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NEWSLETTER

7/8 Trick Or Treat Canned Food Drive

Students in Grades 7 & 8 traded candy for canned food this Hallowe'en as some went door to door asking for non-perishables for the South Grenville Food Bank. Community members were thrilled to have a chance to give to such a worthy cause and collecting the food gave the students a chance to prep for their very special rally at the Canadian Tire Centre in Ottawa on Nov 9th that hopes to encourage students to humble themselves, switching their thinking from 'Me to We'. www.weday.org



Grade 3 students in Mrs. Nandoo's class learn All About Soil.



My Thanksgiving Weekend

On my Thanksgiving weekend I had turkey and ham. My cousin came over for a play date. It was so much fun! - **Chloe M. Gr. 3**

My brother Sean was putting the Halloween display he is planning to finish this time. He has hanging skeletons that can turn on and light up. He loves to decorate the house a lot.

- **Evie C. Gr. 3**

On Friday I went to the Fair then I went on the bumper cars. On Saturday I made a pie, then I made a maple leaf and put it on the pie. Then I put it in the oven to cook. When I went to bed, I read two chapters of my chapter book!

- **Edan A. Gr. 3**



Pumpkin Fun – Crazy Hair/Hat Day



Students went all out on Crazy Hair/Hat Day getting creative with pop bottles and hair colours. The afternoon saw Mr. Jean-Marc faced with a tough decision as he judges the seven pumpkins each lunch table created. Pumpkins were then collected by the city of Prescott and lit up for a pumpkin parade at the waterfront. What a great idea!

This was my third year having Mr. MacNeil as a teacher and in just those few short years he has changed my life. The very first year I came to St. Lawrence Academy was Mr. MacNeil's first year as well. What luck! Our class was like a family. Everyone was comfortable with each other. It meant that Mr. MacNeil could really talk with us and try new things with us [always searching for ways] to help us learn better. He had read somewhere that Opera or classical music would help. We used to make fun of it, but it really did help us to relax and concentrate. But something that stood out to me [more than anything] is how positive and happy Mr. MacNeil always was. By being that way, everyone he spoke to was like that too. I am trying to be that way now. – **Emma H. Gr. 8**



In Memoriam
Mr. MacNeil
1959 - 2016

The way Mr. MacNeil affected my life was a miracle. He would always go out of his way to teach me in the ways that would benefit me the most. He loved to talk about trucks and tractors with me. I would learn something new every day. The Opera music he would play would help me to focus better and try harder. I am not good at cross country, but Mr. MacNeil's booming voice would always push me to try my best. That really meant a lot to me. – **Austin M. Gr. 7**

I really didn't expect to hear that Mr. MacNeil has passed away. I thought that years after leaving SLA I would bump into him in the grocery store and talk about years gone by, when he taught me; but it didn't happen that way.

It's too hard for me to understand right now that someone I am so used to seeing every day could just suddenly be gone. When I look over the past 2 years that I have had him as a teacher, it's almost as if the memories are too hard to grasp, blurred by the sudden realization that he is gone. When I walk into his classroom, I can almost still hear the music. Beautiful voices blending in to one another and the smell of whatever weird drink he was experimenting with that day. I remember his turtle hat that he wore – even though the sun was nowhere to be seen [always the optimist] He concentrated on ways to inspire us to reach our full potential. As well all go off into the world no want make our mark. may we all do amazing things with Mr. MacNeil in mind. – **Anastasia Gr. 8**

Mr. MacNeil was a kind and loving person who taught Math in ways that no one else could. He always cared for his students and he would never move forward if a student didn't understand. He would always help me with a calm and gentle voice. He was so loving and so caring that I was always comforted with his help. He will always be in my heart and [I'm sure] in many others.

– **Luke T. Gr. 8**

Mr. MacNeil was one of my favorite teachers because he always had a smile on his face. He would start every day off with music because he said it would help with concentration, and it kind of did. I loved Mr. MacNeil's sayings that we didn't always get... but still loved. Like tiny violins, or cheese with wine... He would celebrate every season with us letting us pick out our favorite music. Mr. MacNeil was a presence at every Track Meet cheering us on and encouraging us to do our best. I think that my favorite field trip with him was to Saunder's Farm where he decided to try out one of the bike's I will miss Mr. MacNeil so much, I don't think anyone could ever replace him!

– **Madeleine J. Gr, 7**



COMING EVENTS:

WE Day – Grades 7&8 – Wednesday Nov 9

Remembrance Day Services in Prescott and Brockville – Friday

Nov 11, 2016

Long Weekend – Friday Nov 11 & Monday Nov 14

Prescott Parade – Friday Nov 18

Report Cards Sent Home – Monday Nov 21

Lunch Forms and Interview Forms due back – Friday Nov 25

3rd Annual SLA Christmas Craft Fair – Saturday Nov. 26th 10-2

Parent Teacher Interview – Tuesday Nov 29 and Thurs. Dec 1

Violin/Piano/Guitar Recital – Friday Dec 16

SLA Christmas Program – Thursday Dec 22 @6:30pm

Tiny
 Eyes
 Dark Brown
 Dancing Bear
 Yellow Paws
 Berries
 Ears
 Animal
 Roar

Jasmine B. SK

