



# Windsor Hall's Monthly Newsletter

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## ALWAYS BE THANKFUL!

Thanksgiving Day is a chance for people to give thanks for a good harvest and other fortunes in the past year.

We are thankful for our students and staff's health and wellbeing and for being able to have in-person classes again! We are thankful for our amazing healthcare workers, our families, our friends, our pets, and everyone that has made our days brighter.

What are you thankful for this year?

Fabiana Martinez - Director of Admissions





# Letter from the Head of School

October 29, 2021

Dear Parent / Carer:

October has been a very busy month at Windsor Hall. Our school received its first inspection from the Ministry of Education, and we received an outstanding report. The team at our school was recognized for their exemplary hard work in preparation for the visit. We also were pleased to host a BC Provincial Professional Development Day at our school for 50 teachers and principals.

Over the past few weeks, I have taken the opportunity to visit lessons, sample student work, and speak to many pupils both formally and informally, and I am very pleased to say that strong teaching and learning is resulting in engaged classrooms, with pupils making excellent progress.

We have scheduled our report cards to be sent home on November 8th and the teachers have arranged the opportunity for parent / teacher interviews via zoom.

Please note that there will be no school on November 11th as this is Remembrance Day. We will also be closed on November 12th as this is a professional development day.

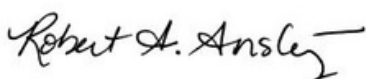
It is very important that everyone order the Windsor Hall uniforms from Cambridge Uniforms. Should you need assistance, please speak with one of your child's teachers for instructions. If you need translation, Vita will be happy to help. Four families have ordered thus far, and these orders have been shipped. It is important to know that, as a new school, Cambridge Uniforms has worked with us to design and create a completely unique uniform, so the wait time has been longer than usual.

For the health and safety of everyone in our school community, it is imperative that families respect and follow all procedures listed below. Thank you for doing your part in making sure our school is safe for everyone.

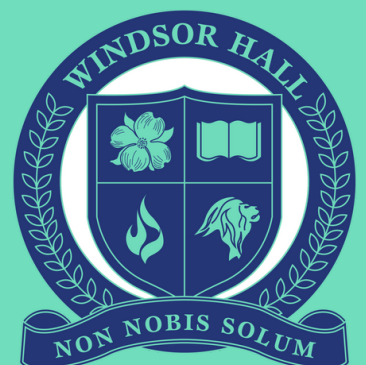
1. Before coming to school, perform the Mandatory Daily Health Declaration.
2. Students: arrive no earlier than 30 minutes before the start of the day, wear a mask, avoid crowding and spread out. We ask that everyone wash and sanitize hands regularly.
3. Parents/Guardians needing to visit the school should book an appointment by calling the main office.

I invite parents and guardians to check out our website and follow us on social media for the latest school news and upcoming events. Our school is so lively, and we update our social media regularly.

Sincerely,



Dr. Robert Anstey  
Head of School



## In the classroom

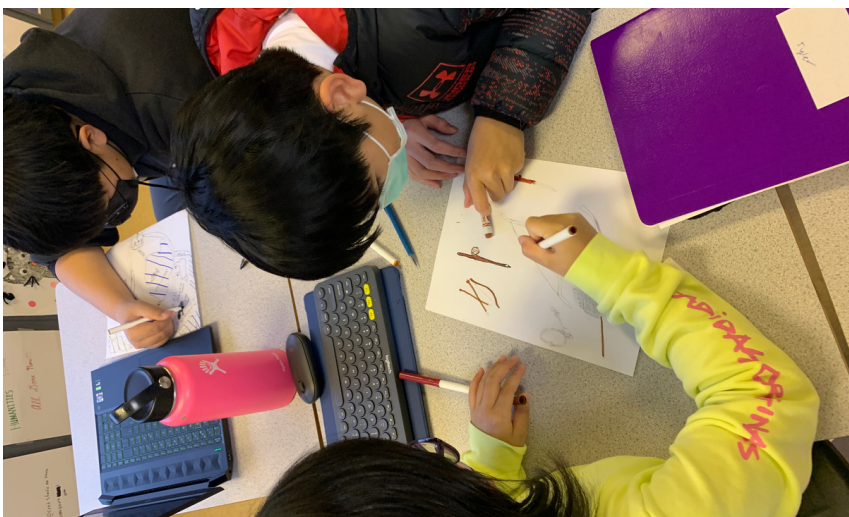
### ELA

This month, students fully embraced the writing process. Crafting their own narratives in a genre of their choosing, students have worked independently and collaboratively to plan, draft, revise, and edit their wonderful short stories. From thrilling historical adventures to mysterious fairytale drama, they have worked so hard to get to publish their work and have it featured in both the Windsor Hall and Canada Star Secondary libraries. Well done!



### MATH

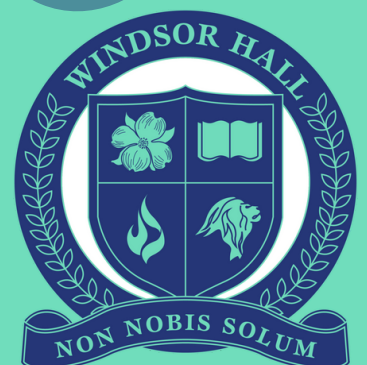
Students spent the last few weeks immersed in an Indigenous-centered math project all about hunting and gathering food for the winter months. Learning from the perspective of many northern First Nations and Inuit communities, students engaged their computational skills to plan routes for their imaginary communities to harvest accessible food sources. From kinnikinnik to walrus, students calculated and crafted routes that allowed for their communities to survive and thrive.



## LEARNER PROFILES

As part of the IB curriculum, students are encouraged to exemplify ten characteristics, known as Learner Profiles. These are traits that are considered the blueprint of a successful IB student. Each month, we will select a learner profile trait as our focus. The month of October was 'Open-Minded' and students demonstrated this trait through research projects about global organizations and their impacts, discussions around how we take care of our health and wellbeing, and embracing flexibility as our classroom population expanded (sometimes unexpectedly!) We can't wait to see what next month holds in store for us!

Mx. Braydee Procillo -  
Grade 6 Teacher





"October was a busy month for Windsor Hall with the addition of 4 new students our class grew significantly. Our students explored the big idea that "everyday materials are often mixtures" in both the science classroom and the kitchen! Students cooked parmesan chicken and home-made pasta with a side of breadsticks. We were able to share amongst the class with some lucky staff receiving some leftovers. Our trip to the pumpkin patch was a great success. We avoided the rain and every student came back with a prize pumpkin to display in the classroom and set aside for a halloween party where we will paint them. Humanities class has been an exploration of Intergovernmental organizations such as the WHO as well as Canada's response to the Covid pandemic. Art class has been filled with holiday themed art using watercolor and marker to create leaves, pumpkins, zombies and monster candie corns. We even took the students to Walmart for grocery shopping to give them an idea of what it's like to be responsible for a shopping list. Our student presentations in both Humanities (Canada's Response to Covid 19) and Science (First Nations and the Oolichan Fish) were recently completed and went very well. Each student was asked to reflect on their communications skills and ask themselves what went well and what they could do better a second time. As we wrap up the month of October we look forward to an exciting November filled with new adventures and interesting projects.

Daniel Hanley - Grade 6 Teacher



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# Halloween vibes!

