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Grade 2s are inspired by the Cardboard Arcade

Mr. Mathieson's Grade 2 class was so inspired by what the Grade 6/7s had been building out of cardboard, they decided to take it on for themselves! After two weeks of salvaging, designing, creating, testing, redesigning and using feedback to make improvements – they were ready to showcase their hard work! The older students should be proud of their lasting legacy and the younger students are very proud of their creations.

Volleyball has begun

Thank you to our coaches, Mr. Penny and Ms. Gelech, our referees, and our volunteer drivers. We couldn't do it without you behind us!

The league games have begun and we are doing very well. Neilson Grove students are showing dedication, effort and strong sportsmanlike behaviour. We look forward to a short but fun season. The final tournaments for the Grade 6 team is on Nov. 20th @Sacred Heart and for the Grade 7 team is on Nov. 21st @DSS.

Save the Date!

Photo Retakes

Oct. 27th @9am

Remember to comb your hair, brush your teeth and don't wear green because they use green screens.

Halloween Parade

Oct. 31st @1:15pm

Costumes are highly encouraged but must be safe and adhere to dress code (no weapons, no criminals).

Remembrance Day Assembly

Nov. 10th @11am

Please join us in the gym as we pay our respects to current and fallen soldiers.



Neilson Grove has Fun!

Many students have been inspired to initiate clubs to show their leadership and incorporate their interests.

Gr. 2/3 Floor Hockey

The NGPHL (Neilson Grove Primary Hockey League) has met three times to play floor hockey at lunchtime and to have fun. The peer coaches, Lincoln, Rhys and Charlie, have done a fantastic job of recruiting members, organizing teams, setting up the gym, and ensuring everyone has fun and plays safe.



Primary Pottery Club

Where were you when the lights went out...in the dark? Well we got to create our clay tiles in the shadows of the library for an extra spooky lunch hour!

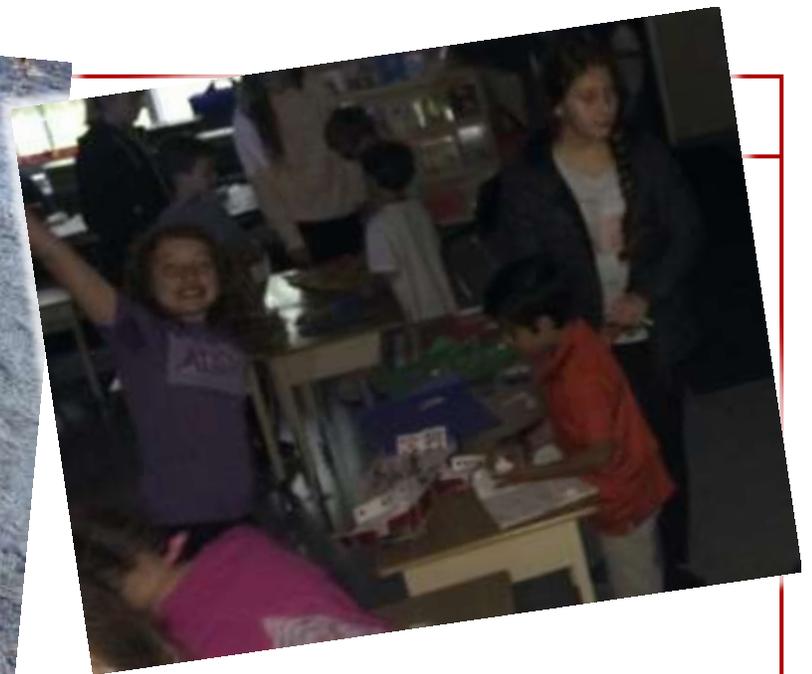
We have lots of creations that are almost ready for the kiln. Stay tuned!



Harry Potter Club

There are some very serious Potterheads at Neilson Grove! Emma, Angelica and Grace have organized fun and games for the Hufflepuffs, Slytherins, Ravenclaws, and Gryffindors to enjoy. Thank you to Ms. Doolan for sponsoring her time and helping them with organizing the Muggles. Meetings are on Thursdays.





Halloween is on its way!

We have heard about lots of costume planning and sharing of ideas. The Halloween Parade is an awesome spectacle and a wonderful tradition at Neilson Grove.

Reminder: Please ensure that your costume is school appropriate (adheres to the dress code, does not have any props that look like or could be considered weapons, does not portray any criminal activity). Masks may be worn for the parade.

Older students are reminded that for younger students, Halloween can be very frightening, so please be aware and do not try to scare anyone.

During the parade, parents are invited to enjoy the show and take pictures as we roam the hallways. Parents are welcome to dress up too!

After school – if you are out trick-or-treating – Safety First! Please make sure you are very visible and careful as you cross the streets. Plan your route and travel together. Make sure you have all of your group members as you move from house to house. Please do not use fireworks – they are obviously dangerous and can only be used by adults with a permit.

We look forward to seeing all of you in character.



This is Bodie

You may have noticed that Mrs. Palmer gets a special delivery most days around 2:30-3:30pm

Bodie is an Australian Shepherd mix and he is only one year old. He spends the day at Doggy Daycare and then gets dropped off here in the afternoon.

He is still learning how to behave and sometimes he gets a bit scared of new

people so he has a bed under Mrs. Palmer's desk where he mostly sleeps while she works after school.

If you have any questions, please call the office or email dpalmer@deltasd.bc.ca

Lost but not yet Found

Missing clothing? Look in our bin.

The autumn weather has certainly been hard to predict this year. There have been big swings in temperature throughout the day lately and our noon hour supervisors have noticed that many students are taking jackets off and forgetting them outside at recess and lunch. It would be helpful if names/labels were put into hoodies and jackets so that we can find their owners. If you notice that clothing is missing at your house, feel free to have a look through our clothing bin at school.



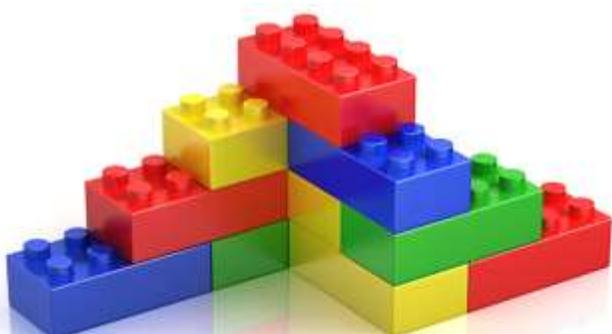
PAC Meeting November 6th @7pm

We met a few new faces and had some great conversations at the first Coffee Meetup on Oct. 24th. One of the suggestions for new parents was to come to our monthly PAC meeting anytime that it fits into your schedule. There are many opportunities for volunteering some time to helpout with school fundraisers and other activities and they are always looking for new members.



Lego Wall

Donations have started to come in for the Lego Wall we would like to build in the Library this year. If Mom & Dad are willing to part with it, we are asking students to please bring in one sandwich baggy of Lego each. That way we can build up our Lego collection and use it for creative projects to display on the Lego Wall. If you have any baseplates at home that you can part with, we definitely need those too. All colours, sizes, and accessories are welcome.



Thank you for your patience...

Oct. 18th was a very...interesting? day and I must thank all of the staff, students, and parents for handling it with patience and flexibility. We had the perfect storm which included – well, a big wind and rainstorm to start it off, our first 'IN' day, a partial which went to full power outage, Book Fair, early dismissal, and parent teacher interviews which thankfully were not held in the dark. We learned a lot about our emergency preparedness and how to get by without our usual communication channels.