



# VAVENBY NEWS

## REMINDERS

### School-Wide Allergy Alert



Please be aware that Cassie Sills, our Indigenous Education Worker, has a very serious allergy to all types of oranges. This includes a reaction to a child eating an orange in a classroom. **We kindly request that oranges not be brought into the school for her safety.**

### Dressing For The Weather



We are moving into colder weather. Please ensure your child is dressed for the weather as we are outside daily. Please also ensure your child has indoor gym shoes to change into, as wet shoes can be uncomfortable to wear all day or to participate in PE activities.

## Highlights

### Pumpkin Carving Contest

This year our school will be having a pumpkin carving contest. Students will receive a pumpkin at school to take home and carve with their families (we cannot carve at school due to safety reasons). Finished pumpkins will be displayed in the gymnasium. The school will provide tea lights to put inside the carved pumpkins. Students will have a chance to vote on their favourite Jack'O Lantern. There will be prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Students will bring home their pumpkin today and bring their carved pumpkin in a concealed bag for Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. Display and voting will take place that same day. Students will get to take their pumpkin home at the end of the day.



### Pick Up Plans

Please leave a note in the agenda to communicate changes in pick up plans whenever possible. This ensures your child arrives at their destination safely.



## Halloween

Please note the following expectations regarding costumes at school:

- No masks
- No weapons or props
- No gory costumes

This helps address potential safety concerns and also reduces distractions as we still participate in academic learning tasks on this day.



We had another successful Terry Fox Run on Friday September 19<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all parents and community members who supported our event!

## Better Together

This year, we are following a school theme of Better Together, where we are working on exploring ways we can contribute to our school community, work as a team, and learn to hear different points of view. Here are some ways we are exploring this theme:



Teaching social skills directly, such as:

- friendship
- empathy
- self-management

Partnering up as buddy classes to explore learning



Celebrating successful moments both in and out of class



The students enjoyed their trip to the fire hall. Thank you to the Vavenby volunteer firefighters for supporting this field trip!

## Upcoming Dates

- ◆ Oct. 24 - Non-Instructional Day (school not in session)
- ◆ Nov. 10 - Remembrance Day Ceremony at Raft (families are welcome) @ 9:30 am
- ◆ Nov. 11 - Remembrance Day (school not in session)