

# STAVELY SCHOOL NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2022 - JANUARY 2023

## What's Happening at Stavelly School!! September - December 2022

Welcome Back BBQ  
Spirit Week  
Leader in Me Kick Off  
Terry Fox Walk/Run  
Report a Poacher Wagon Visit  
Corn Maze Field Trip  
Goal Setting Conferences  
Halloween Carnival  
Pumpkin Carving  
Volleyball/Triple Ball Tournament  
Remembrance Day Ceremony  
G 5% Theater Calgary Field Trip  
Operation Christmas Child  
Christmas Concert  
Ice Fishing with Report a Poacher  
Skating  
1 School 1 Book



## Upcoming Events

Skating - February 1  
1-School-1 Book Wrap-up  
Valentine's and Pink Shirt Day - Feb. 14th  
Valentine's Day Dance - Feb. 14th  
Basketball Tournament March 3  
Passion Projects- March 1,8,15,22,29, Apr. 5 with Showcase Apr. 6th (Save the Date!)  
Celebration of Learning - Mar. 15 - 16th  
Div 1 Swim Lessons-March 20-24  
Div 2 Swimming Lessons March 27-31  
Class Field Trips  
Stavelly Track Meet  
Divisional Track Meet





## 2 Music & Fine Arts

Music, movement and drama (MMD) are an integral part of our learning at Stavely School. Children naturally love music and movement, as it plays an essential role in child development. It is a type of language that encourages self-expression, imagination, and social development. Our students excel at ASL (American Sign Language), where hand signs and facial expression are used to communicate the lyrics of songs. Combining drama with music increases creativity, cooperation, and confidence. Role-playing (taking on the character of another person) increases empathy and perspective-taking.

our MMD classes beginning in September, we studied music genres throughout history. We explored the importance of music in society, and how famous performers changed history. We incorporated dance and movement from these performers through watching videos and doing research. Our students fully grasp music dynamics such as rhythm, tempo, and pitch. They enjoy using their voices to sing, their hands to play instruments and wave scarves, their feet to learn movement patterns and dance choreography, and reflecting on personal feelings. The Christmas Concert ("Time-Travelling Santa") showcased the skills the students acquired, as well as captured their joy in performing. It was a meaningful experience from November 1<sup>st</sup> to December 22<sup>nd</sup> as we collaborated to introduce new songs, instruments, and movement, role-play, and memorize script lines. Rehearsals required intensity, focus and energy, and our students blossomed! They developed into confident performers! School staff rehearsed with students on the days I wasn't at the school, assisted with set design, costumes and props. Parent Council provided funds for costumes, parents decorated the stage and created backdrops. The dedication and teamwork of the entire school and community modelled to the children how important MMD is!

In my fifth year at Stavely School, my passion for music, movement and drama has become our students' passion! It is so fulfilling to witness the eagerness the children embody and the "appetite" it creates for learning! - Brenda Schlaht

## Culture Group Activities

Stavely School has been working hard to find a place for all students to feel a belonging and sense of leadership. Students are assisted by staff in developing leadership skills, diving deeper into student interests and helping them develop sense of wonder and belonging through the following groups and activities. Some activities are completed and some are still to come. Stavely School Staff are continuing to work with students to develop activities to develop their interests.

- Halloween Carnival & Decorating Committee
- Terry Fox Committee
- Tripleball/Volleyball Teams
- Christmas Crafts and Decorating Committee
- Garden Club
- Jr ATB
- Basketball Team
- Track and Field Team
- Kindness Committee
- Classroom Leadership Groups
- Light House Team
- Grade 6 Celebration Committee
- Stavely Special - Announcement Team

