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On November 11, we take time to remember and honour the brave men and women who have served and continue to serve, our country in times of war, conflict, and peacekeeping. We encourage everyone to wear a poppy and observe a moment of silence at 11 a.m. to reflect on the sacrifices made for our freedom. Honour. Remember. Reflect.						
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23	NOVEL STUDY NOVEL STUDY READ Pages 61–76 this week	25 K-Day	26	Boston Pizza K-Day	Matilda Jr Play Grades K-4 10 am Christmas BASKET DONATIONS START TODAY UNTIL DEC 8 K-Day	Matilda Jr Play Grades 5-8 10 am Dec 2nd Family Fun Night Dec 11th Christmas Hot Meal Dec 18th

NOVEMBER 2025

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Kevin Tait, Principal

NEWSLETTER

Hello November!

The past two months have flown by faster than a mini Kit Kat in my office! (Seriously, I think they evaporate.) We've had a fantastic fall so far, with great turnouts at both our Walkathon and Muffin Morning. Our SCC now has over seven members, and we're loving the increased community engagement—an important part of our school goal. Our students truly enjoy seeing adults involved in our school life. Please continue to join us at events, and if you have some time to spare, we'd love to have you come in and read with our students! (It's a novel idea—see what I did there?)

Our Co-op Card Fundraiser was a massive success! We sold almost \$79,000 worth of cards, easily reaching our goal. That's a lot of shopping power—our community really knows how to "check out" success! A huge thank you to Lake Country Co-op for their support, and to Mrs. King for organizing all the money and cards. Funds from this fundraiser will support technology and a variety of learning activities both in and out of the school. This year alone, students have already visited Batoche, the Conservation Centre, and participated in several family engagement activities. We're also beginning our family book project, The One and Only Ivan, which is fully funded through the Co-op Card fundraiser. Thank you to everyone who supported us and adjusted to the new timing this year—you really helped us turn the page on success!

Our school teams have either wrapped up or are nearing the end of their seasons. Mrs. Either's Cross-Country team finished strong at the Cross-Country Extravaganza in Spruce Home, consistently placing high in their categories and earning fourth place among all small schools. The team also competed at Mair Park, Berezowky School, and Murray Point. Our volleyball teams have shown tremendous growth, sportsmanship, and school spirit. This year, we were able to form three teams instead of the usual two—talk about "setting" the bar high! A big thank you to Miss Scragg and Mr. Milligan for serving up time, patience, and enthusiasm (and for not spiking their clipboards).

Progress Conferences will take place on Thursday, November 6th. While this is a great opportunity to discuss student progress, we encourage parents and guardians to continue monitoring their child's learning on Edsby, where you can view ongoing assessments and activities. Communication with teachers and staff is always welcome—after all, teamwork makes the school dream work!

Christmas News: Picture retakes are scheduled for November 6th! Genelle Amber Studios will be offering family and group photos. Student retakes will begin at 2:00 p.m., followed by family and group photos until 5:00 p.m. It's the perfect time to "capture" those smiles before the snow captures our driveways!

As colder weather approaches, please ensure students are dressed appropriately for school and the bus. Students are expected to go outside for all recesses, and proper clothing helps keep everyone comfortable. Outdoor activities will continue unless the temperature or conditions become unsafe—because we're too cool to stay inside without good reason! Please also remind your kids to bring their mittens, toques, and jackets. We've had a few brave souls trying to convince us that hoodies are "basically winter coats." Nice try, but no dice! We don't want anyone turning into a popsicle on the playground—though we do encourage students to "chill" with their friends. If you're wondering whether it's cold enough for snow pants yet, the answer is usually yes. (If you can see your breath, it's time to cover your knees!)

A reminder that we are a nut-free school and have a student with severe allergies. Mr. Byrne continues to communicate with families in his class, but we ask everyone to be mindful of what food items are sent to school. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out—we're always happy to "spread" the word about safety (just not peanut butter).

From time to time, a student may forget their lunch or snack at home. When this happens, we do have a small supply of emergency lunches and snacks available. However, we've noticed that some students have been asking for these items even when they have food from home. We ask that families take a moment to talk with their children about the importance of eating the lunch that has been packed for them and being honest about when they truly need an emergency lunch. Your support helps ensure that we can continue to provide for those who really need it.

