

PINEWOOD COMMUNITY POST

Working as a team to guide, support and challenge children within a safe and caring school community.

This Week's Important Dates

Tuesday, October 31 -
1:15pm: Halloween Parade

Wednesday, November 1 -
Fire Safety Presentation
(Grade 1-3)

Thursday, November 2 - Hot
Lunch



Pinewood Updates

Friday's Trunk or Treat event was a wonderful community event, and we are grateful to our PAC for organizing it. Thank you to all of the families who attended, who decorated their vehicles, and who volunteered. We are looking forward to Halloween at school tomorrow, and we wish all of our families a happy Halloween evening of fun!



Sincerely,
Ms. T. Doukas Ms. S. Hodgins

Halloween at Pinewood

Tomorrow, students are invited to come to school already dressed in costume in the morning. They can remain in costume all day. Please consider those individuals for whom Halloween is very scary. Costumes are very welcome, but weapons, replica weapons or objects that can be mistaken as such must be left at home. Very scary masks are not permitted. Costumes must not contain any words or images that could be offensive to others, and students must dress in a manner that is appropriate for and respects the learning environment of the school.

Please be sure any costume worn is easy to manage for your child, and comfortable enough to take part in school activities. Classes will be planning a variety of activities, that may or may not include snacks and treats. Please consider the children that have food allergies, and refrain from sending items that include nuts or other allergens. For more specific information, please contact your child's teacher.

At 1:15 pm, we will be having a Halloween Parade. All students will have the opportunity to parade through classrooms and through the gym. Parents are invited to

Upcoming Events

Thursday, November 9 -
11:00am: Remembrance Day
Assembly

Friday, November 10 - District
Closure (School Closed)

Monday, November 13 -
Statutory Holiday in lieu of
Remembrance Day (School
Closed)

Thursday, November 16- Hot
Lunch

Monday, November 20 -
6:00pm: PAC Meeting

Monday, November 27 - Non-
Instructional Day (School
Closed)

Thursday, November 30 - Hot
Lunch

Thank you!

To our Trunk or Treat
volunteers for another
wonderful community
event!

join in the fun, and are welcome to come watch the parade in the gym. Parents will enter through the gym doors, and can line the perimeter of the gym. Doors will open at 1:15pm. Please keep in mind that it will take some time for students to parade through the school and will arrive in the gym no earlier than 1:30.

**Please note, parents are asked to only take photos or video of their own child(ren)*



Volleyball

Our Grade 6 and 7 students are well into volleyball season, and many of our students have chosen to join our volleyball teams. They have represented our school with great pride in their games so far, and are working hard to learn the fundamental skills of the game. Thanks to our staff coaches and parent supporters for helping to make this experience happen!

Walk your Wheels

In order to ensure student safety, we are asking all students and families to 'Walk your Wheels' on school property from 8:30-9:15am, and after school until 3:15pm. This includes bikes, scooters, skateboards, in-line skates and any other wheeled devices. Additionally, students who ride or roll to school are also required to wear a helmet. Thanks for encouraging safe practices at home.

Remembrance Day Assembly

On Thursday, November 9, we will be hosting our annual Remembrance Day assembly. Families are invited to join us in the gym for this special event at 11:00. Seating will be limited and available on a first come, first served basis. For families with accessibility needs, please contact the school office for assistance.

Family Learning Opportunity - Digital Literacy/Online Safety

ERASE Learning Sessions

Three virtual ERASE learning sessions for families and children will be held on November 8, 28, and 30, focusing on establishing safe, caring, and respectful digital communities. These online sessions are best suited for families and youth aged 10 and above.

Family Session: Establishing Safe, Caring, & Respectful Digital Communities – Everyone Welcome!

Details: Recommended for Parents/Caregivers/Grandparents and youth aged 10 and up as a way to facilitate the conversation of safe and caring use of technology at home and in the community. This session covers all things digital, from how to be a good digital citizen, the criminal consequences of cyberbullying, and how to report and receive support in cases of sexting/sexortion. Some of the most prominent concerns currently surrounding use of social media platforms, smartphones, and artificial intelligence will be discussed.

