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UPCOMING EVENTS

# Pontiac News

## November 2016

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October was a busy month for our Pontiac students with many activities not only happening in the classroom but also in grade teams and across divisions.

Our cross country runners represented us well in all events they attended. The team competed in the Eastern Ontario Elementary Schools Cross Country Championships in Ottawa, the Wiky Invitational hosted by Pontiac, the Shawanosowe Invitational in Birch Island and at the Island Wide Gore Bay Cross Country event. At the island wide event our 11 – 12 year old boys placed third overall, our 11-12 year old girls placed first and our 13 and over boys and girls each took first place overall. Congratulations to all our runners and their accomplishments this season.

On two separate trips our grade fours and eights visited McLean's Park through the Healthy Kids Community Challenge initiative. They were treated to a nature hike that identified local plants in the area.

Ontario Cancer Care visited our school on October 25<sup>th</sup> to host an event that introduced our 4/5/6 students to active play and taught them the importance of refraining from tobacco use. The students engaged in

ultimate Frisbee play with all grades having a game at the end of the day.

Skills Ontario visited our 7/8 students and shared their knowledge on employment in the trades. Students engaged in a hands on activity that taught them the importance of working as a team and challenged them to be creative.

Our 7/8 students were also treated to a visit by Earl Lambert who is a motivational speaker. This opportunity was brought to our school by Ontario Works and our students were very appreciative of his positive message. Miigwech to OW and Earl Lambert for a great day for our students.

Our students celebrated Halloween by showing their school spirit and wearing orange and black. Students who brought their costumes to school also participated in a Halloween parade where each division had a competition for best costume. Our students also decorated their classroom doors with Mrs Cooper's class coming in first.

Our month ended with a hands on learning experience with Great Lakes Cultural Camps and more information will be shared in next month's newsletter!

### November Calendar

**November 1** – Great Lakes Cultural Camp – Day two

**November 2** – All Soul's Day teachings and feast

**November 7** – Parent Council Meeting @ 4:30

**November 8** – Grade four skating event

**November 18** – Anishinaabemowin Speaking Contest

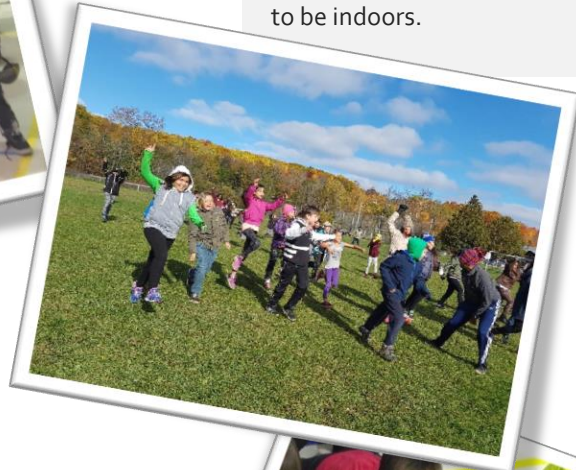
**November 18** – Picture Day Retakes

**November 22** – Report Card Night 4 – 6p.m.

**November 25** – November Spirit Day

**November 28** – NO SCHOOL – Professional Development Day

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### OUTDOOR WEATHER

With the change in weather it is important to ensure your child is dressed appropriately. Students will have outdoor recesses unless inclement weather deems it necessary to be indoors.

The pictures show our students partaking in a Halloween parade, working as a group to play ultimate Frisbee and engaging in group activities with our motivational speaker. Students also worked together to challenge themselves as a group in our Skills Ontario presentation.



Students learned how to skin an elk hide with Great Lakes Cultural Camps. More pictures will be shared next month with a story to follow!

### PARENT/TEACHER NIGHT

When: **Tuesday, November 22, 2016**

Time: 4 – 6p.m.

What to bring: Your student! We have student led conferences where your child will share with you what they've learned.