For any questions or concerns, you can call us at 306-922-8339, send an Edsby message, or email me directly at ktait@srsd119.ca.

Thank you for your continued support! Kevin Tait

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Mr. Tait, Principal

WC SCHOOL WIDE NOVEL STUDY

During our MUFFIN MORNING on October 23rd, we launched our Novel Study. And we're so excited to announce it again – our whole school novel study of **The One and Only Ivan** officially has begun last week!

Each week there will be a special activity for our students to take part in. Our special activity for the first week was an Animal Estimation Challenge!

Good luck, everyone on the challenges

and happy reading!

READING SCHEDULE:

Oct. 27-31 - pgs. 1-14

Nov. 3-7 - pgs. 15 - 31

Nov. 10-14 - pgs. 32-45

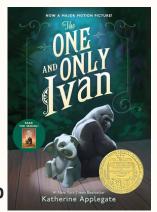
Nov. 17-21 - pgs. 46-60

Nov. 24-28 - pgs. 61 - 76

Dec. 1-5 - pgs. 77 - 89

Dec. 8-12 - pgs. 90-105

Dec. 15-19 - pgs. 106 - 120



ONLINE PAYMENT SYSTEM



We accept online payment through the School Cash app for many things including Boston Pizza lunches. sport events, activity fees, etc. Please visit

www.srsd119.ca/school-cash-online/ for instructions on setting up your account.

WEST CENTRAL STAFF

Principal Mr. Tait

Kindergarten/ **Mr. Byrne**

Dreamcatcher Coach

Grade 1/2 Mrs. Ethier

Grade 3/4 Mrs. Wilkinson

Grade 5/6 Mrs. Abbey-Der

Grade 7/8 Mr. Milligan

Inclusive Education Coach/ Miss. Scragg

Classroom Support Coach

Educational Associate Mrs. Prytula
Educational Associate Miss. Wilkinson
Secretary/Librarian Mrs. King

Bus: #99 - Amy Watt, #208 - Michelle Mourot,

#40 - Dave Neubuhr

PARENT CONFERENCES

Parent conferences are on Thursday November 6th from 3:30-8:30 pm. The time slots are open so please make sure to book times. The book fair will be on at the same time so make sure to drop by the library!

PICTURE RETAKES/FAMILY SESSIONS

Genelle with Genelle Amber Studios **retakes are Thursday, Nov 6**. Christmas Family Sessions will also be available on a first come - first served basis.

THE CO-OP GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER WAS A HUGE SUCCESS RAISING \$6000.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED!

SCC HOT MEALS

In an effort to simplify Hot Meals, the SCC has introduced a Pay Ahead Hot Meal Plan this year.

- Parents can buy hot meal passes in sets of 5 for \$30 (more than one set can be purchased at a time).
- Passes can be used for any hot meal throughout the school year.
- Hot meals can still be purchased individually for \$6 each.

Order forms for the first hot meal will include the options to use this new plan!

ABSENCES

Please enter the absence on the Edsby app or call the school at **306-922-8339** if your children will be absent.

JOIN US ON EDSBY

If you haven't joined Edsby or our Edsby groups yet, please call the school at 306-922-8339 or request an invite and we will approve you shortly. There are specific Homeroom, Sport, buses, and SCC Groups.

OUR SCHOOL DAY

Student Supervision starts at 8:35 am

8:50 - 10:13 a.m. **AM Classes** AM Recess 10:13 - 10:28 a.m. **AM Classes** 10:28 - 11:46 am 11:46 am - 12:06 p.m. Lunch Noon Recess 12:06 - 12:36 p.m. 12:36 - 1:54 p.m. **PM Classes** PM Recess 1:54 - 2:09 p.m. **PM Classes** 2:09 - 3:25 p.m.

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Dismissal

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8:50 - 10:13 a.m.

BUS APPRECIATION

We celebrated our school bus drivers on October 23rd with flowers and a handcrafted student-signed card.

