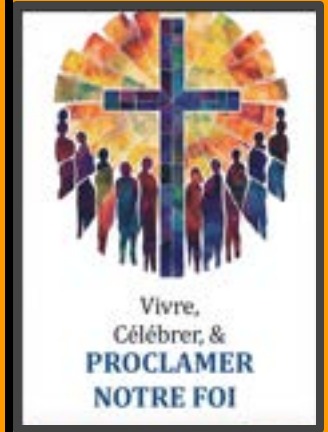


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COMMUNIQUÉ Proclaiming Our Faith

October 2025
November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in
Purgatory

November Calendar of Events

- Saturday, November 1st - All Saints Day
- Sunday, November 2nd - All Souls Day
- Monday, November 3rd - Boys Soccer Finals
- Wednesday, November 5th - School Mass
- Thursday, November 6th - High Tech, High Touch - Grades 1F, 2E, 3F
- Friday, November 7th - High Tech, High Touch - Grade 3E
- Remembrance Day Paraliturgy
- Monday, November 10th - Pro D Day - No School
- Tuesday, November 11th - Remembrance Day - No School
- Wednesday, November 12th - Hot Lunch
- Wednesday, November 19th - Band Concert
- Snack Day
- Thursday, November 20th - PEC Meeting
- Friday, November 21st - Pro-D Day
- Monday, November 24th to Tuesday, November 25th - School Book Fair
- Tuesday, November 25th - High Tech, High Touch - 4E, 4F, 5F
- Wednesday, November 26th - Hot Lunch
- Thursday, November 27th - School Mass
- Saturday, November 29th - Work Bee
- Sunday, November 30th - First Sunday of Advent



All powerful God, whose mercy is never withheld, look kindly on all who have departed this life and number them among your saints for evermore.



The Grade 6 classes led the school in praying the rosary this month.

NOVEMBER IS DEDICATED TO THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

Teaching Catholic Kids.com
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As Catholics we believe, “All who die in God’s friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death, they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven” (**Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1030**). The Church teaches after death, the holy souls can no longer earn merit through prayer or good works; therefore, they cannot pray their own way out of purgatory.

It is our duty and privilege to be able to assist them through our prayers, good works, and especially, the holy sacrifice of the Mass. Therefore, the Church has always taught us to pray for the souls in purgatory, and while we can do this anytime, November is dedicated specifically to praying for the dearly departed.

Ideas for Praying for the Holy Souls With Your Family

- Attend Mass Nov. 2 for the feast of All Souls’ Day to pray for deceased family members, for those who have no one to pray for them, and for those who will die in the upcoming year.
- If you can, attend Mass each day from Nov.1-8 to pray for the holy souls, either in general or for specific souls.
- Visit a cemetery each day from Nov. 1-8.
- Pray the rosary during the month of November for the holy souls.





Today, on **Teacher Appreciation Day**, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for all that my staff does. Each of them brings dedication, creativity, and compassion into their classrooms every day, and together they make our school a place where children feel valued, inspired, and loved.

Teaching is not just a profession—it is a calling. Their patience, commitment, and ability to bring out the best in every student make a lasting difference in their lives. Thank you for the countless hours they give, the care they show, and the joy they bring to our community. A special thank you also to the support staff, our educational assistants and our Office Manager Mrs. Hagedorn. You make our school complete.

May they take a moment today to feel proud of the impact they have. They are truly appreciated and deeply respected.

Thank you to such an amazing staff.



Just a typical day in the sports court with a special player. The students love having Father Medard join them in a friendly game of soccer.



The students earned the awesome reward of being served samples from the Fatima crew.



Stacie Wong in Grade 5 English appeared on CTV News Morning on Friday to deliver the weather forecast! Awesome job Stacie!



TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS BY GRADE 7 FRENCH

In Grade 7 French, students did an English unit on Truth and Reconciliation and talked about the significance of territory acknowledgements. Students had a very serious discussion about events in Canada's history that now obligate us, the citizens of Canada, to participate in Truth and Reconciliation and to understand why we say territory acknowledgements at schools and important events.

