

# November 2021



***They shall  
grow not old,  
as we that are  
left grow old.***

***Age shall not  
weary them,  
nor the years  
condemn.***

***At the going  
down of the  
sun and in the  
morning,***

***WE WILL  
REMEMBER  
THEM!***

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And just like that, October is over, and winter is just around the corner. At this time of year the weather can be quite unpredictable. It can be warm in the morning and freezing cold later in the day. Please ensure students have warm clothing for when they go outside for recess.

Volleyball is winding down with our final game on Monday November 1st. This will be our first and only home game. We are hoping to have confirmation about the start up dates and time for our curling season soon.

Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled on Monday November 8th and Tuesday November 9th from 3:15 - 6:15 pm. Unfortunately in person conferences are not available at this time, however teachers will be meeting through telephone or google meet. We will strive to follow the scheduled time as close as possible. If you are not contacted exactly at your scheduled time, please be patient and they will get to you as soon as possible. If you are not able to make the time you have scheduled, please notify the office so we can try to arrange for another time.

Here is a quick glance at what is happening this month:

November 1st: **SCC Annual Meeting @ 6:30 in the gymnasium.**  
**All parents are welcome to attend.**

Nov. 8 & 9th: **Parent Teacher Conferences**

November 11: **NO SCHOOL** Remembrance Day

November 12: **NO SCHOOL** in Lieu of Parent Teacher Conferences

November 15: **Operation Christmas Shoebox items to be returned to the school**

November 15, 16, 17, 18th: **Swimming Lessons for Grades 1-5**

November 24: **Hot lunch - more information to follow**

# Principals Message

October has been a very busy month. I want to thank all the students and families for their continued support and participation in showing school spirit during our theme dress up days. It was fantastic seeing all the stinger gear, red, and black clothing on Oct 21.

In November, we will continue to see special days and important learning activities. Parent teacher conferences will be one of the major events happening and will occur virtually/over the phone on Nov 8th and 9th. Teachers will be focusing on literacy, math and work habits during the conversations. As a staff, we take pride in communicating regularly with parents regarding student progress and families would have already received a few updates on learning prior to the conferences.

I have finally unpacked my winter gear bin, and I encourage families to do the same. Please have your child dress for the weather by including gloves, toque, scarf, warm boots and winter jacket in their daily attire. Recess is the perfect time to play, exercise and get the wonderful fresh air that seems to rejuvenate and reenergize both staff and students.

The staff and students are planning a virtual Remembrance day ceremony on Nov 10. We realize the significance and importance of the in-person assembly, but feel the virtual opportunity is the next best thing. Students will take part in Remembrance Day themed, literacy based activities in early November to lead up to this very important day of remembering our, past and present Canadian heroes that have impacted our country and world.

Please follow the Stewart Valley School on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. All three social media platforms usually have the same content but I feel that Instagram is very dynamic and would like to encourage more families to follow us on Instagram. We have 18 followers and my goal is to have 30 followers. Instagram is easy to access, just download the App and create an account. If you already have Facebook then the process can be easily streamlined, give it a try!

Thanks to all students, families and staff that have been making our school a great place to learn.

Carson Benallack  
Principal  
Stewart Valley School.



November 11th - Remembrance Day

November 12th - In Lieu of Parent Teacher Conferences

## Parent Teacher Conferences

**Monday November 8**

**& Tuesday November 9th**

**3:15 - 6:15 pm**

*Complete the google form to book your time.*

**<https://forms.gle/JbwkKd1ipLn63D1z9>**

*Check what times that are available on our website:*

**<https://www.chinooksd.ca/school/stewartvalley/Pages>**

## School Community Council

**Annual Meeting**  
**November 1st**  
**6:30 pm in the**  
**School Gymnasium**



"My teacher isn't qualified to teach spelling!  
She spells U 'y-o-u'. She spells BRB 'r-e-t-u-r-n'.  
She spells BFN 'g-o-o-d-b-y-e'..."