Dear Michelle, Amy, Dave, Don, and Dennis,

Thank you for being such an important part of our school community. You do so much more than drive — you ensure our students start and end their day safely, warmly, and with a smile. Your patience, dependability, and kindness do not go unnoticed.

We appreciate the early mornings, the careful driving, and the calm presence you bring to every route. You truly help keep our school moving!

With heartfelt thanks, West Central School Staff, Parents, and Students

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

The weather is getting colder so please make sure that your child(ren) are dressed warmly including headwear and mitts.

They must be dressed adequately for a 1 kilometer walk in case of emergency. Our bus drivers have the authority to warn/educate a student on a first offense, and refuse transportation on the second. For this policy please review it on our website at www.srsd119.ca.

SCC NEWS

The SCC had their second meeting on October 29th. There are a lot of fun activities in the works so keep posted. We have a fun, knowledgeable, and motivated group and we are always looking for parents to join us! If you are not interested in joining the SCC but would like to be more involved within the school, we are always looking for volunteers to help with hot meals or events. Please contact the school at 306-922-8339 if you want to be more involved.

LIBRARY NEWS

Cozy Up & Read Challenge

As the weather cools, we're launching our **Cozy Up & Read Challenge**! Read five books before Christmas break and earn a small prize or library bookmark. Sign-up sheets are at the circulation desk — and teachers are welcome to join, too!

Thank you to Mason Detillieux for donating the very large pumpkin for the Grade 5/6 Class.

Mrs. Abbey-Der and the students had fun making a diorama.



OUR SPOOKTACULAR HALLOWEEN BULLETIN BOARD IN THE LIBRARY - THANKS MISS WILKINSON!



OUR LIBRARY DAYS
KINDERGARTEN - THURSDAYS

GRADE 1/2 - TUESDAYS
GRADE 3/4 - WEDNESDAYS

GRADE 5/6 - MONDAYS GRADE 7/8 - FRIDAYS



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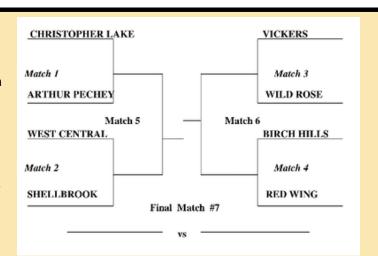
WOLVERINE NEWS - GO WOLVERINES!

The WOLVERINES have been working hard this volleyball season! Extravaganza is coming up - here are the schedules. Please come out to cheer on our teams. Best of Luck to our athletes!

5/6 GIRLS LEYBALL TE/

5/6 girls - We will play on Monday, Nov. 3rd in Shellbrook at W. P. Sandin Public High School. Our first game is at 3:55pm against Shellbrook on Court 2. Please plan to pick up your child early, as we need to be in Shellbrook by 3:45pm.

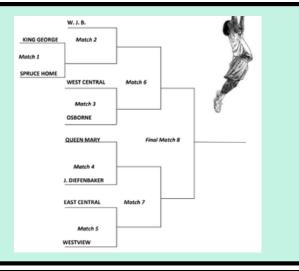
Because this is Extravaganza, we have to win in order to keep playing. If we lose a game, we are done (our season will be over). If we win our first game, we will play again at 5:25pm on Court 1. If we win that game, we will play again in the final at 6:10pm on Court 1.



5-8 COED LEYBALL TEA

Coed - We will play on Monday, Nov. 3rd at Queen Mary. We will play against Osborne at 3:55pm.

Because this is Extravaganza, we have to win in order to keep playing. If we lose a game, we are done (our season will be over). If we win our game on Monday, we will play again on Tuesday at 3:55pm at John Diefenbaker. If we win that game, we will play again in the final at 5:25pm (at John Diefenbaker).



7/8 GIRLS

7/8 girls - We will play on Tuesday, Nov.
4th at Vincent Massey. We will play
against Arthur Pechey at 4:40pm. Please
plan to arrive at Vincent Massey by
4:20pm. This will give us plenty of time to
get ready and warm-up for our game.
Because this is Extravaganza, we have to
win in order to keep playing. If we lose a
game, we are done (our season will be
over). If we win our game on Tuesday, we
will play again on Wednesday at 4:40pm
at Arthur Pechey. If we win that game, we
will play again in the final at 5:25pm (at
Arthur Pechey).