A select number of acknowledgements were shared over the morning announcements for the month of October however what was read over the announcements were shortened to make time for other announcements. We proudly present the Grade 7F territory acknowledgements in longer length and hope that they inspire everyone to reflect deeply on why we say them, and why we should be always grateful for the territory we live on.

Par Matias Villapol:

I would like to acknowledge that Our Lady of Fatima School resides on the shared, traditional, and unceded territory of the Kwikwetlem First Nations. We should protect the land of the Kwikwetlem peoples because it is special and important to our culture, history, and way of life. For many years the indigenous people have taken care of the land with love and respect. We must respect indigenous people, learn from them, and work together. Huy ch q'u, merci, thank you.



Par Aurora Sutcliffe:

I would like to acknowledge that Our Lady of Fatima School resides on the shared, traditional, and unceded territory of the Kwikwetlem First Nations. We must remind ourselves that this land is shared and we must take care of it like we would take care of ourselves and others. We should cherish and thank the First Nations for our beautiful trees, our birds, our fish, and our water because they took care of the land and inhabited it before us. Huy ch q'u, merci, thank you.

Par Kolten Bay:

I would like to acknowledge that Our Lady of Fatima School resides on the shared, traditional, and unceded territory of the Kwikwetlem First Nations. I thank the Kwikwetlem people for this borrowed land that we live on and for caring for all of the natural things in it: the trees, the sky, the animals, and plants. We acknowledge the pain and suffering they experienced and we are ready to help and to keep this land safe as you did before us. Huy ch q'u, merci, thank you.



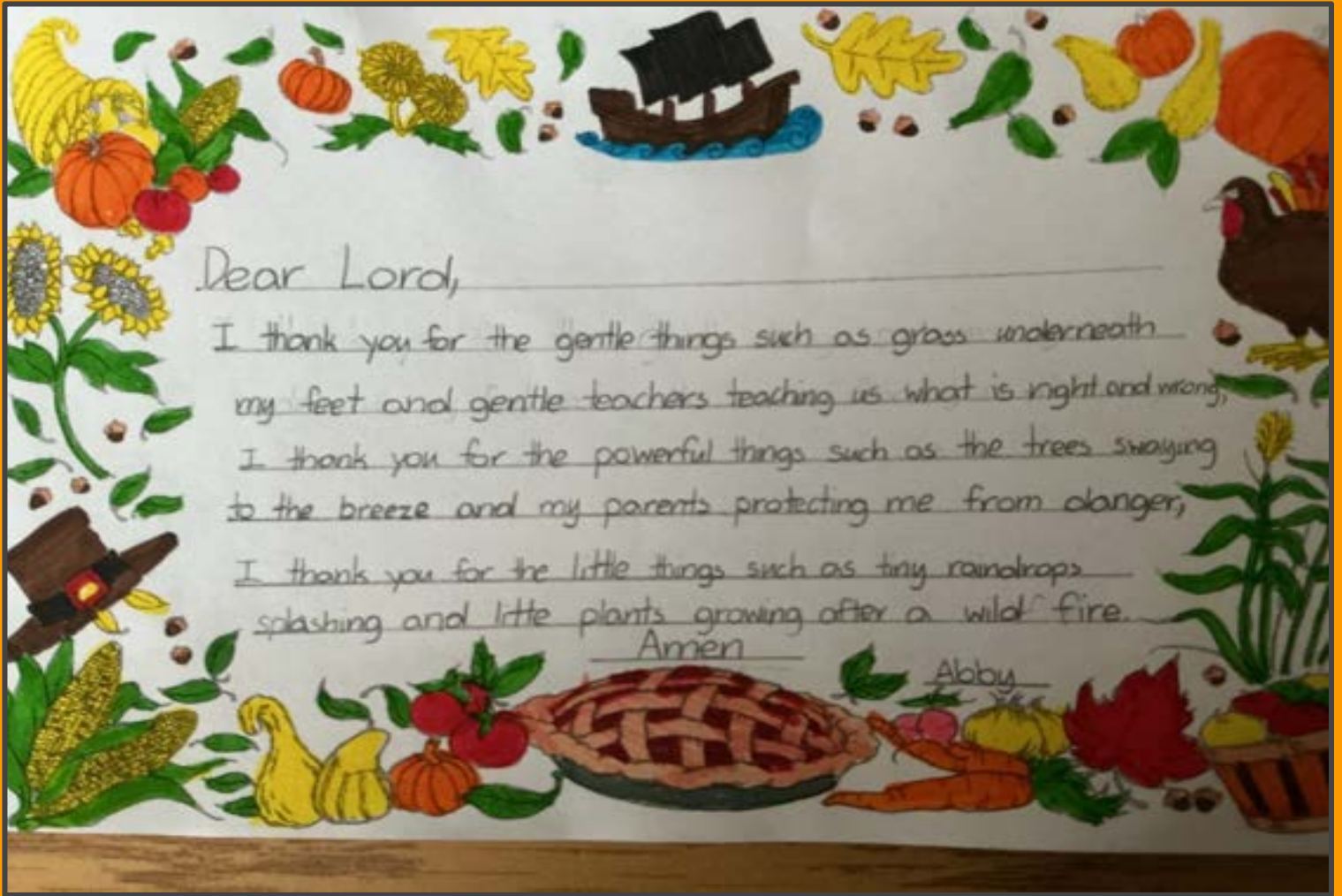
Par Kate Kusnardi:

I would like to acknowledge that Our Lady of Fatima School resides on the shared, traditional, and unceded territory of the Kwikwetlem First Nations. I acknowledge that as a Catholic residing on the Kwikwetlem traditional land, it is my responsibility to make up for the actions of the past where many children suffered in residential schools. I believe that we, yes, you and me, can take on this responsibility and work alongside our First Nation brothers and sisters. Huy ch q'u, merci, thank you.

Par Zarina Abraham-Erhart:

I would like to acknowledge that Our Lady of Fatima School resides on the shared, traditional, and unceded territory of the Kwikwetlem First Nations. Every day we work, learn, and play on this territory, most of us do not realize that this land was first inhabited by these Kwikwetlem First Nations. We will care for this borrowed land, appreciate it and treat it kindly so that everyone can feel welcomed and loved. Huy ch q'u, merci, thank you

The Grade 4 English class wrote beautiful "Thank You" prayers to God for the many blessings in their lives.

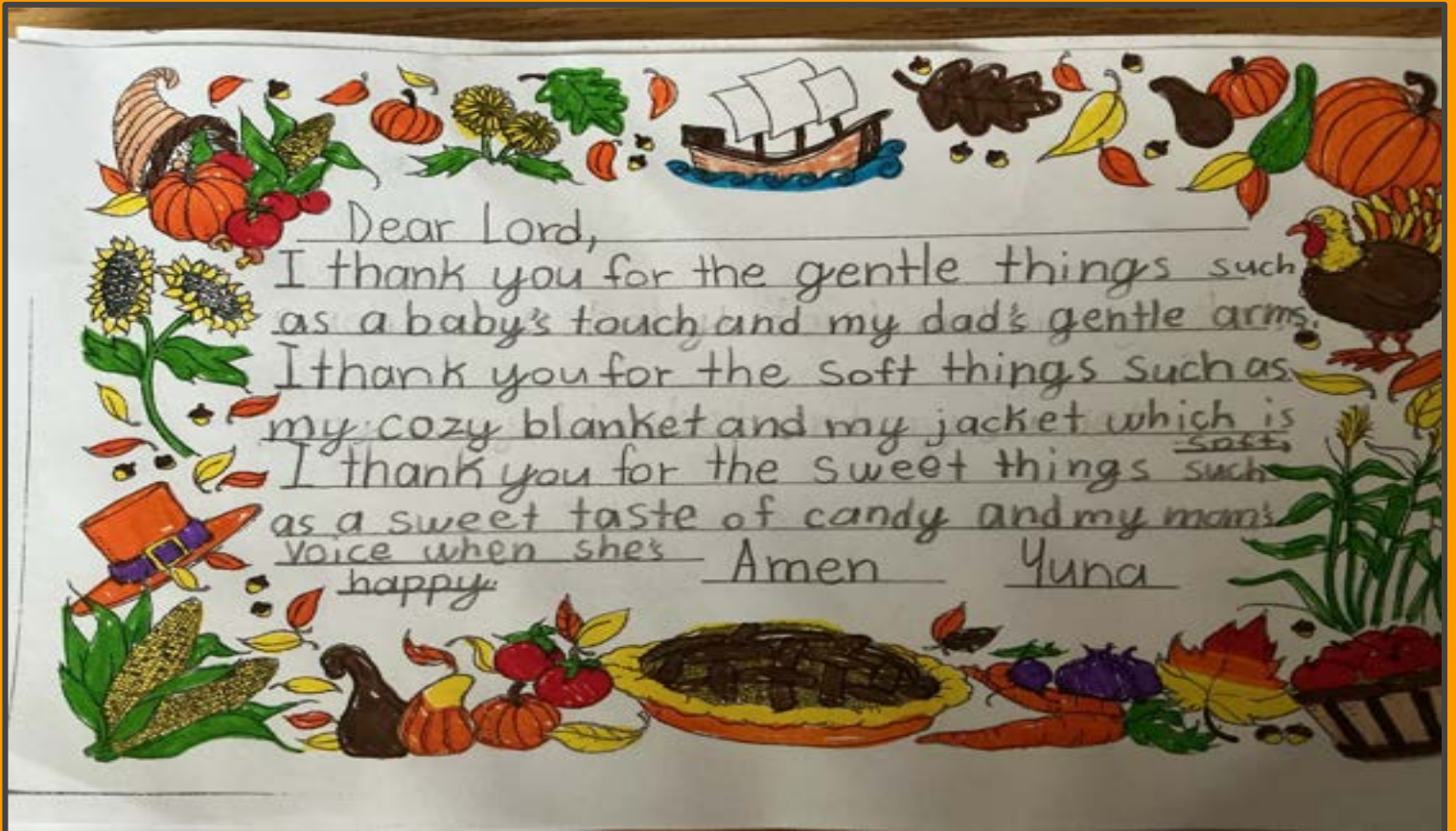


Dear Lord,

I thank you for the gentle things such as grass underneath my feet and gentle teachers teaching us what is right and wrong,
I thank you for the powerful things such as the trees swaying to the breeze and my parents protecting me from danger,
I thank you for the little things such as tiny raindrops splashing and little plants growing after a wild fire.

Amen

Abby



Dear Lord,

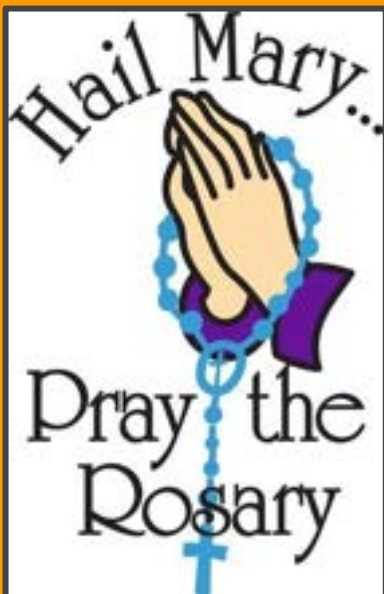
I thank you for the gentle things such as a baby's touch and my dad's gentle arms.
I thank you for the soft things such as my cozy blanket and my jacket which is ^{SOFT}
I thank you for the sweet things such as a sweet taste of candy and my mom's voice when she's happy.