## Swimming Lessons

FOR Grade 1- 5 Students

November 15, 16, 17 & 18th

From 1 - 2:30 p.m.



We are thrilled to inform you this year we will be doing Operation Christmas Child. We would appreciate it if you would participate in this activity. In a list below we will include what to send;

- Small Toys
- School Supplies
- Non-liquid hygiene items
- Clothes/accessories
- Crafts
- A personal note (optional)



Just a reminder that these items need to fit in a shoe box so please stay away from bulky items.

Please note candy, toothpaste, used or damaged items; such as war guns, knives, or military figures, chocolate or food, drink mixes (powder or liquid), vitamins, and breakable items should not be included in your care package.

Thank you for participating,  
Peyton and Katie  
on behalf of the SRC

**Deadline to bring items to the school is Monday November 15th.**

For more information on Operation Christmas Child go to:

<https://www.samaritanspurse.ca/suggested-gifts/>



**It's getting cold out there!**

At any time now the temperatures will drop. Please ensure students have warm winter coats, boots, mittens and toques as they are expected to go outside during recess.

## **Noon Lunch** **Wed. Nov. 24th.**

**Watch for a  
google form in  
your email the middle  
of November and  
submit order  
by Nov.18th**

THEY GAVE THEIR LIVES  
SO YOU CAN LIVE YOURS



REMEMBER THEM  
NOVEMBER 11

**Please remember**



**your  
water  
bottle!**



### **Stewart Valley School Website**

Keep informed about the great things that have been going on and about upcoming events:

Website: <http://www.chinooksd.ca/school/stewartvalley>

Follow us on:



@StewartValleySchool



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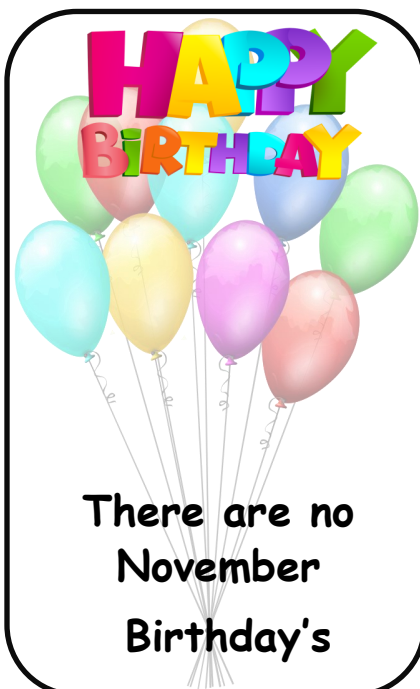
### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**December 17:** Last Day of Classes for Students

**December 18 - January 2:** Christmas Break  
NO SCHOOL for students

**January 3:** Classes Resume - Kindergarten Day

**There are no  
November  
Birthday's**



## ATTENDANCE:

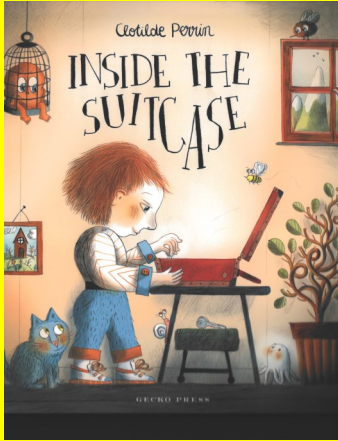
Does your child give you a hard time about coming to school? Does your child say, “I don’t want to go to school” or take too long getting ready in the morning? It’s a common problem! Here are some tips to help curb the bad habit before it turns into a serious concern.