NOVEMBER EVENTS

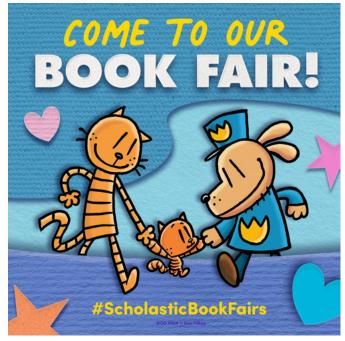
- One and Only Ivan NOVEL STUDY weekly reading
- Nov 3-7 Scholastic Book Fair
- Nov 6 Progress Conferences
- Nov 6 Picture Retakes/Family Sessions
- Nov 6 Remembrance Day Assembly
- Nov 10 No School
- Nov 11 Remembrance Day -No School
- Nov 13 Boston Pizza Lunch
- Nov 15 Young Artisans Market
- Nov 18 SCC Hot Meal
- Nov 27 Boston Pizza Lunch
- Nov 28 Grades K-4 Matilda Jr. Play
- Nov 28-Dec 8 Christmas Basket Donations
- Dec 2 Grade 5-8 Matilda Jr. Play
- Dec 11 Family Fun Night

CO-OP GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER

Our annual fundraiser ran October 6 - 13th.

We once again surpassing our goal by selling \$78,900 in gift cards. By doing so, **we raised \$6000**. Way to go - we have a great community!

NOV 3-7 SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR



It is that time of the year again! Come shopping at the Scholastic Book Fair. Each class will have the opportunity during the week of November 3rd and at recess to shop at the fair. It will also be open for parents to shop during Progress Conferences on November 6.

There will be a contest (or two) offered to allow the students in each classroom a chance to win some FREE books.

NOV 6 - PROGRESS CONFERENCES

Let's Connect!

Progress Conferences will be held on November 6th from 3:30–8:30 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to discuss your child's progress, celebrate successes, and explore ways the library can support learning at home.

While you're at the school, don't forget to stop by the school library to:

- Browse our Scholastic Book Fair with books perfect for reading together at home.
- Pick up a library guide with tips for supporting your student's reading habits.

We look forward to seeing you and partnering together to make reading a family adventure!

NOV 6 - PICTURE RETAKES/FAMILY SESSIONS

Exciting News! **Picture retakes are on November 7**th in the afternoon, and during the Progress Conferences that afternoon/evening from 3:30 - 8:30 pm we're thrilled to offer a special opportunity again this year: **you can capture beautiful family or group photos**! It is on a first come first served basis.



NOV 6 - REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY

Our school will honor those who sacrificed for our freedoms on November 6 at 9:40 a.m. We will recognize and remember the bravery of those who fought for us.

Community members are warmly invited to attend the ceremony.

NOVEMBER EVENTS CONTINUED

NOV 10 - NO SCHOOL NOV 11 - REMEMBRANCE DAY -NO SCHOOL

On November 11, we honor and remember the brave individuals who have served our country in times of war and peace.

In the library, we've created a special Remembrance Day display featuring books, poems, and stories that help us reflect on courage, sacrifice, and hope. Students are encouraged to visit, learn more about Canada's history, and write a short message of gratitude to place on our Wall of Remembrance.

At 11:00 a.m., we'll pause for a moment of silence to remember those who have given so much for the freedoms we enjoy today. "Lest we forget."

NOV 13 - BOSTON PIZZA LUNCH

Boston Pizza Lunch is on Thursday, November 13th. Order forms will go home on Tuesday, November 4th and will need to be returned by Friday, November 7th by noon. The online payments deadline will be Friday, November 7th by noon as well. This will be a quick turn around due to no school on Nov 10th and 11th. Please make sure to send in the order form even if your child(ren) have ordered online.

NOV 15 - YOUNG ARTISANS MARKET FROM 11 AM - 2 PM

We are excited to be bringing back the successful Kid's Artisan Market this fall! It will take place on November 15th, 2025. If your child or other children you know, what to show off their artistic skill, consider joining us for this event! Kid's can present and sell homemade items such as painting, coloring, beading, jewelry, wood working, baking, etc. The sky is the limit!

