 3/4 created a gratitude pumpkin and shared what they are thankful for.

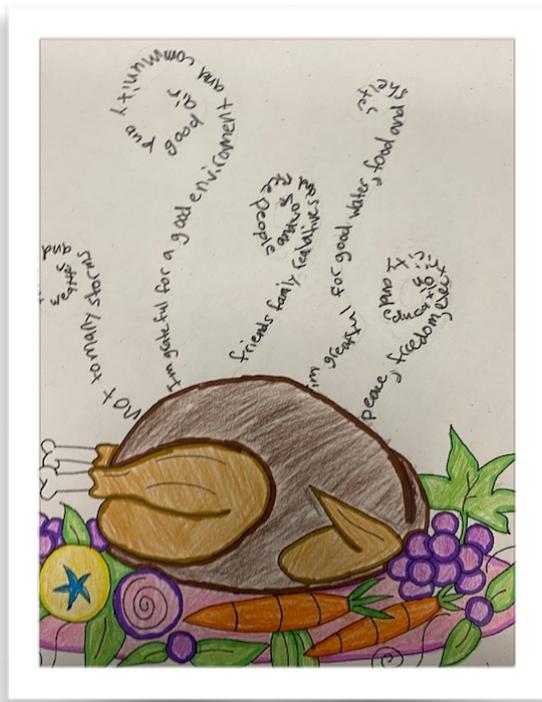


Ms. White's Kindergarten class are learning how to write and draw in their journals. So thankful for their families and pets.



It was Turkey time in Mrs. Jefferson's grade 1/2 class. So much concentration required to cut out and glue.





Ms. Lam's grade 5/6 class showcased their creative writing skills to share what they are thankful for.



Bold and beautiful turkey's were made in Ms. Schmit's grade 1/2 class to show what they are thankful for.



Ms. Colangelo's/Ms Loong's grade 3/4 class gathered leaves from outside to help inspire their pastel art rubbings.





Mrs. Delleney's grade 4/5 class were so proud of their accomplishments they all wanted to get in the picture, we did the best we could.

Happy Thanksgiving to you all!

Sincerely,

Susan Teegen Principal.
Bridget O'Brien-Kopacek Vice-principal