- First, make sure you understand the importance of your child being at school on time every day. Even a few lates really add up! Say your child is only 10 minutes late each school day. Not a big deal right? Well, that adds up to 1,750 minutes = almost 30 hours of school missed in one year! THAT IS A BIG DEAL!
- Determine any school or home barriers that are preventing your child from coming to school. Are they prepared? Do they connect with their teacher? Do they feel safe at school? Do they have a routine for bedtime and morning at home?
- Communicate with your child’s teacher, school counselor, or principal to help your child feel better about coming to school.
- Once any simple barriers are removed, make it a priority to get them to school on time. Do not make or accept any excuses!
- Routines are key. Bedtime should be consistent to ensure enough rest. Most school aged children need between 8-10 hours. Adults should set the bedtime.
- Develop a morning routine that works. If you or your child is constantly rushing to get out the door, everyone needs to get up at least 15 minutes earlier. Rushing is not a good way to start the day.

If your child continues to give you a hard time about coming to school, try using logical consequences to help them change their own behavior and learn responsibility. Here are a few examples for dealing with frequent problems:

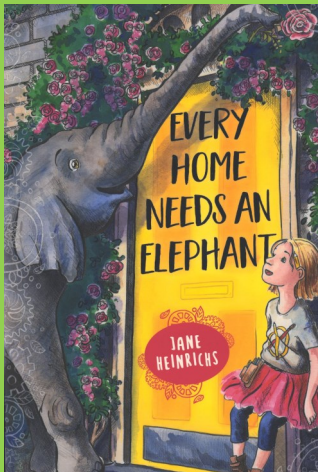
- Your child fusses and fights each morning or refuses to get ready. Immediately implement an earlier bedtime of at least 30 minutes. Explain to your child that their behavior shows that they need more sleep. When they can show better behavior in the morning consistently, they can earn back a later bedtime little by little.
- Your child deliberately misses the bus. Have them walk (if within walking distance) or drive them. If you have to drive them a lot due to this problem, dock their allowance for gas money.
- Your child doesn’t care if they’re late. However many minutes of school they miss, they spend doing extra homework afterschool. Or, they go to bed a minute earlier for each minute they miss school





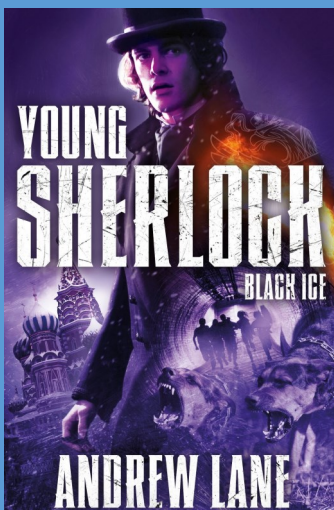
### **Inside the Suitcase** by Clotilde Perrin

Away behind the hills you'll find a charming little house. Who's inside? Knock knock... A boy packing his suitcase. Lift the flaps to see what he takes, and travel with him over oceans and mountains, underwater and into the forest. With every step on this voyage of obstacles the boy faces a decision that will lead to a new adventure and help him get home. Delve deeper into each page and remember to use what's in the suitcase!



### **Every Home Needs an Elephant** by Jane Heinrichs

One hot summer's day nine-year-old Sarah goes to the grocery store...and comes home with an elephant. Sarah's new elephant is not without its challenges, he has trouble fitting through doorways, knocks over everything in sight, is allergic to the neighbor's cat and cowers at the sight of a mouse. But he also has a knack for arranging flowers and keeping Sarah company. And it's because of the elephant that Sarah meets her new next-door neighbor and makes her first real friend. It's because of the elephant that Sarah's mother starts spending more time with her. In fact, despite the destruction, just about everything good that happens is because of the elephant. It turns out that every home, and every nine-year-old girl, *does* need an elephant. A story about friendship, adventure, and never being afraid to be yourself, this hybrid graphic novel is the perfect introduction to chapter books for all the young animal-lovers in your life.



### **Young Sherlock - Black Ice** by Andrew Lane

The year is 1868, and fourteen-year-old Sherlock Holmes faces his most baffling mystery yet. Mycroft, his older brother, has been found with a knife in his hand, locked in a room with a corpse. Only Sherlock believes that his brother is innocent. But can he prove it?

In a chase that will take him to Moscow and back, Sherlock must discover who has framed Mycroft and why . . . before Mycroft swings at the gallows.