

# Mustangs Monthly Memos NOVEMBER 2023



## VILNA SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to November!

November is going to be a busy month at Vilna School. There will be parent-teacher interviews, ceremonies, and interim reports. Additionally, there will be a well-deserved fall break from November 6th to 10th. I want to express my appreciation to the students and staff for their hard work and dedication in making Vilna School an excellent place to learn and work.

I am excited to announce that Mrs. MacMillan has joined the Vilna team and will be teaching in our grade 2&3 classroom for the rest of the school year.

We are proud to provide a day of remembrance for our Canadian Armed Forces on November 3rd. The ceremony will start at 10:30 am and parents, guardians, and community members are invited to join us.

Congratulations to the junior high volleyball team and their coaches for completing a successful season! I want to express my gratitude to Vilna School families for supporting the school book fair and for their generous donations to the Terry Fox Foundation. I also want to thank the staff for providing our students with quality opportunities to participate in athletics, show gratitude to Canadian heroes, and display generosity.

We welcome all parents/guardians to join us for parent-teacher interviews and a lasagna dinner on November 14 & 15th between 3:30 pm and 6:00 pm. Please contact the school at 780-636-3651 to book an interview time with your child's teachers.

### Important Dates & Upcoming Events

**November 1....** Jr High Volleyball Regionals @ Thorhild School

**November 3....** Remembrance Day Ceremony @ 10:30 am

**November 4.....** MacEwan University Open House

**November 6-10.....** November Break– No School

**November 6/7/8.....**Portage College Open House (depending on campus)

**November 13.....** LICA Environmental Stewardship Presentation K-6

**November 13-17.....**Beaver Computing Challenge (BCC) Gr 5-10 Students

**November 14.....** "What You Need To Know About Scholarships"- virtual presentation

**November 14 & 15.....** Parent Teacher Interviews @ 3:30-6:00

**November 15.....** Rock Your Mocs Day

**November 23.....** Grad Photos & Picture Retakes

**November 30–** School Council Meeting @ 5:30 pm

**December 4–** PD Day No School

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IN MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTING

# 2023/2024 CONTESTS

## NORTH AMERICA AND SOUTH AMERICA

BEAVER COMPUTING CHALLENGE  
November 6 to 17, 2023

CANADIAN SENIOR AND INTERMEDIATE  
MATHEMATICS CONTESTS  
Wednesday, November 15, 2023

CANADIAN COMPUTING COMPETITION  
Wednesday, February 21, 2024

PASCAL, CAYLEY AND FERMAT CONTESTS  
Wednesday, February 28, 2024

EUCLID CONTEST  
Wednesday, April 3, 2024

FRYER, GALOIS AND HYPATIA CONTESTS  
Thursday, April 4, 2024

CANADIAN TEAM MATHEMATICS CONTEST  
Wednesday, April 10, 2024 (at UWaterloo)  
Thursday, April 11, 2024 or later (in schools)

GAUSS CONTESTS  
Wednesday, May 15, 2024

2023

The number 2023 is written on one side of a classroom window using the style of numbers shown. If you were to stand on the other side of the window, how would the number appear?

- (A) 3202 (B) ES05  
(C) 505E (D) 5053  
(E) 3032

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## Mathematics & Computing Contests

This year Vilna students from Grades 5 to 12 will be given opportunities to grow their Mathematics and Computing skills through contests offered from the University of Waterloo. These contests are written by students around the world and are designed by teams of expert educators. CEMC contests are a great fit for learners of various levels and help encourage students to explore math and computer science to develop their confidence in these areas.

The first contest this year is the "Beaver Computing Challenge (BCC)". The BCC

introduces computer science to students and is designed to get students with little or no previous experience excited about computing. Interested Vilna students in Grades 5 to 10 can participate in this contest on a set date in November which will be announced at a later time.

For more information about contests please visit: <https://cemc.uwaterloo.ca/contests/contests.html> or contact Mr. Yakimec at the school.

## Vilna Grad Class of 2024 Update

- ♦ Haunted House BBQ Fundraiser Oct 28
- ♦ Halloween Popcorn Sale
- ♦ Christmas Silent Auction via Facebook \*\*Donation Items Needed contact Mrs. Girard\*\*
- ♦ Grad Photos - November 23 (Grads will be required to book a time slot online; a booking link will be provided)

## SLEEPING BAGS FOR THE HOMELESS

### SLEEPING BAGS FOR THE HOMELESS A PROJECT THAT REVOLVES AROUND UNCONDITIONAL CARING

FOR SEVERAL YEARS WE HAVE BEEN COLLECTING SLEEPING BAGS, WINTER CLOTHING, AND MONEY TO PURCHASE THESE ITEMS IN ORDER TO HELP OUR LESS FORTUNATE CITIZENS STAY WARMER DURING THE COLD WINTER MONTHS. IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING MORE WARMTH FOR OUR PATRONS OF THE STREETS, WE ARE ALSO GIVING THEM HOPE BECAUSE THEY KNOW THAT SOMEONE CARES.



OVER 350 SLEEPING BAGS HAVE BEEN COLLECTED TO DATE!

DONATIONS CAN BE GIVEN IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS:  
CHEQUE PAYABLE TO 'VILNA SCHOOL'  
PO BOX 190, VILNA, ALBERTA, T0A 3L0  
SLEEPING BAGS, WINTER CLOTHING, E-TRANSFER, AND CASH DONATION, CAN BE DROPPED OFF IN PERSON TO VILNA SCHOOL OR PICK UP ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE BY CONTACTING 780-614-1657  
DONATION DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 15, 2023

## **Jr High Volleyball Athletes Updates**

The season has come to an end for the Vilna Mustangs Jr High Volleyball Team. The Mustangs finished in 3rd place at the regional volleyball tournament! Fundraising with Purdy's Chocolates is still happening. Orders can be placed via the link below

[https://  
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ing.purdys.com/1005820-  
107411](https://fundraising.purdys.com/1005820-107411)

Order Due Date: Nov 26  
Orders Available: Dec 10



## **Head Lice Information**

Head lice are common in school-aged children. Head lice do not cause disease. Itchiness from head lice can be irritating and uncomfortable for children. Head lice spread easily to others, so it is important for families to help prevent and control its spread. Outbreaks are more common following vacations. If you would like more information on head lice and treatment, a parent information package, "Recommended Head Lice Management," is available at your child's school or from your Public Health Nurse at the Health Unit.

- Be aware of the symptoms of head lice and the treatment procedures
- Check the heads of all family members every week. Increase this to daily head checks when there is a case of head lice in your child's classroom, or one of the family members has been in contact with head lice
- Treat the infested heads
- Contact Public Health for resources and further information when treatment has failed to rid your child's head lice
- Teach your children not to share hair accessories, combs or brushes, hats, toques, etc. with others



Vilna School would like to thank **PC Children's Charity** for their generous contribution towards Vilna School's breakfast program.  
**"Power Full Kids Eat Well! Kids who eat well, do well."**