

Majagaleehl Gali Aks

Phone - 1-250-842-5313

Bell Schedule

8:55	Warning Bell
9:00	Classes Start
10:30	Break
10:45	classes
12:15	Lunch
1:05	End of Lunch
1:05	classes
3:01	Dismiss

Student Absenteeism

Please remember to contact the school whenever your son or daughter is going to be away from school. If you send a note with your child, please have the note delivered to the main office first. If the absence is going to be for an extended period of time i.e. more than one day, we can put a homework request out to teachers.

Visitors and Guests to the School

All parents/guardians, visitors and guests are required to check in at the main office upon arrival. Thank you.

Students Leaving the School

We are a closed campus. All students are to remain at school for lunch. If you need to pick your child up at lunch time please notify the office.

Important dates

Nov. 11 – Remembrance Day
Nov. 21 – report cards go home
Nov. 23/24 – short days for Parent/teacher meetings.



October/
November
At MGA



Dear MGA Families,

How quickly the first two months of the school year have gone by. Much has taken place during this time and to say there is much more coming up in the weeks ahead is an understatement. We have recognized the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, gone on field trips, celebrated Halloween, hosted the school district board of trustees and are looking towards Remembrance Day and Parent/Teacher Night.

Our hallways have wonderful displays that celebrate culture and student success. Please feel free to spend some time looking at the displays next time you are at MGA. And our outdoor learning space is taking shape. We have new planter boxes that were recently planted with garlic and tulip bulbs as well as concrete platforms for picnic tables. We look forward to the spring when classes will be able to make use of this space.

Additionally, our After School Sports Program has started. A big thank you to Mrs. Marshall, Ms. Willan, Mr. Kemp, and Ms. Sampson for the time and energy they have devoted to making this program a success.



PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL - WELCOMES YOU!

What is PAC and what does it do?

The first Tuesday of every month MGA PAC meet with the principal on line. It is during this meeting time, you can find out what is happening around the school, how funds are spent, and join in on the discussions regarding items that are brought to the table that month. This could be fundraising, upcoming events, volunteer opportunities and so forth. The principal gives a monthly report which is very informative to parents. Being on PAC keeps you in the "loop" on what is happening at your child's school. We are always looking for new PAC Members to come out. ☺

Next PAC Meeting for 2022/2023: Tuesday, November 8, 2022 @ 7:00pm in the School Library. Mark your calendars! PAC welcomes you to come join us. ☺

The Great Shake Out

On November 17th at 10:17 students and staff at Majagaleehl Gali Aks will practice how to **Drop, Take Cover** and **Hold On during an earthquake**.

More than 3,000 earthquakes occur in British Columbia each year. Most are too small to be felt, but the risk of one big enough to cause significant damage is very real.



Report Cards and Terms

This year we will have three terms and three reporting periods, much the same as in the elementary schools in our school district. The term dates are as follows:

Term # 1 – September to November

Term # 2 – December to March

Term # 3 – April to June

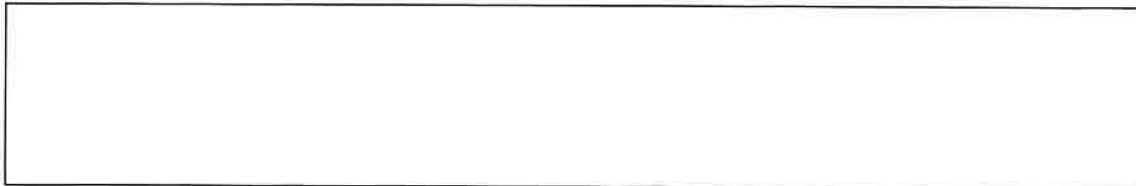


FIRST TERM REPORT CARDS

With the final push underway to wrap up the first term, here is what you need to know about first term report cards and parent/teacher interviews:

The Early Dismissal days are November 23 and 24 – students will be dismissed one hour early both days. Parent/Teacher interviews will be part of these two days. We will target November 23 specifically as the date for Parent/Teacher interviews.

We look forward to seeing you! Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.



HALLOWEEN



Friday, October 28st was a Halloween fun night hosted by MGA PAC. We had dancing, cupcake decorating, crafts, and games. Many of the students and families who attend MGA came out and participated in the two hour event.

We thank the MGA PAC for hosting the event and staff who helped make the night a fun, exciting night for everyone.

Busing

To all our parents and guardians, please be aware that **our bus loop must remain free of all vehicles except for buses during the posted times.** It is very important that our buses have clear and easy access to the bus loop. They should not be help up behind other vehicles dropping students off.



There is parking available in the vacant lot beside the school. Thank you to the parents and guardians who are using this space to drop their children off.



Library

Decorate a Kleenex Box Competition

Winner of the decorated Kleenex box will receive a \$25.00 gift certificate to the MGA book fair.



