



# O. V. Jewitt Community School

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## September 2021 Newsletter

### Land Acknowledgement

We would like to acknowledge that O.V. Jewitt Community School is located on Treaty 1 land, the original lands of the Anishinaabe, Ininewak, Aniishinin, Dakota, and Dene peoples, and on the homeland of the Métis Nation. We respect the Treaties that were made on these territories, we acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past, and we dedicate ourselves to move forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.

### Letter from the Principals

Tanisi, Boozhoo, Aaniin,

September 30<sup>th</sup> is now recognized as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, a new federal statutory holiday. This day builds upon the previous Orange Shirt Day. We wanted our students and families to acknowledge and observe the importance of this day and use it as a powerful tool for reconciliation.



Students from Kindergarten to Grade 8 spent time learning about the negative impacts of the Residential School System on Indigenous Communities in Canada, remembering and honouring the children who went to these schools, and finding ways that we can be active participants in the process of Reconciliation. They thought about the words, "Every Child Matters" and what that means to them. It is our hope, at O.V. Jewitt, to create learning opportunities that go beyond the scope of just a one-day event and that this important work is done throughout the school year. We also gathered for our first Fall Feast and assembly this month. Our feast gives thanks – for food, for nature, and for each other. Chi miigwetch to our student helpers, our Elders, Dan and Mary, and dancer Cierra from Garden City Collegiate for being a part of this day.

*We'd like to thank you for your continued support. For working alongside of us. For sharing your children with us. We are so glad to be back!*



*"We have described for you a mountain. We have shown you the path to the top. We call upon you to do the climbing," - the Honourable Justice Murray Sinclair.*

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## News from Rooms 2 & 4...

Throughout September, Rooms 2 and 4 gathered in the outdoor classroom to explore the concept of love. We read stories and had meaningful discussions about residential schools and reconciliation. We then created attachment hearts, which we filled with sage. These hearts gave us the opportunity to explore traditional aboriginal medicines as a form of comfort and as a way to educate the children in the use of the medicines. It also gave us the opportunity to learn how to sew. Students then presented the heart to someone who is a friend, family member or caregiver to demonstrate their attachment to that person.



## O.V. Jewitt Patrols

We would like to take this opportunity to announce that our O.V. Jewitt Patrol Team has completed their training and are now out working hard in and around our school to help the community cross the streets safely. We ask our parents and caregivers to be mindful of their presence and to please follow their leadership.

Mr. Winchar and Ms. Batista



**In Room 18**, students are learning about residential school through poetry, song lyrics, art, research, books, videos and personal survivor testimonies. In our learning we discovered Canada's biggest mistake! The creation of residential schools. We learned that these schools intentionally separated children from their families, language, culture and communities. *"To kill the Indian and save the child"* was the motto that gave life to these schools. We learned how Canada used laws from the Indian Act of 1876, that gave license to control every aspect of Indigenous peoples' lives. Did you know that it became mandatory for every Indigenous child to attend a residential school and illegal for them to attend any other educational institution? It's true! To know the truth is important in order for reconciliation to come into fruition. Working towards reconciliation is to acknowledge the land, and the people who came before us. We all benefit and together we are all Treaty people.





## Guest Presenter...

On the week of September 20th, John Mighton, dropped into O.V. Jewitt to connect with learners, educators, and school teams. He worked with Mr. Mantolino's and Ms. Badhan's classes. John demonstrated his emphasis on formative assessment and inclusion, ensuring that every learner was thinking mathematically and building confidence.

## TERRY FOX WALK/RUN

- This year's Terry Fox School Walk/Run took place on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021. We assembled safely outside and walked around the community holding posters that took inspiration from Terry's examples of courage, determination and compassion.

***"Anything is possible if you try." - Terry Fox***



## \*LUNCHTIME SAFETY\*

Middle Years students are not allowed to leave the school yard during the lunch hour unless arrangements have been made to leave for the entire lunch hour (12:45—1:45 p.m.) due to an appointment or to having lunch at home. We are not giving permission for students to go to Tempo or 7-11 to buy snacks or beverages throughout the lunch hour, as this becomes a safety concern, with students coming and going. Thanks for working with us to ensure that your kids are supervised during their lunch hour.

