



Hello, Autumn!



October is going to be a busy month! PRIDE activities, Norfolk Fair, sports and Halloween are among the many things to look forward to!

Please see the list of important dates at the bottom of this page to make sure you don't miss out!

This month, we will be delving a little further into the curriculum, and getting busier. This may mean more homework for those who are not able to time manage themselves in the classroom. We are really focusing on responsibility this term. Students—keep on top of your workload!

Bellview Public School Heads to the Fair



On Thursday, October 7th, the entire school population will be heading down to the Norfolk fair for a day of fun together. Please be sure to have permission forms and money back to Mrs. Petrella. Students will also need to have:

- weather-appropriate clothing (we are going, rain or shine!)
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Packed lunch (lines are very long for food)
- Water
- Money for a snack (optional)

We would like to re-inforce that students will **not** be allowed to use the rides at the fair (as per School Board policy), but there are many other things that they can enjoy with their classmates.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Norfolk Fair Trip	October 7th
PRIDE Activity	October 8th
Thanksgiving Monday	October 11th
Picture Day	October 20th
Family Math Night	October 28th
Halloween Celebrations	October 29th
PRIDE Activity	October 29th



SAY CHEESE!

Wednesday, October 20th will be our Photo Day at Bellview.

Please remember to wear your best smile!

D.A.R.E. Program to teach Grade Six students Drug Awareness

**D.A.R.E.[®] TO RESIST DRUGS
AND VIOLENCE.**

DRUG ABUSE RESISTANCE EDUCATION

Starting Thursday, October 14th, Officer Pelletier will be making weekly visits to Bellview to meet with our Grade Six students.

For those unaware of the D.A.R. E. program, it is a program made especially for Grade Six students, to teach them about drug awareness and how to deal with peer pressure. You can support your child at home by having discussions about how they cope with peer pressure and asking about the information they are learning through the D.A.R.E. program.

Penny Drive for U.N.I.C.E.F.

We will be raising funds for U.N.I.C.E.F. each day through a penny drive in each classroom.

U.N.I.C.E.F. works toward providing children aid and education in third world countries.

If you have the opportunity, please send your child with a penny (or any spare change) to contribute to this very worthy cause.



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We Are All About Safety!



Some of the students in our class have chosen to be a part of the very reputable Safety Patrol.

They underwent intense training with the Brantford Police to prepare themselves for this very important job.

Mr. Ambridge has been working with this wonderful group of responsible students. I look forward to seeing them out on the yard, contributing to a safer school community. Please join me in wishing them good luck!

Congratulations to David and Shayna for being elected as our Student Council Representatives!

Thank you for representing us, David and Shayna! We can't wait to see what Student Council comes up with this year.

Halloween Happenings

Bellview LOVES Halloween! We are all excited and already talking about what we are going to dress up as for the big day.

Although costumes are allowed at school, masks and weaponry related to costuming are strictly forbidden. Students who bring masks/fake weapons to school will have them confiscated.

We look forward to enjoying Halloween festivities within the classroom—pumpkin math activities, Spooky word games and a viewing of The Witches movie (all the while enjoying some yummy but healthy treats!).

A gentle reminder to parents to cut down on the sugary Halloween treats in lunches (1-2 max), as the sugar will impact on their focus at school.



No masks, fake blood or weapons of any kind will be allowed as a part of a student's Halloween costume.

Family Math Night

On the evening of Thursday, October 28th, Bellview will host a Family Math Night.

All family members are welcome — we will be playing math games, and having contests. You may even be able to make your own game and take it home!

I look forward to seeing you there.



P.R.I.D.E. Program Update

The junior/intermediate teachers have been working very hard to make PRIDE events exciting and rewarding for students who fulfill the PRIDE expectations. So far, the push has really been on the RESPONSIBILITY factor. We still have a few students coming to school with incomplete homework, forgetting trip forms and homework folders, and not managing their behavior. We will have our first PRIDE event on Friday, October 8th. Congratulations to the students who have earned this reward! I hope that the entire class can earn the privilege of the next PRIDE event (October 29th).

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING IN OCTOBER

Math

We have wrapped up our unit on whole numbers and are finishing this term's objectives in Number Sense by studying decimals to the thousandths and applying our knowledge of decimals to the operations of adding, subtracting, multiplication and division.

Our next unit of study will be growing and shrinking patterns. Students will learn about relationships between numbers by looking at patterns.

Phys Ed and Health

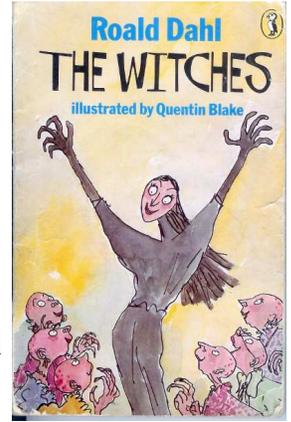
Our focus for gym will be on soccer skills and how to throw a football. Health studies will include how to deal with peer pressure (overlapping with the DARE program) and injury prevention.

Literacy

We will continue our class novel study on Roald Dahl's *The Witches*, which we started late September. If we complete all work in time, we will be watching the movie as a special Halloween treat.

Our writing focus will be on procedural writing. You can help your child develop their procedural text form knowledge by having them help you read recipes.

We will be looking at different sources of media with a critical eye and discussing about the intent of the message, and how readers can be swayed by media.



Science and Social Studies

We will be bringing our units of study for Science (Grade 5—Changes in Matter, Grade 6—Biodiversity) to a close by mid month. Unit tests will be held on Monday, October 18th.

After our Science units are through, we will be starting with our Social Studies units. Grade 5 students will learn about Canadian Government, and the Grade 6 students will be learning about First Nation Peoples.

The Arts

Art— we will learn some Canadian Art history as we explore the work of the Group of Seven

Drama— we will experience script-reading and dramatic play, using small plays written influenced by our novel study, *The Witches*.

Dance — we started learning hip hop choreography at the end of September, so that will continue this month. Keep practicing!

Music — exploring a variety of genres, being able to identify different genres of music