After School Program News

The After School Program has kicked off for the year. We have two new staff members that we would like to welcome, Mr. Kemp and Ms. Wilson. A big thank you to Mrs. Walchuck for all the years she worked hard to support the MGA ASP.

This program gives children the opportunity to participate in arts and crafts that are not typically part of the regular school curriculum, like drum making and tie dying hoodies. We also play a variety of sports and games both in the gym and outside when the weather permits. This year we also happy to incorporate some piano lessons with Mr. Kemp and hope to take a field trip for the final day of the program.

We will run two sessions, so we can include as many children as possible. The first session runs from October until January, and the second session will run from January until April. If you are interested in more information or would like to add your child to the waitlist, please contact the school.

Ms. Willan and Mrs. Marshall



WIGA RECOGNITION

VIRTUES:

September: Patience

Philomene Lalonde
Amelia Jack
Amelie Fraenkel
Amber Harris
Amelia Barnwell
Layla Henderson
Durryl Matthews
Mrs. VanTunen

October: Responsibility

Jude Williston-Lowe
Kelly Iverson-Stevens
Samuel Lobban
Kenzie Jack
Gatlayea Williams
Shanae Green
Ursa Koch-Demaio
Mme. Ciguere

TSAWINAA STUDENTS FOR OCTOBER


Dallin Morrison
Gatlayea Williams
Izzy Ciguere
Tatum Shirey





Mrs. Dodd's Grade 4/5 Class

We have had a wonderful start to the year!



What we are learning:

- reading strategies focusing on, 'Connect' lessons, we listened to lots of stories and practiced making connections to ourselves, the story and the world
- practiced thinking while we read so we can make sense of text and understand what we read, reviewed some strategies for sounding out unfamiliar words
- how to write basic paragraphs and how to add details to make our writing more interesting
- about Residential school, how First Nations/ Gitksan are connected to the land and how they pass on knowledge through stories
- place value, basic adding and subtracting skills
- reviewed school rules and what they look like in the classroom and around the school



We've had FUN:

- going on our amazing class field trip to Rocky Rose Ranch for a full day of fun!!
- doing hands-on STEM activities such as 'Saving Fred', building structures with blocks, creating a ghost catapult
- picking apples, eating spiral peeled apples
- sipping on hot apple cider after a cold lunch hour as we sat in our cozy room with the lights out and warmed up with the fire log sizzling in the background on the tv
- going to the PAC Halloween Fun Night and dressing up for our class party
- listening to Dr. Smith share her stories and knowledge about the Gitksan and their connection to the land



Reminders:

- **read every night for 20 minutes**
- **practice your adding and subtraction facts**
- **Dress for the weather as it is getting colder out there**
- **please contact me by phone, email or send a note if you have any questions or concerns:)**
- **Cheers,**
Mrs. Dodd ☺

Bonjour de la division 6,

I just wanted to take this opportunity to share with you all the amazing accomplishments experienced in our classroom this first term of school.

In Mathematics, grade 5 students have been diligently working on their multiplications to 12. All students have been working/reviewing calculating the perimeter and area of rectangles, discovering the relationship between fractions and decimal points, as well as, working with equivalent fractions. Students have successfully completed a project where they were asked to organize a Halloween party with a limited budget. In this project, students learned to budget for their meals, games, and table rentals for their party, as well as creating a pie chart representing monies spent for their party. I'm glad to say that all students handed in quality work and they all were within budget!

En français, students have been studying weekly vocabulary lists in preparation for our weekly dictées (spelling tests). The vocabulary list is given every Monday and spelling tests are every Thursday morning. Please encourage all students at home to study for their weekly spelling test. I would also like parents/guardians to encourage students to speak more French in the classroom as well as, reading more French materials at home. I am having to constantly remind students to speak French in the classroom.

In English, students have been busy improving their writing skills weekly with Mrs. Dodd. I am happy with the progress of many students as they learn to write descriptive paragraphs. Students have learned to write an accurate topic sentence and are discovering different sentence beginnings. They are also discovering the effectiveness of using similes to add detail in their writing. Students are also learning how to make connections to stories that are read weekly in class.



UKE CAN DO IT! We have started to play ukulele in the classroom! All students are learning music literacy as they discover reading notes in the treble clef, time signatures and note values. The program that we are following is entitled *Ukulele in the Classroom* by James Hill and Chalmers Doane. Students are enjoying making music in class and I am always thrilled to share my passion with them. We will soon start to prepare for the Christmas concert and I am looking forward in sharing with you our song for this year's assembly! Stayed tuned (get it)!



Also, I am happy to announce that Kevin Koch will be visiting with us this week to discuss the various forms of wildlife found on our beautiful territory. He will bring his game cameras into the classroom and we will be sorting through the many pictures found on them. Throughout this project, students will discover the various critters that are running through our territory! Students will also have the opportunity to monitor our own game camera placed somewhere in our local forest.



Finally, stay tuned for a year end classroom fieldtrip announcement!