Students will learn:

- Digital media habits, oversharing, and digital addiction
- The permanence of online posts/activity
- The significance of your digital tattoo in how others perceive you (e.g., sports teams, college admissions, and potential employers)
- The importance of caring for peers both online and offline
- Geo-locational settings and the dangers of social media and cell phone misuse
- The social and legal consequences of cyberbullying behaviour as well as possession and distribution of intimate images (sexting and sexortion)
- An anonymous student reporting tool that can help you and your friends stay safe both online and offline

Schedule:

November 8, 2023 6:30pm – 7:30pm:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/732334942527?aff=oddtcreator>

November 28, 2023 7:00pm – 8:00pm:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/732343096917?aff=oddtcreator>

November 30, 2023 6:30pm -7:30pm:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/732346587357?aff=oddtcreator>

PAC

The next PAC meeting will be Monday, November 20 at 6:00 pm in the school Learning Commons. The next Hot Lunch dates are November 2, 16 and 30. Please note the Hot Lunch cut off dates of Nov. 9 and 23.



Teaching Tidbits to Help at Home

Syllables....you probably know them as units of sound we use to divide words. Maybe you count them, clap them out or segment words on paper. But did you know that there are SIX (or some count SEVEN to include diphthongs) different types of syllables?

A syllable is a word, or a part of a word, with one vowel sound. You count syllables by listening to how many vowel sounds you hear in a single word.

We know vowels and vowel combinations can make all different sounds, so knowing the different kinds of syllables helps students to determine what sound the vowels will make. When we align our instruction to the **Science of Reading**, we know that teaching these different syllable types to our students will help them decode bigger, more complex words and become more effective readers!

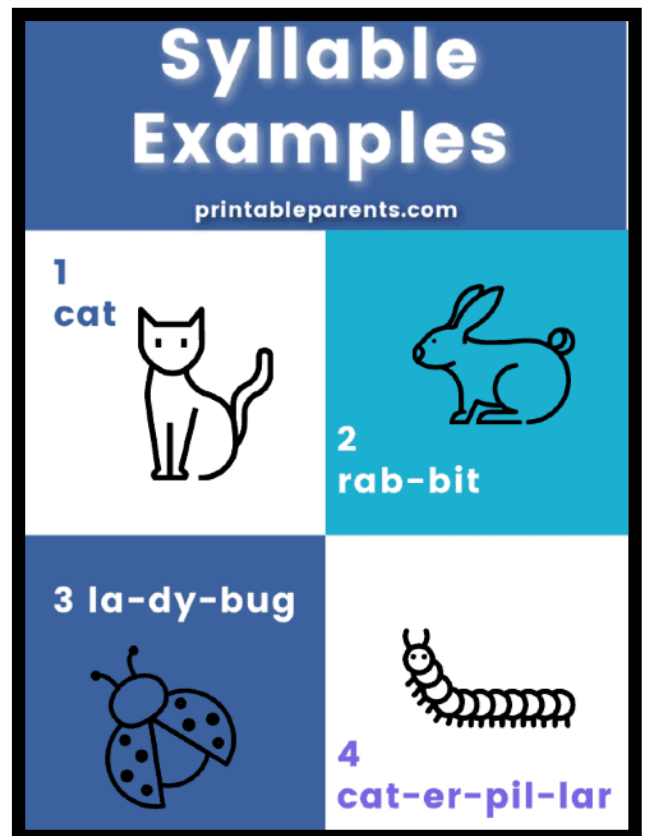
ACTIVITY:

When shopping, driving, or getting ready in the morning, point out an item you see and see if they can figure out how many beats / syllables they hear.








Ex: toothpaste (tooth / paste) = 2 syllables

Resource:

<https://mrs winters bliss.com/how-and-why-to-teach-the-six-syllable-types/>



7 Syllable Types

1	Closed 	A syllable in which a single vowel is followed by a consonant. The vowel is usually short.	$\bar{v}c$	cat rab/bit nap/kin
2	Open 	A syllable ending with a single vowel. The vowel is usually long.	\bar{v}	ti/ger ba/by pa/per
3	Magic e 	A syllable with the long vowel-consonant- silent e pattern.	$\bar{v}c\bar{e}$	bake pine bone
4	Vowel Team 	A syllable containing two letters that together make one vowel sound.	$\bar{v}.v'$	team float seed
5	r-controlled 	A syllable in which the vowel(s) is followed by the single letter r. The vowel sound is "controlled" by the r.	$v r$	car bird fort
6	Diphthong 	A syllable containing two vowels in which a new vowel sound is formed by the combination of both vowel sounds.	(vv)	boil cloud look
7	Consonant -le 	An unaccented final syllable containing a consonant and -le.	$\bar{e} cle$	bub/ble sta/ple cir/cle