



# John Allison Elementary School

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Updates

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*“Volunteering is an act of heroism on a grand scale. And it matters profoundly. It does more than help people beat the odds; it changes the odds.” -William J Clinton*



\* Princeton Posse players spent an afternoon in JAE classrooms connecting with our kiddos.

\* Ms. Ross' Kindergarten class enjoyed a round of **Valentine Bingo**. Sweet tarts anyone?





Our JAE PAC has purchased skates and helmets to support our skating program. Each year, they also ensure each kiddo has the correct size.

The Princeton Posse players joined our students on the ice. They supported students skating and stopping and played a few games too!





Kids who **play outside** grow in their **character development**; they become more adventurous, more self-motivated, and they are better able to understand & assess risk. K Fox



*"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted" (Aesop)*

**KINDNESS MONTH:** We practiced being kind to one another each & every day this month with kindness challenges. #spreadkindness



Pink Shirt Day and Buddy Class Activities.





**Our volunteers are truly the heart of John Allison Elementary School.** Their generosity, energy, and dedication enrich every part of our school community—supporting classrooms, events, and experiences that simply wouldn't be possible without them. \*Grade 2 students engage in **Guided Reading** with teachers, EAs and volunteers. **Princeton Leaders for Literacy** supports our **One-to-One Reading** with volunteers.



Thanks to our **Kitchen Kids** program all of our students get an opportunity to come “cook” in our staffroom with the **Kitchen Angels** who volunteer with our school. #feedingfutures

**VOLUNTEERING IS A WORK OF HEART**



A huge **shoutout** to our **parent volunteers** from Ms. Caron and Ms. Simmonin's class for volunteering their time to come and describe jobs in our **community**. These grade ones and twos had hands-on experience from a local artist, millwright, pharmacist, volunteer firefighter, Indigenous support worker and a flotation specialist!





**HANDS-ON LEARNING WITH LOCAL NATURALIST PAUL ZAKORA**— JAE Dad, and local naturalist, Paul Zakora is continuing his family’s legacy of passion for wilderness education by sharing the nature collection first started by his father and passed down through generations. His hands-on approach invites students to explore, touch, and meaningfully engage with natural materials, fostering curiosity and a deeper connection to the outdoors. Thank you Paul for joining us at John Allison Elementary School and letting all of our students explore nature with you!





**Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn.” Benjamin Franklin**



- ◆ Thank you to our parent (and grandparent) **volunteers** who stepped onto the ice (and flopped down on the ice) to help our students **learn to skate**.
- ◆ Thank you Mrs. Francis and Mrs. Ross for hosting **Ready, Set, Learn** as we welcomed our pre-schoolers and incoming Kindergarten students with Teacher Erin to JAE.



PLAY \* JOY \* LEARN

Thank you to our **JAE PAC** who volunteer tirelessly and support a variety of activities at JAE. This month, our PAC brought us **Green Thumb Theatre**. Pictured above, you see our staff and students thoroughly enjoying the presentation of **500 Words**.