

# Fun Facts from the Empire Library

Information as of Friday November 1st:

- 617: Student users of the library.
  - 191: Overdues from students and staff.
- ~ Get those books returned! ~
- 15,635: Copies of books in the Empire collection. Wow!

The library includes:

- 3 Super Chien books (French Dog Man books).
- 11 books about eagles.
- 58 different books about Star Wars, including early readers, fiction and non-fiction books.
- 91 non-fiction books about dinosaurs.



By Mrs. R. Thompson, Library Clerk

## Sport of the Month: Basketball

The history of basketball began with its invention in 1891 in Springfield, Massachusetts by Canadian physical education instructor James Naismith as a less injury-prone sport than football. Naismith was a 31-year old graduate student when he created the indoor sport to keep athletes indoors during the winters. The game became established fairly quickly and grew very popular as the 20th century progressed, first in America and then in other parts of the world. After basketball became established in American colleges, the professional game followed.



The American National Basketball Association (NBA), established in 1946, grew to a multibillion-dollar enterprise by the end of the century, and basketball became an integral part of American culture.

Basketball is regularly played by many grade 5's and 6's first and second break. Many of these students are very good at shooting averaging about 20-30 baskets a school day each.

By Moira MacLeod, Sports Reporter

At Empire we show **Stewardship** by caring for people in our community.

- We raised almost \$4,000 for Terry Fox
- We collected 1,509 pairs of socks for ToastyToes
- We had a successful Clothing Drive

Thank-you to everyone who donated money, socks and winter clothing. We couldn't do it without YOU!



Special thanks to Room 11 and 12 and Mohamed for all your help with sorting, counting and collecting socks for ToastyToes.

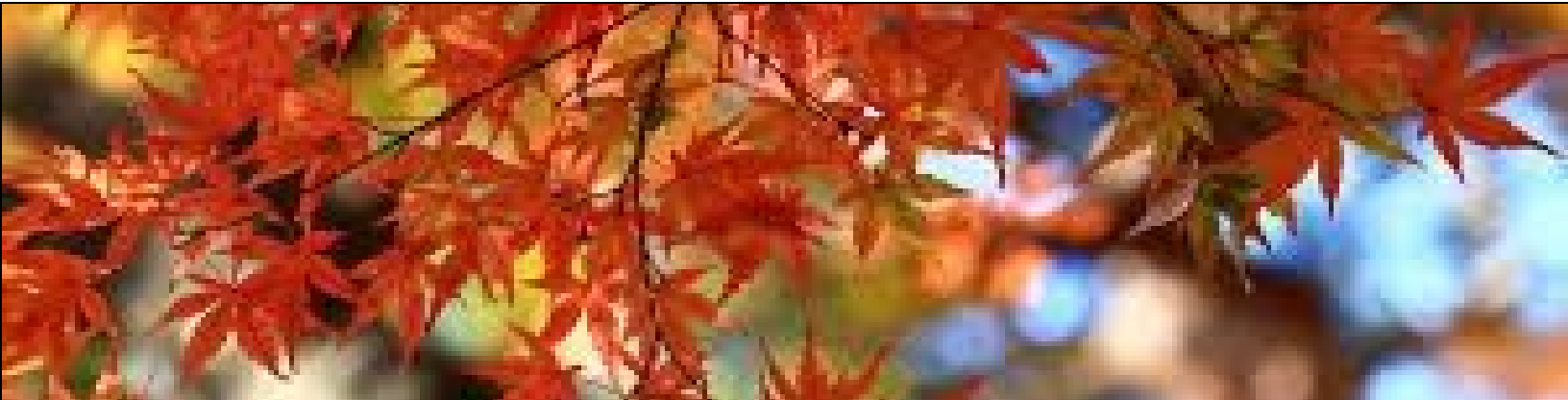
School News by Agatha Phipps and Quinn Romagnoli



# SOARING EAGLES NEWSLETTER



Empire Public School  
Monthly Newsletter



## First Edition!

By Ms. J. Gilmour

Welcome to the first edition of our Soaring Eagles newsletter. Our newsletter team has been hard at work since early October writing articles, taking photographs, creating comics and word searches for your enjoyment.

The Soaring Eagles newsletter started because one student saw the need for a school newsletter. Soon afterwards, a committee of dedicated students was formed. Quickly, we established roles for each member. We have photographers, editors, comic strip writers, sports reporters, school reporters and community news reporters. Special thanks to Miles of P4/P6 for initiating this project.



Empire Eagles Newsletter Team

We hope that you will enjoy our monthly newsletter. We appreciate any feedback you can offer. If you have ideas or would like to submit an article please email [jillian\\_gilmour@wrdsb.ca](mailto:jillian_gilmour@wrdsb.ca) or [woodm7105@wrdsb.ca](mailto:woodm7105@wrdsb.ca).

## Letter from our Principal

Dear Empire Students and Families

One of the things I love about Empire, is the great ideas that students generate to make this school a better place. These ideas include a student-created newspaper! Our students have an important voice, and this newspaper is a great opportunity for our students to have a voice. I also love that our staff are open to supporting new, student-driven ventures. We have a great team of Eagles here!



Empire is such a great place to learn, work and belong! I hope that everyone has a fantastic year ahead as we “soar” into the colder weather together.