Amen

Yuna

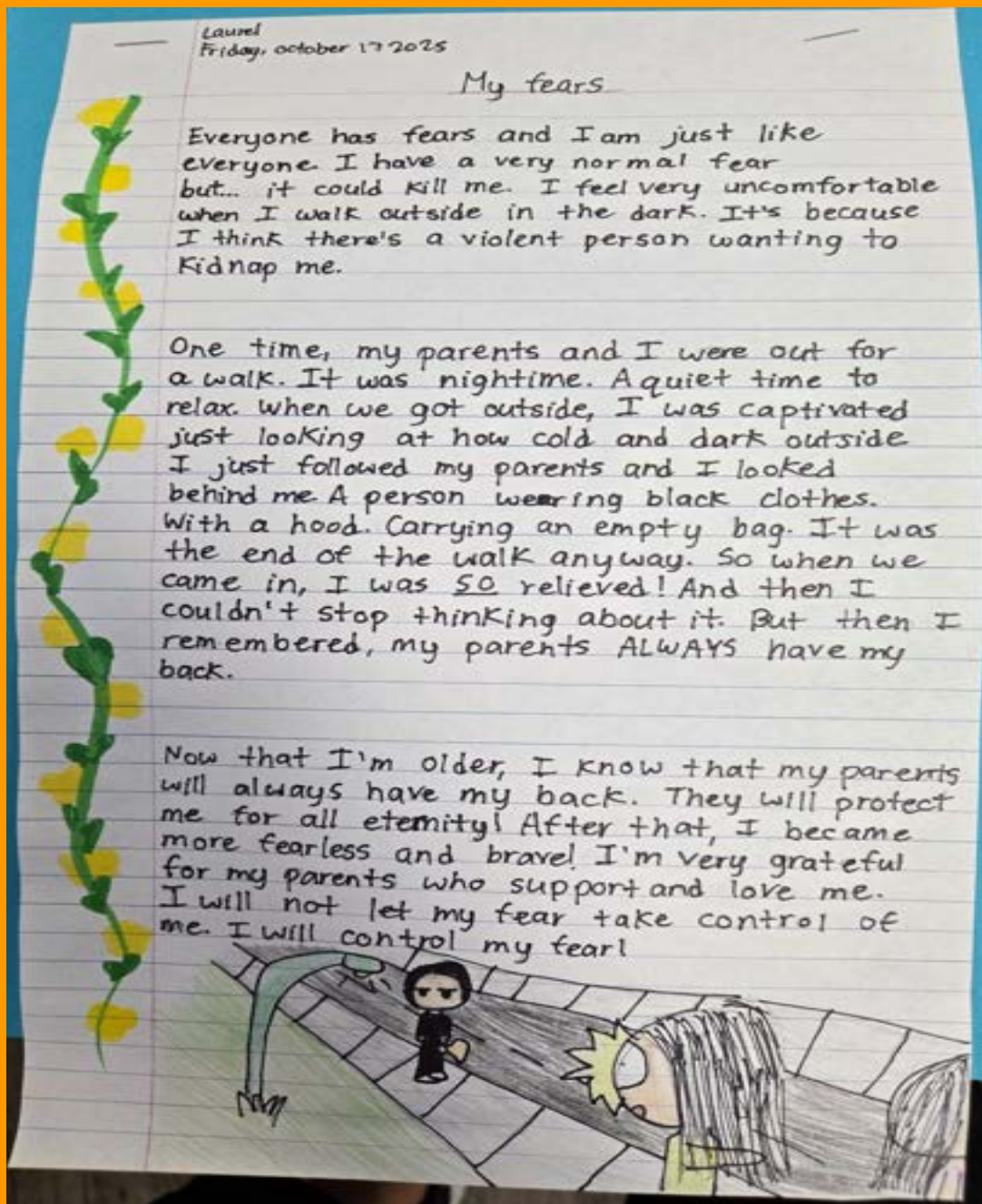
CELEBRATING THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY - GRADE 1 ENGLISH

At the end of October the grade 1E class celebrated their month long study of the Rosary by creating their own edible rosaries. Students each brought a baggie with edible supplies to help recreate their own rosary. Cheerios represented the 53 Hail Mary prayers, a colorful candy for the 6 Our Fathers prayers and some pretzel sticks for the cross. After reviewing each of the prayers they enjoyed eating each of their items. It was a wonderful way to celebrate!





The Gr 4F class spent the week discussing Autumn and designing self-portraits.



The Gr 4 F class spent the week discussing and writing all about their fears.



