

Sunday, November 2, 2025

Good afternoon, Sardis Families. Yesterday was a disappointing day if you're a Blue Jays fan, or supporter of the Canadian team in the World Series. Not so great for the Canucks either, but at least the Lions won and advance to the Western Final! Here are some things for you to know as we head into week #10 here at Sardis Elementary:

* Here is some information from Mrs. Brown, our ELL teacher, in recognition of Día de Muertos as some of our families will be celebrating this weekend! I've also attached some fun activity pages she shared with staff.

Day of the Dead, or Día de Muertos, is a multi-day holiday celebrated mostly in Mexico on November 1 and 2, where families honour and remember deceased loved ones. It combines ancient Aztec traditions with Catholicism and involves creating altars (ofrendas) with photos and offerings, decorating graves, and sharing food and stories in a joyful celebration of life and memory.

November 1: Also known as *Día de los Inocentes* (Day of the Innocent Ones) or *Día de los Angelitos* (Day of the Little Angels), this day is dedicated to remembering children who have passed away. **November 2:** Also called *Día de los Muertos* or *Día de los Difuntos* (Day of the Departed), this day is for honoring and remembering deceased adults.

Below are a few short videos that you can share with your students.

- **Day of the Dead for Kids! (Overview with Review)** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LijduaiSnQY>
- **Day Of The Dead – The Dr Binocs Show** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YYLCyGqDxKM>
- **How to Draw a Sugar Skull** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h53SiATbLzE>

*Monday, November 3 is a non-instructional day for students as staff engage in professional learning and assessment and evaluation activities. We'll see the students back on Tuesday.

*Wednesday, November 5 is our Family Photo Night PAC fundraiser. There are still 3 spots left, it's not too late if you forgot to sign up last week! You can use the link here to register your family. Photos will be taken in the gym so if you're coming you can use that door for entry. [Sardis Family Photos](#)

*The next Grade 5 Celebration planning meeting is Thursday, November 6 at 6:00 in the library.

*We will be having our annual Remembrance Day assembly on Friday, November 7 at 10:45. Students will receive poppy stickers before the assembly, and we will be taking donations all week long that will go towards the veteran's fund. Any amount you can donate is appreciated.

*A new month means a new Character Trait that we are focusing on. The trait for November is 'Respect' which is fitting as we spend time remembering those who have been, or are, in the military.

*A reminder that we would appreciate payment for field trips being made on your child's QuickPay account, as opposed to cash payments if possible. It makes things much easier in the office if Mrs. Darby doesn't have to keep track of which students have paid cash and then go in and remove the fee from the account. Sometimes parents pay online and send in cash for the same trip, and this also complicates things.

*It's that time of year again, as the weather gets colder and students have toques and jackets, that we experience an increase in head lice cases. There is helpful information here from Fraser Health: [head lice](#). We have some treatment kits available in the office if you need one thanks to a very generous donation from The Rotary Club of Chilliwack After Hours group. I know the kits can be expensive but if the nits aren't all removed, the lice will continue to be a problem. Your help in staying on top of this is much appreciated by everyone!

*A note for the following week, Monday November 10 is another non-instructional day for students and Tuesday November 11 is Remembrance Day so all schools will be closed that day.

I hope you all had a safe and fun Halloween if you went out on Friday. We had 66 kids come by our house, braving the rain to get some treats and have fun sharing their costumes; some were even Sardis students!

It seems with all the smart devices this is something we have to think about less given there are fewer clocks to physically re-set, but hopefully everyone enjoyed the extra sleep last night as the clocks went back an hour!

Mrs. Kasper