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Pontiac News

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An Active Start to the School Year

Within the classrooms our students have familiarized themselves with the classroom rules and are beginning to adjust to the new 15/16 school year.

The new school year is off to a great start with students engaging in many school activities that are associated with their lessons and extracurricular interest.

Our Eagle Staff was also a part of our community's Eagle Staff gathering the weekend of September 26th – 27th. Our staff was introduced to over 40 other staffs and blessed during this event. Miigwech to our Eagle staff carrier, Sterling, and his helpers for their involvement in this event.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Our three pitch team attended an Island wide event on Thursday, October 1st with our JR. teams (grades 5/6) attending events at Gore Bay and our SR. teams (grades 7/8) attending events in Mindemoya. We had four

teams in total representing Pontiac and all teams participated in championship games.

Each championship game was thrilling with both of our junior teams losing by only one run, having each team coming in at second place.

Our Senior 'A' team came home with the 'B' championship and our senior 'B' team came home with the 'A' championship! A huge congratulations to all our teams who did their best at representing Pontiac.

Our cross country runners are gearing up for an exciting season including students participating in the Wikwemikong Invitational on October 8th and the Island Wide cross country event on October 22nd at Gore Bay. Good luck to our cross country team!

We would also like to say congratulations to our cross country runners that are representing our

community with their involvement in the Wikwemikong Team.

Congratulations Tori, Sassy, Autumn and Francesca. Their season started this past month and will continue throughout the remainder of the school year. Good luck girls!

Our 7/8 students are also beginning to prepare for the upcoming flag football season with the team participating in an Island wide event on October 27, 2015.

Events in October

October 5 – Picture Day

October 5 – Parent Council meeting

October 7 – Early Dismissal at 2p.m.

October 8 – Wikwemikong Invitational

October 12 – Thanksgiving – NO SCHOOL

October 21 – Skills Ontario presentation for all grades

October 22 – Island Cross Country Championships in Gore Bay

October 27 – Flag Football at Assiginack

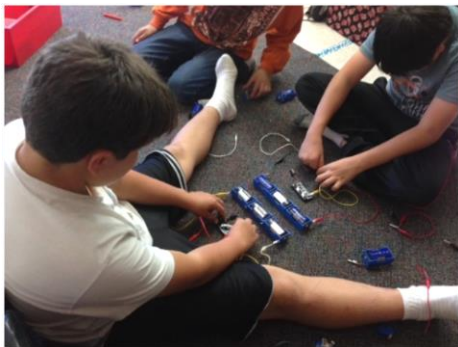
October 30 – All Soul's Day Feast



Non Educational Items

As stated in our Student Handbook (found in each students' agenda) non-educational items need to be kept to a minimum at Pontiac. This also includes skateboards as they become a distraction and a safety concern for students, including the owner of the items in question. Please ensure your child does not bring non-educational items that are not conducive to the school environment.

If items are brought to the school, they may be confiscated and returned only to the parents/guardians. Families/guardians may be contacted to notify them that items are being brought and need to remain at home. Please ensure the safety of your child's property by keeping non-educational items at home.



Our grade six students are learning through inquiry! Here they are trying to figure out how to get the switch incorporated into their circuit to turn the light on and off.

COLDER WEATHER!

As colder weather approaches please ensure your child is dressed appropriately.



Hands on Learning

Our students are starting the new school year off with many hands on opportunities to demonstrate their learning. Along with hands-on learning our students have also started to collaborate during their lessons to demonstrate their understanding.

Within Anishinaabemowin class, our grade eight students have started beadwork as a part of their studies which will end with them sharing their final pieces and why they chose the designs they did. Students had an option to do loom beading or create a medallion.



PUBLICATION RELEASE FORMS

The office will be handing out publication release forms. Please ensure they are returned as this will allow us to plan publications for the upcoming school year. They will also be applicable to our website and other forms of social media our school uses. Currently we are on twitter @pontiacschool.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit our calendar and schedule of events at www.wbe-education.ca/pontiac or on twitter @pontiacschool

Parent Council

Parent Council had their first meeting on October 5, 2015. We are currently seeking new members to be a part of our council. Duties of the parent council will include creating opportunities for families to partake in school activities, fundraising initiatives, and supporting programming within the school. Support can include hosting parent/guardian seminars on relevant topics that can include nutrition, math support, literacy support, etc.