Please contact the school if you child(ren) would like to reserve a table or two. And please plan to attend.



NOV 18 - HOT MEAL

Our second Hot Meal will be on Tuesday,
November 18. It will be tacos. In an effort to
simplify Hot Meals, the SCC is introducing a Pay
Ahead Hot Meal Plan this year. These are
available in 5 Meals for \$30. Hot meals can still be
purchased individually for \$6 each. We ask that,
when paying individually, families provide exact
change whenever possible. Order forms for the
first hot meal will include the option to use this
new plan! Please send your child(ren) with a
reusable cup, plate, & utensils. Thanks! If you
can help at hot meal please contact the school.

NOV 27 - BOSTON PIZZA LUNCH

Boston Pizza Lunch is on Thursday, November 27th. Order forms will go home on Tuesday, November 18th and will need to be returned by Monday, November 24th. The online payments deadline will be Monday, November 24th too. Please make sure to send in the order form even if your child(ren) have ordered online.

NOV 28 - MATILDA JR PLAY GRADES K-4

The Grade Kindergarten - 4 students will be going to the Broadway North Matilda Jr Play at the EA Rawlinson. The play starts at 10 am. We would like to congratulate Sienna Ladouceur in Grade 8 for being part of the Matilda Jr. Play.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 28-DEC 8 CHRISTMAS BASKET DONATIONS

Family Fun Night Gift Baskets

It's getting to be that time of year again and we are excited to carry on with the tradition of Family Fun Night Gift Baskets! The SCC is asking families to please donate new/unopened items which will be made into baskets based on each classroom's theme. Tickets will be sold at the Family Fun Night in December, and baskets will be raffled that same evening. This is always an exciting part of the Family Fun Night. The SCC couldn't pull it off without your support - Thank you so much in advance!

This year, each classroom will have creative freedom within a color scheme:

Kindergarten – Blue and Silver

Grade 1/2 - Red, black and White

Grade 3/4 - White and Purple

Grade 5/6 - Pink and Gold

Grade 7/8 - Red and Green

Please send items between November 24th - December 8th

DEC 2 - MATILDA JR PLAY GRADES 5-8

The Grade 5-8 students will be going to the Broadway North Matilda Jr Play at the EA Rawlinson. The play starts at 10 am.

ONE-ON-ONE READING INVITE

We're inviting all adults who would like to visit and read with our students. Please spread the word. The more one-on-one reading our students get, the stronger their skills grow—because every page counts! If you have some time between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m., please let us know. We truly appreciate our community's support—after all, helping kids read is pretty unbe-leaf-able!

DEC 11 - FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Mark your calendars for December 11—our Family Fun Night is back, and it's going to be snow much fun! We'll kick things off with a short program (don't worry, it won't be too long... unlike your relatives' holiday stories), followed by sleigh rides and other festive activities. The SCC will be running their famous Christmas Basket Draw—because who doesn't love winning a basket full of holiday cheer? Even if you haven't been to our school in a while, we'd love to see you again. Program times will be shared in December—so don't be left out in the cold!

EARLY LEARNING FALL WORKSHOP

The Early Learning Fall Workshop was on Tuesday, October 28th and was well attended. **The plan is to have another workshop in November or December TBA. So please watch Edsby for more details.** Prince Albert Mobile Early Learning are who arrange this excellent opportunity for building relationships and connections through Sensory Play, Art, Fine Motor, Gross Motor, Book Station and alot more. This workshop is for all families with 0-5 year old children.

WC COMMUNITY VOLLEYBALL

Solleyball - Everyone Welcome! Love to play - or just want to try?

Join our weekly community volleyball nights! Join us for friendly community volleyball games once a week! All skill levels welcome, no experience needed — just bring your energy and enthusiasm. Come out, meet new people, and have some fun!

When: Once a Week (TBD)
Where: West Central Gym
Bring water, comfortable clothes, and a
positive attitude! If you want to join please
call the school.

