

NOVEMBER 2021

# ABERDEEN COMPOSITE SCHOOL

## Principal's Message

As we jump into December and students count down the days until Christmas, we have so much to look forward to at ACS! Even though it's sometimes difficult to connect, we have been able to offer spirit days, noon hour activities and the return of school sports! Our staff and students continue to make this building a safe and caring place full of great energy, laughter, and learning. I look forward to connecting with our gr 9-12 parents next week at Student Conferences. - Deane Martin Gray

## SLT update

October ended with our annual food drive for Scare Hunger and a very dedicated group of students canvassed the Town of Aberdeen on Hallowe'en collecting non perishable food items. Combined with food drive done at the school level, we were able to donate a whopping 1347 items to our local food bank. After a very successful spirit week to wrap up the month of October, the SLT are working on working on other ways to engage the students in our school.

November saw our first art "contest" with students submitting different pieces of art under the fall theme. Some of those submissions can be seen below. Next up, the winter holiday season!!



The Sr. Girls Volleyball Team from this fall.



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## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

December 8th: SCC Meeting in School Staff Room (6:30 pm)  
December 8th: Parent Conferences for Q2 classes (Grades 9 - 12)  
December 17th: Last Day of School Before Christmas Break

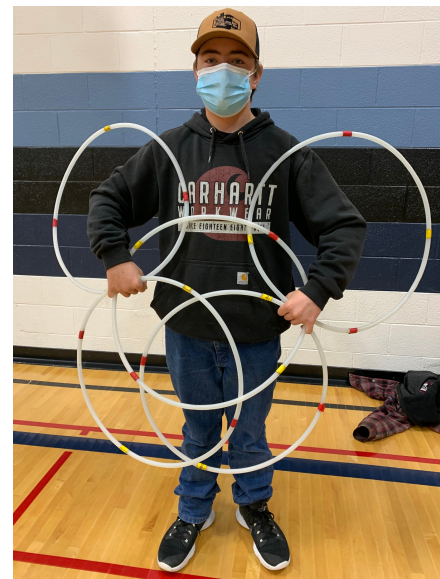
January 4th: First day of school in the new year!  
January 27th/28th: Final assessment days (Grades 9 - 12)  
January 31st: Prep Day (no school)



## Hoop Dancer Visit



At the beginning of the month, we were fortunate to have hoop dancer Lawrence Roy come and present to our students. He brought a message of hope, mental wellness and reconciliation to our students and his presentation was not only engaging but also showcased the degree of skill needed to be a hoop dancer. It was definitely an eye opening and educational experience for all participants.



## Go Crusaders!

The football season ended with a bang for four of our crusaders.

Ty, Trevor, Nathan and Jordan all played with the Wakaw football team this year and ended up as important members of that team as they became provincial champions with a close 72-64 win over Clavet. Congrats on an awesome season!

The end of this month will see both Sr. and Jr. Boys Basketball teams starting up as well as all of our curling teams. They are all very excited to start their seasons.

## Remembrance Day Service



Huge thank you to Mr. Wilson and our Grade 8/9 class for putting together a Remembrance Day Program that each class could watch on Youtube. It was nice to be able to watch and pay our respects to those who sacrificed for us so long ago.

## Fundscript Campaign

Thank you to all the families that helped sell gift cards for our Fundscript Campaign. With your help, we were able to raise \$2586.87. These funds are critical for the running of our school and will go towards improving every day student experiences at Aberdeen Composite School.

