

Citizenship

Are you a good citizen?



Grade Fours have been learning about being good citizens. They are becoming knowledgeable about being “Albertan” and “Canadian”. At the beginning of the year, we discussed the meaning of being “Canadian”. Instantly, the students thought of hockey, and rightly so....but we asked them to think beyond that. They have shared what they know and love about their province and country, connecting to the landscape, climate, recreational activities and what makes our Canadian and Albertan identity unique.

We started off the year with a trip to Mrs. Dixon’s farm, which was a fantastic learning opportunity about our connection to the land and food sources that we often don’t think about. Our new Grade Four classes will return to the farm in the spring to “Pay it Forward” and plant the potatoes for harvest in the fall. This is an important part of the cycle of the Grade 4 year as the opportunity that each class has to harvest

and donate is started by the previous classes.

Our students also help out at the **Airdrie Food Bank** each week with Mr. Mac (our CDA). This project allows everyone in fourth grade the opportunity to give back and learn about volunteerism and giving. Students generate an appreciation for the resources we have and experience helping others. This is supported in the curriculum through the “Waste in our World” unit, where students are encouraged to think about their role as citizens in keeping our world healthy.

Finally, our **Earth Day** activity this year will include a community clean-up in Bayside, allowing our students the opportunity to show effective citizenship once again through working with others to make our environment a cleaner and more beautiful one.

What is a GOOD CITIZEN?

A good citizen is someone who respects others and their property.

A good citizen is helpful and considerate, willing to put others first.

A good citizen listens to the views of others and thinks about what they have to say.

A good citizen helps people who are not in a position to help themselves.

A good citizen respects the environment and does not damage it in any way.

A good citizen works hard.

A good citizen is well mannered and pleasant.

A good citizen is always willing to learn.

Take some time to talk with your children about what they can do to be a good citizen.

Our Grade Four students put on a Christmas Market every year, all proceeds raised goes to the Alberta Children’s Hospital. All of the Grade Four classes are organizing and collecting organic waste from the school. It is amazing to see our students as such active and engaged citizens! We are so fortunate to have such a great group of leaders here at Nose Creek Elementary School.