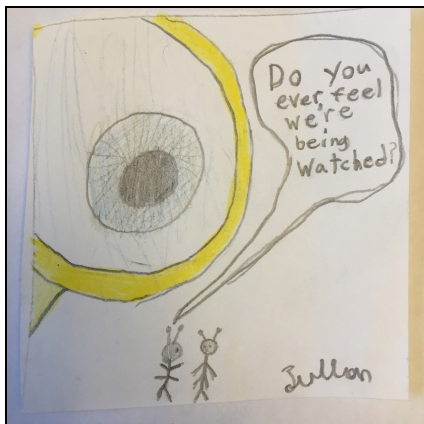
Ms. Mohr



### Going GREEN at School

Most Empire students are concerned about the environment. They want to make our schools more GREEN. Niko, in the 6th grade feels one of our biggest problems is sorting garbage. “I’m always telling people we can’t recycle the paper if we throw plastic in the recycling bin. We don’t have a plastic recycling program at our school!” says Niko. He suggests we keep our plastic recycling separate or take it home so that we can successfully recycle our paper and cardboard. Stay tuned for monthly tips and challenges on Going GREEN at School.

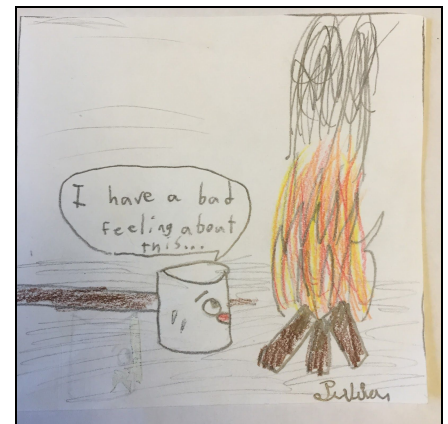
By Gurleen Gill



## The Monthly Funnies

Watch for our monthly comic submission

by Julian Lang.



# Soaring Eagles Bulletin Board

- Did you miss the morning announcements?
- Do you want to know when certain clubs are running?
- Check out our our Soaring Eagles Bulletin Board outside the Nutrition for Learning Room. Members of our Newsletter Team make sure our bulletin is up to date every Monday morning.
- Never miss out on anything!

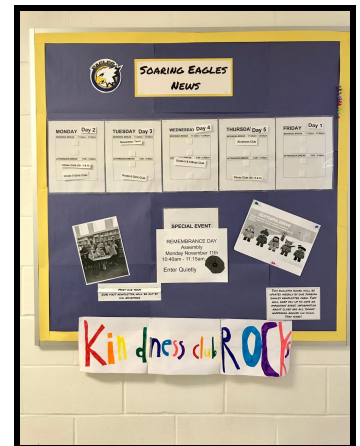
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**IMPORTANT NOTICE: Stay Tuned for the HARRY POTTER CLUB starting on November 18th.**

**Change: \*scheduled to start now December 2nd**

**\*for Grade 4, 5 and 6's from 11:20am to 11:40am on Day 1's.**



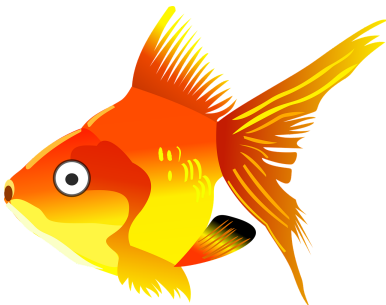
## The Benefits of Having a Fish Tank in your Classroom

By Ekamveer Sokhal

A pet fish is good for a classroom because it does not take a lot of work to care for. They are beautiful and soothing to watch and they are fun to have around. When they are compared to other pets, like dogs or cats, pet fish are easier to maintain. You just have to leave the fish its tank and feed the fish. If you lightly washed your hands, infrequent petting or touching of the fish isn't going to really hurt them. If you touch a fish too much though, it can rub off their slime coat or otherwise irritate them. Do not touch the glass container if the fish are in them, it makes vibrations that can scare and that makes their life shorter.



To care for your fish you have to crunch up 2 pieces of tropical flakes and put it in the fish tank. DO NOT take the fish out of the fish tank with bare hands and keep the water clean.



Freshwater fish are the best choice for beginners as they require less aquarium maintenance. They also generally have fewer health issues in home aquariums. Saltwater fish require saltwater aquariums and are more challenging to maintain. In many cases, small fish are peaceful breed. They also require less tank space,

making them a good choice for first-time fish owners. When purchasing a fish, buy from a reputable dealer or store.

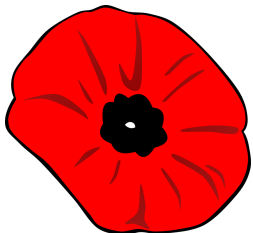
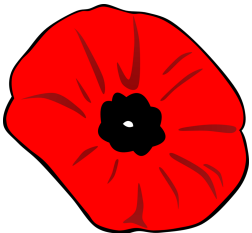
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Memorial	Flanders fields
Soldiers	Canada

## Remembrance Day Themed Word Search - ENJOY!

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~ What a SPOOKTACULAR time we had at Empire on October 31st ~

Photos by Suzy Patel and Autumn Barkshire