NEXT SCC MEETING

The next SCC meeting will be in January.
Please keep posted for more information in the next newsletter.

WEST CENTRAL REMINDERS

CELL PHONE USE AT SCHOOL

Students should not have personal devices in the school or on school grounds. If they bring them to school, the devices must be turned off and secured. If you need to contact your child during the school day, please phone 306-922-8339. If they need to contact you, they may use a school phone, with staff permission. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in this matter.

DROPPING OFF STUDENTS

Student supervision begins at 8:35 each morning, once the buses dismiss their students. If you are dropping your child off, please ensure they are not here before 8:35 for safety reasons.

PICKING UP STUDENTS

If you are picking your children up at the end of the day, please park in the grassy centre area. Please remind your children to look both ways and please make sure to drive slowly away from the school. This will help to keep students safe from any mishaps.

** Please do not park at or near the entrances/exits. Thank you for helping keep our children safe. Thanks!

TRANSPORTATION

Our buses are busy again transporting our students to and from school. Our bus drivers do an amazing job of keeping your children safe. If you need information on bus routes or driver contact info, please check our SRSD119 website and search under Bus Information (near bottom of Homepage) or contact the school.

ALLERGY AWARENESS

All Saskatchewan Rivers Public Schools strive to maintain nut-alert environments for the safety and well-being of all students, staff and visitors. We ask that everyone please check food labels to ensure that nut products are not listed as an ingredient when shopping for school food items.

 \checkmark Please send nut-free snacks and lunches to school.

√Cross-contamination is a common cause of anaphylactic reactions. Foods that have come in contact with nut products or contaminated utensils can also trigger allergic reactions.

√Check packaging labels for peanut/nut ingredients. If a product has "may contain trace amounts of peanuts or nuts" this is NOT safe to bring to school.

As students and staff visit other buildings, for a variety of events, all schools try to keep everyone safe. Our School Division hopes to establish and maintain, but cannot guarantee: schools, school environments and buses free of peanuts and nut products. Thank you for your cooperation with this very important safety matter.

I FORGOT MY LUNCH

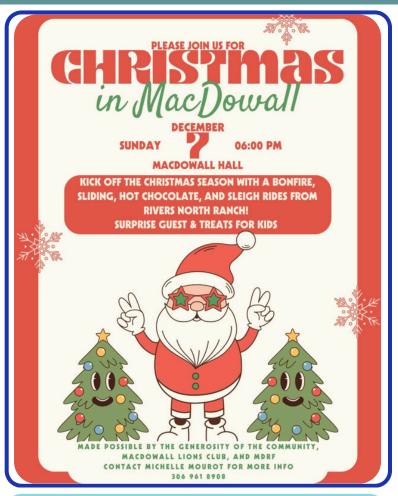
It happens! Busy households, rushing for the bus etc. Don't worry about it - we have a few items at the school, which we can supplement for the odd lunch or snack here and there.

HATS FOR SCIENCE

Friday Hat Day will continue this year.
Everyone who pays \$1 on Fridays will receive a stamp and will get to wear their hat that day. All money raised will support the School Science Fair costs, including sending our students to the Regional Science Fair in April.

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WEST CENTRAL SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWS





MACDOWALL & DISTRICT RECREATION FOUNDATION

Interested in becoming a member?

MacDowall and District Recreation Foundation



For the community, In the community.

Join us!

We are currently looking for two community members who would like to become part of our board.

MDRF meets once monthly, and provides opportunities for volunteering in our community.

Contact Devon Neudorf, Jordyne Semenoff, or any MDRF member for more information.

MacDowall & District Lions Club

Annual Harvest Ball

Saturday, November 1, 2025

MacDowall Lions Recreation Centre

Cocktails 6:30 pm ~ Supper 7:00 pm

Only 250 tickets sold - Elimination Draw to be made at the Harvest Ball

Admission: \$80.00 per couple

More Info Contact Nancy @ 306-560-7333

Thank you from the Equine Elite 4th

Equine Elite 4th Club and the Lily Plain Hall for a successful

HALLOWEEN HOWL.

There was about 100 people in attendance and everyone had FUN! We hope to see you next year!



