

# West Nissouri P.S. Newsletter

October 2024

Principal: Ms. I. Hollander  
Vice Principal: Mrs. A. Duncan  
Secretary: Mrs. Smith & Mrs. Emery  
Superintendent: Mr. A Canham

## Important Dates Coming Up

PIZZA every Tuesday

**Oct. 17**  
**Marshall's Hot Lunch**

**Oct. 21-31**  
**Scare Away Hunger Food Drive**

**Oct. 22**  
**Cross Country Finals**

**Oct. 24**  
**Pita Pit Hot Lunch**

**Oct. 25**  
**PJ Day**

**October 28, 2:00 pm**  
**SPARK Assembly**

**Oct. 31**  
**Subway Hot Lunch and Halloween**

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## Principal's Message

Dear West Nissouri Families,

Happy October! We've had an incredible start to the school year, and it's hard to believe we're already into the fall season. October brings many exciting events and activities such as the Scare Away Hunger Food Drive, Halloween, basketball, cross-country running, band, choir, and Student Voice/Color Houses just to name a few.

Progress reports will be going home November 8th and Parent-Teacher Interviews will take place November 15th. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet with your child's teacher, discuss progress, and collaborate on ways to support their success. More information regarding scheduling will be shared.

As the weather gets cooler, please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for outdoor recess. Layers are key for the fluctuating temperatures. Additionally, with shorter days, it's important to review pedestrian safety with your children, especially if they walk to and from school.

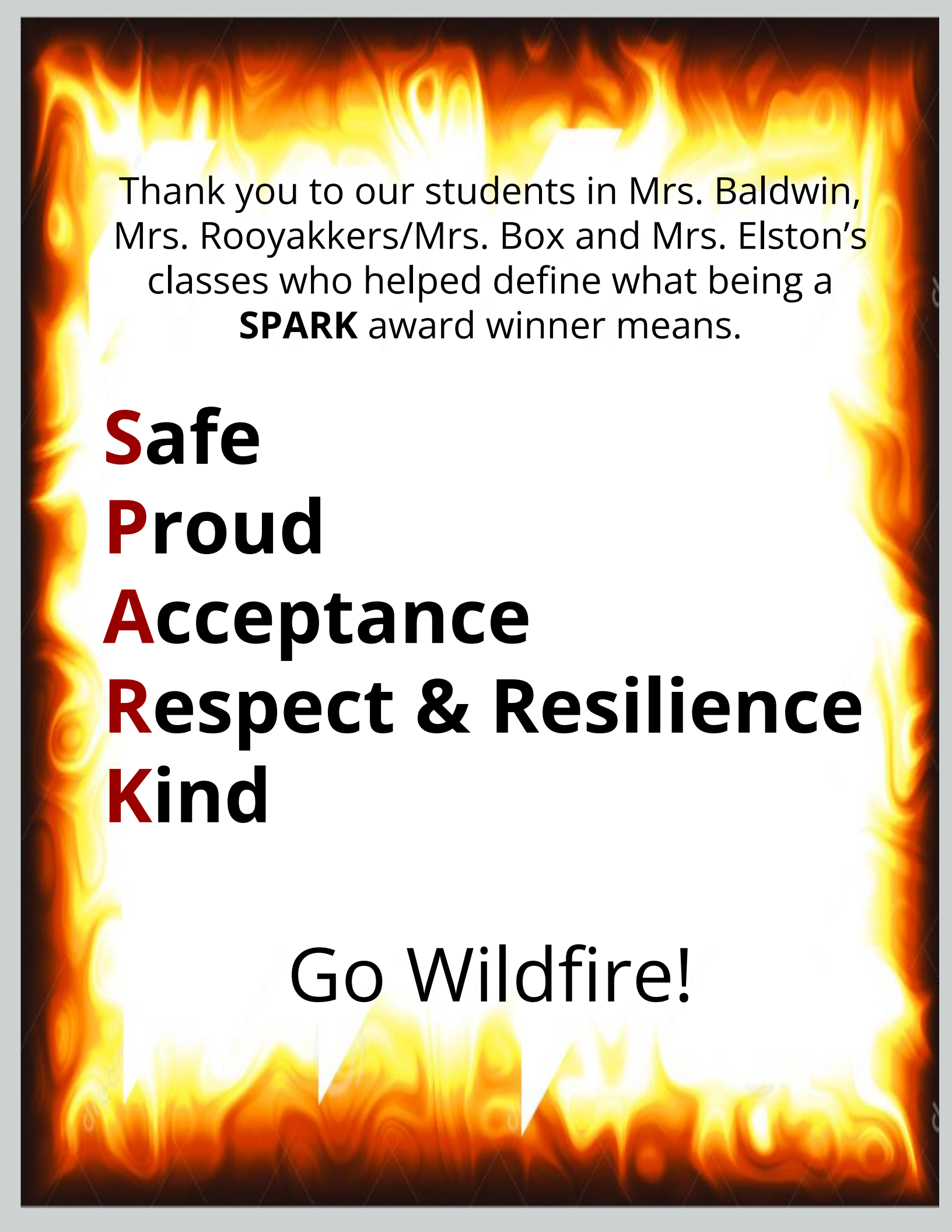
We are so grateful for your continued support and involvement. Please consider joining our Home and School or School Council if you haven't already. Your participation makes a huge impact on our school and students' experiences. Thank you for being a vital part of our school community, and let's make October a month full of learning, fun, and community spirit!