Cross Country 2025

Our Cross Country team finished 15th out of 34 schools this year! Bravo to all our amazing runners who came out regularly to practice before school at Como Lake. They all ran their best and represented our school with sportsmanship and great effort!! We are so proud of you all. Felicitations!! On Y Va Fatima!!!

A very special recognition goes to our top 10 finishers:

- Kayleigh Navin Gr. 4E - 1st place gold medal
- Ayden Estey Gr. 2F - 2nd place silver medal
- Alexander Schmidt Da Silva - 3rd place bronze medal
- Abigail Estey Gr. 4F - 8th place ribbon
- Amir Zaidi Gr. 6F - 9th place ribbon
- Mia Valentini Gr. 4E - 10th place ribbon



Our Grade 4 girls team came in 2nd overall in points! Bravo les Filles!!

A big thank you to all the parents who brought their children to practice and the meet. And a very special thank you to all the wonderful coaches who helped to prepare and encourage all these amazing runners, Mrs. Finnigan, Mme. Crosman, Mme. Batista, Mme. Salvino, Mrs. Meredith, Mr. Matinek and Mme Ribeiro. Great Job Fatima!! Keep running the race!!





Congratulations to the junior boys soccer team on a great season! Each team member showed great spirit and energy. On y va Fatima !!



Congrats/félicitations to both our Senior boys soccer teams on an excellent soccer season. You all demonstrated good team work and continued soccer development. Good luck to the Blue team as they move on to playoffs. Thank you to our parent drivers, and coaches for making everything possible.



Grade 6 English had the opportunity to visit Seymour River Hatchery as they begin preparing to raise salmon eggs this year.



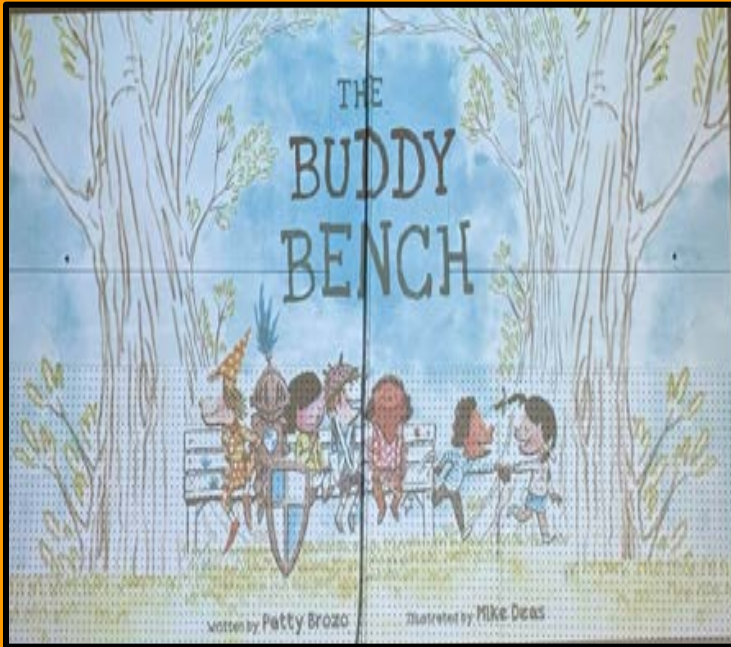
Happy Halloween!

The EcoKids had some spooky fun creating eco-friendly Hallowe'en decorations from sustainable materials like cotton gauze spiderwebs, rice paper ghosts, and carved apples. (When dry, the apples become creepy shrunken apple-heads!) Which one will you try at home?



THE BUDDY BENCH

On Tuesday October 21st we had an assembly to discuss the buddy bench with all of the primary students. The Buddy Bench is a special bench where students who are lonely and have no one to play with can come and sit. When other students see someone on the bench they are encouraged to go and invite that student to play. During the assembly we read the book "The Buddy Bench" by Patti Brozo and watched a skit presentation by the leadership team. Students were reminded of the Fatima Five and how we are all called to be kind to each other and include others.





The Grade 6 French class explored the beauty of God's creation through a chalk pastel art activity.



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