# Kindergarten

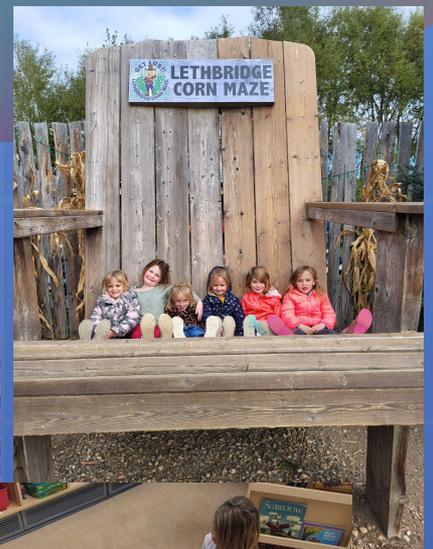
## Highlights:

Kindergarten has been jam-packed with adventure and learning so far this year. We have traveled to Pine Coulee for the Terry Fox Walk, and to the Corn Maze for a day of fun. We learned about bus safety, celebrated Halloween and closed out 2022 with an amazing performance in our school Christmas concert. We are so proud of all the work the students have done so far this year.



## Our Learning and Next Steps

We have been increasing our letter and number knowledge daily through reading, phonemic awareness activities, and counting. We have learned a lot about weather and seasonal changes. We did an in-depth study on owls that included fiction and non-fiction reading. We have also begun a Reading Buddies program with the grade 3/4 class, which has been a great success in forming friendships and making reading extra fun. We are excited to work on new math units like patterns and shapes soon, as well as continue growing our alphabet knowledge. There is lots more to learn in kindergarten through work and play.





## Grade 1/2

We have had a fantastic couple of months in Grade 1/2! The class has developed a passion for learning and they are always excited to try something new.

The beautiful fall weather gave us many opportunities to spend time outside learning about bugs, weather, seasons, patterns, and more!



## Our Learning

In Language Arts we started the year learning phonics patterns that would help us break the "code" of reading and writing. Using these skills students have been growing in their reading, spelling, and storytelling.

We have also been practicing how to say hello in different languages including: English, Cree, Blackfoot, and French. Everyone is very excited to learn more French as we learn about Acadians in Nova Scotia.

In math we have been learning how to represent numbers, different ways of counting, and adding numbers.

Science has been a blast with many opportunities to learn outside and do experiments with our buddies. We will continue to experiment during our Boats and Buoyancy unit coming soon!



# 3/4 Highlights

Happy New Year!

Here are some the highlights from our year so far:

- Terry Fox Run at Pine Coulee
- Corn Maze
- The Report a Poacher Truck (Owls)
- Halloween Parade/Carnival
- Outdoor Activities at Willow Creek with PEAKs
- Mr. Gamache sharing about Metis culture
- Leading the Habit 2 Assembly
- The House of Wooden Santas
- Christmas Concert
- Buddy reading with the Kindergarten class



## Exciting things to come!

In class we have been exploring communities around the world as part of Social Studies. We are looking forward to joining a virtual event on the Biodiversity of India through Exploring by the Seat of your Pants. We will have the opportunity to meet and ask questions to a National Geographic certified Nature educator. To prepare for this event on January 25th, we are working on a research project to learn more about the Geography of India, and practice our writing skills. We are even in the process of completing an Art Contest that has challenged us to think about what we want the biodiversity of the world to look like in 30 years!

As well we are excited for:

- The upcoming Ice Fishing option class held by the Alberta Conservation Association!
- Finishing our novel *Holes* (and wrapping up with a film study).
- One School - One Book!



# Gr. 5 Highlights



A Happy New Year! Here are some of the highlights of our classroom so far:

- Option trips that have taken us to:
  - The Corn Maze
  - Theater Calgary
  - Master Chocolat
  - Pine Coulee for the Terry Fox Walk
- Making bannock and soup and learning about Metis history and culture
- Leading the Habit 1 Assembly
- Helping with the Remembrance Day Assembly
- Halloween Activities
- Christmas Classroom Lunch
- Gingerbread structure design and math learning
  - Christmas Concert
  - Volleyball