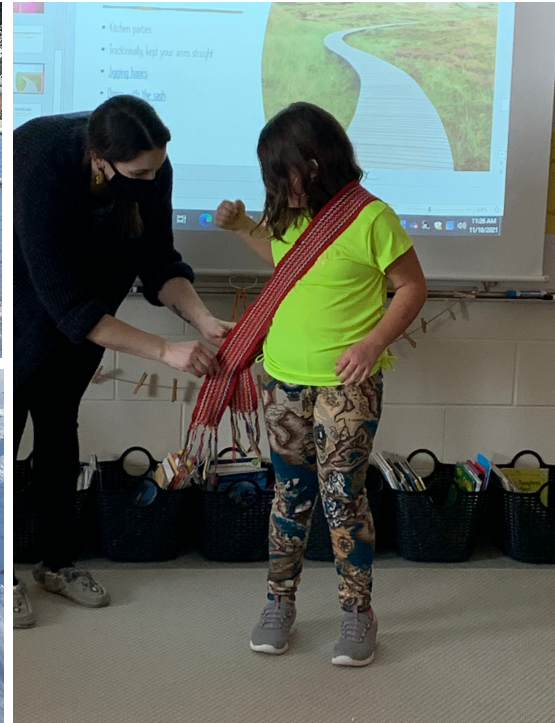


# CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT:

## Grade 2



THIS YEAR, OUR GRADE 2 FAMILY CONSISTS OF 19 STUDENTS. THIS MONTH, WE HAVE BEEN EXPLORING PLACE VALUE IN MATH. WE WERE ALSO COMPLETELY ENGAGED IN A METIS MUSIC WORKSHOP WITH MRS. NELSON. WE LEARNED ABOUT THE METIS CULTURE AND HOW MUSIC PLAYS A BIG PART IN THEIR CULTURE. WE EXPLORED PLAYING THE SPOONS AND JIGGING AND WE CONTINUE TO FINE TUNE OUR SKILLS. OUR CLASS ALSO LOVES EXPLORING THE OUTDOORS, ENJOYING THE FRESH AIR AND SNOW.



**LESLI ANN  
MACLEOD**

MRS. MACLEOD HAS BEEN OUR GRADE 2 TEACHER IN ABERDEEN FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS. PREVIOUSLY, SHE SPENT SIX YEARS TEACHING PRE-SCHOOL AND TEN YEARS TEACHING KINDERGARTEN. SHE IS AN INTEGRAL MEMBER OF OUR OUTDOOR CLASSROOM COMMITTEE AND A DRIVING FORCE BEHIND OUR JR. MUSICALS. SHE IS EXTREMELY DEDICATED, FINDING NEW AND UNIQUE EXPERIENCES FOR OUR GRADE 2 STUDENTS AND HER ENTHUSIASM FOR LEARNING HAS NO EQUAL!

MRS. MACSORLEY HAS BEEN WITH US FOR THREE YEARS. HER PRIMARY ROLE IS TO WORK WITH, AND PROVIDE CARE FOR, OUR STUDENT SONNET. SHE HAS BEEN AN INCREDIBLE ADDITION TO OUR STAFF AND BRINGS A POSITIVE ATTITUDE AND INCREDIBLE WORK ETHIC TO OUR BUILDING EVERY DAY.



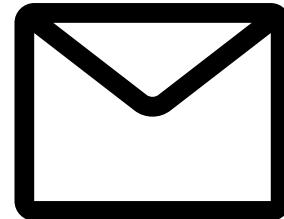
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MACSORLEY**



# CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT:

## Sr. Resource Room

THERE IS ALWAYS SO MUCH HAPPENING IN SENIOR RESOURCE. CLASS MEMBERS ARE EXCITED TO LEND A HAND WHEN THERE IS A TASK NEEDING TO BE COMPLETED AT THE SCHOOL. WE BAKE MUFFINS FOR THE SNACK PROGRAM, COLLECT THE MAIL FROM THE POST OFFICE, CAN / PAPER RECYCLING, CHANGE THE OUTDOOR SIGN AND SO MUCH MORE! WE ENJOY LEARNING NEW SKILLS SUCH AS BAKING, COOKING, CLEANING, AND LEARNING HOW TO BUDGET. WE ALSO HELP CLASSES IN THE LIBRARY AND DEVELOP OUR SKILLS BY WORKING IN THE KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOMS. THERE IS SO MUCH TO DO AND LEARN IN THE SENIOR RESOURCE CLASSROOM!



**COLLEEN  
SHEPPARD**

MRS. SHEPPARD IS IN HER FIRST YEAR TEACHING AT ABERDEEN SCHOOL AND AFTER ONLY THREE MONTHS SHE HAS MADE A TREMENDOUS IMPACT IN THE SR. RESOURCE ROOM AND AROUND THE ENTIRE SCHOOL. COMING TO US FROM MARENGO, SHE HAS TAKEN ON OUR SR. SERT ROLE AND CAN OFTEN BE FOUND IN CLASSROOMS COLLABORATING WITH CLASSROOM TEACHERS. SHE HAS BROUGHT A WEALTH OF EXPERIENCE IN CHILDHOOD LITERACY WITH HER AND IS A DRIVING FORCE BEHIND OUR UPCOMING READING INTERVENTION PROGRAM. WELCOME MRS. SHEPPARD!

MRS. KOCAY HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE ABERDEEN STAFF FOR OVER 20 YEARS. SHE HAS BEEN AN EA IN A VARIETY OF CLASSROOMS, FOCUSING MAINLY IN THE ELEMENTARY YEARS AND NOW BEING A CONSTANT POSITIVE AND NURTURING PRESENCE IN THE SR. RESOURCE ROOM. HER KINDNESS AND PATIENCE KNOW NO BOUNDS AND SHE IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF ABERDEEN SCHOOL.



**SANDY  
KOCAY**