Warm regards,

Ingrid Hollander  
Principal



Amanda Duncan  
Vice-Principal



Thank you to our students in Mrs. Baldwin,  
Mrs. Rooyakkers/Mrs. Box and Mrs. Elston's  
classes who helped define what being a  
**SPARK** award winner means.

**S**afe

**P**roud

**A**cceptance

**R**espect & Resilience

**K**ind

Go Wildfire!

### School Council Update

Are you interested in making informed recommendations to the school regarding school events, curriculum and program goals and priorities? How about having a voice in school budget priorities, including the local capital improvement plan? If you are a parent or guardian of a student at West Nissouri and would like to get involved in these areas, please join us for our next School Council meeting on November 4th. This School Council meeting will be taking place virtually and in-person, with the meeting link sent on the November 4th.

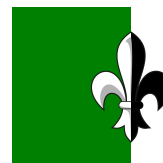
We are seeking a minimum of 4 more parent/guardian representatives in order to hold our School Council meetings. Currently, we are also still seeking parent/guardian representatives to take the position of School Council Chair or Co-Chairs.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to be involved in our school community. We look forward to seeing you at our next School Council meeting!



Thank you to the West Nissouri community for all your donations to the Terry Fox Foundation! Together we raised **\$2916.65** for cancer research. We celebrated our accomplishment by having a bucket dump. Many students enjoyed dumping buckets of water on their teachers. Once again, thank you !

### What's Happening In The Classroom



Exciting things are happening in Madame Richter's French classes! Grades 6-7 students just finished a cultural unit on different French-speaking areas of the world: francophone regions of Canada, the French island of Martinique in the Caribbean, and Belgium. They will be starting their pen-pal letters (snail mail style!) and will be including little drawings and other souvenirs for their friends. The students will be writing to their pen-pals in French, and they will receive back letters written in English. It will be great to learn from each other's cultures in an authentic, real-life way! Our goal is to write to each other back and forth about 2-3 times this school year. Who says you need to get on a plane in order to travel?



## Student Voice Halloween Update

Student Voice is very excited to kick off our year with some fun spirit events for the month of October.

This year we will be continuing with tradition and collecting non-perishable food donations for our **Scare Away Hunger Campaign**. The collection will take place from Monday October 21<sup>st</sup> to Thursday October 31<sup>st</sup>.

We will also be hosting our first spirit day on Friday October 25<sup>th</sup>- it's **Pyjama Day!**

Lastly, we will be competing in our **Pumpkin Carving Contest** on Wednesday October 30<sup>th</sup>.



### Costumes and Treat Reminder

Students are welcome to dress in a costume or orange and black, if they wish, on October 31st. We ask that masks, costumes that hinder a student's ability to participate in learning safely, and props such as weapons, are left at home. If you choose to send a treat on Halloween, please ensure that it is nut-free.

Thank you!

### Cross Country Mid-season Update

Wow! The West Nissouri Cross Country Team really amazed us at Regionals earlier this month! We saw all of our 90 runners put out their best effort and determination in their running and incredible sportsmanship on and off the course! It really was a great day. All of the coaches are so proud of you!

Thank you to all of the WNPS staff for your flexibility and adaptability as we shuffled classes so that we could have our Cross Country Coaches attend the Regionals!

Check out this long list of runners who qualified for the TVDSB Finals at Fanshawe Conservation Area! Heading to Valley Finals to compete with students from across the school board will be:

Grade 3: Oliver , Mason , Cohen , Liam , Keira

Grade 4: Ben, Ellie

Grade 5: Everett, Blake, Addison, Victoria, Brinsley

Grade 6: Charles, Arius, Marcus, Gavin R, Gavin S, Walter, Jagger, Charlotte, Aldersey, Liv, Tess

Grade 7: Greyson, Lukas F., Lucas B., Kacper, Sam, Brody, Madi, Trinity, Sydney

Grade 8: Elliott, Nate, Ramon, Braxton, Makayla, Isabel, Madeline

Amazing Job Wildfire! We can't wait to see all of your training pay off next week!

GO TEAM!

Mrs. Hamlyn, Mrs. Welch





# SPOOKTACULAR FAMILY FRIGHT NIGHT:

A WEST MISSOURI PS  
GRADE 8 GRAD FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26TH, 6-8:30PM  
THORNDALE LIONS COMMUNITY CENTRE

- HAUNTED HOUSE- ROUTES FOR OLDER AND YOUNGER CHILDREN
- CARNIVAL GAMES & PRIZES
- VIDEO DANCE PARTY
- RAFFLE
- TREATS
- PHOTO AREA

CASH ONLY  
TO PURCHASE  
TREATS AND  
RAFFLE  
TICKETS!

ENTRANCE BY DONATIONS  
AT THE DOOR



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# THORNDALE REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11th 2024 10:45 A.M.**

**THORNDALE CENOTAPH  
(corner of King St. & Harrison St.)**

In the event of bad weather, service will take place next door on first floor of Masonic Lodge

**Limited chairs available for those unable to stand during the service**



Anyone wanting to be involved in this service  
(Legion members, Service members, Cadets, those  
wanting to lay a wreath, etc.) please contact Steve  
MacDonald, in advance, at 519-268-7334 ext. 702