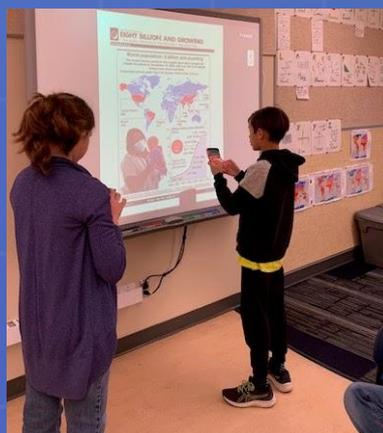


## Some things we are looking forward to:

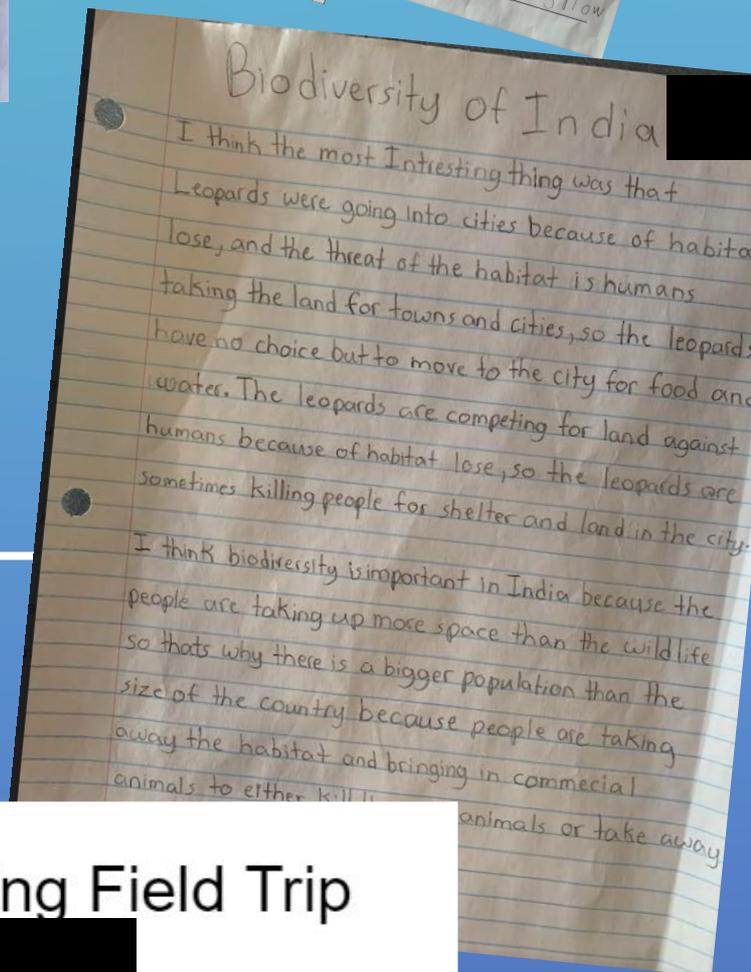
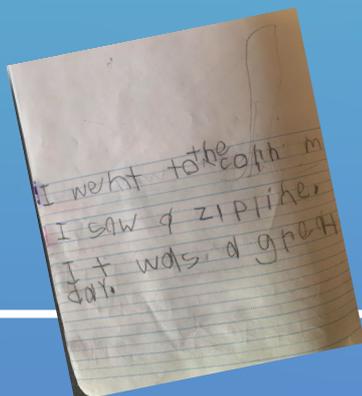
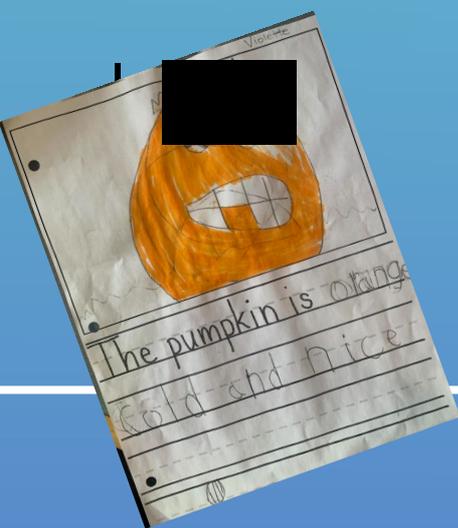
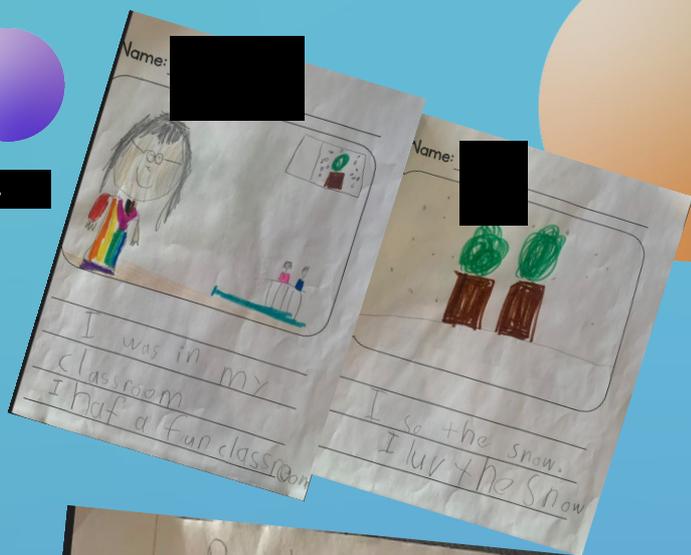
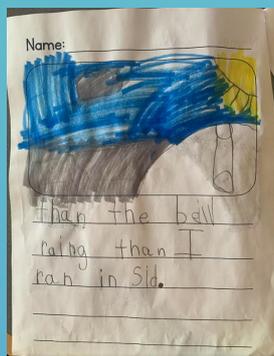
Beginning a deep dive into the question:

How will we feed 10 billion people by 2050?

This will provide us with work in many curricular areas, allow us to connect with our community, and provide opportunities for students to really dig deep and learn about an issue that is of global importance. All right here at Stavelly Elementary.



# Student Work



## Grade 3 to 6 Ice Fishing Field Trip

Not a winter fan? That won't last long! You'll quickly fall in love with this amazing season after your very first ice fishing experience.

On January 24th grade 3,4,5 and 6 from Staveley School went ice fishing at Clear Lake.

They caught a lot of pike and had a fun experience and learned a lot about ice fishing. You can't keep any pike from Clear Lake at the moment, but it's still fun to catch fish." Dustin, a grade sixer said "It was really fun because it was my first time ever doing any type of fishing." CJ, another grade sixer said "it was my most favourite field trip yet".

It was a really fun experience and I hope we get to do it again next year.

# STUDENT WORK

## Grade 5/6 Rocks Master Chocolat and Theater Calgary.

On December 6th 2022 the grade 5/6 class embarked on a very early journey to Calgary. Leaving at seven in the morning the grade 5/6 class was tired but ready to have a great day. The students, chaperones and teachers were on the dark bus as the snow made the roads questionable. But it didn't matter. Within an hour and a half the students could see the city skyline and the busy traffic. We had to wait another 20 minutes to arrive at the master chocolat factory near downtown.

We were early but they politely let us in. We were blessed by the wonderful smell of fresh chocolate. Mr Bernard Callebaut talked about what chocolate is made from. While he was speaking we noticed the biggest chocolate Santa I've ever seen. But that's not the point. After that we got to design our own chocolate bars. I got marshmallows and sprinkles in mine! After that we took a picture of us with our new chocolate bars.

Then we embarked to our next destination. Theatre Calgary. Once we reached there. We regrouped and headed upstairs to the theater.

We had to wait a while before we could take a seat, along with many other students from other places. We were amazed by the inside of the gorgeous theater. The play we saw was Little Women. We also read the book and watched the film version at school. The play wasn't 100 percent the same as the book. In fact I think it was better. When we arrived back at school it was exactly 3:50 p.m and we got to go home after a very long day



A photo of Bernard Callebaut at Master Chocolat.  
A photo inside Theater Calgary.