



“autumn's last leaf falls - the harvest now over - a chill fills the air
 in this home - warmth surrounds you - like a blanket at night
 memories shared - love shared - hopes shared
 a time to reflect - and a time to look ahead - to give thanks for all
 - Sven



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**Mrs. Nielsen's 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade BOBCATS** 🚲 *Songo Locks Elementary School* 🚲 2014 – 2015

~~~~~ *November Newsletter* ~~~~~

Conference Wrap Up

Thank you so much to ALL of my Bobcat Families! We had 100% participation and every family was on time! In 13 years of teaching, that has never happened before. Thank you so much for prioritizing our TEAM effort in education!

Upcoming Calendar

NOVEMBER

November 11 No School –
 Veteran's Day
November 26-28 No School –
 Thanksgiving

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**DECEMBER**

**December 18** 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Concert - 1:45  
**December 22 – January 22** Vacation

**Bobcat Visitors**

We had a number of special visitors in the Bobcat community during October.

**Mrs. Langley**, LRHS business teacher taught the Bobcats keyboarding during October. This is a very valuable life skill that we will continue through the year.

**Gina McKenney** – SNAP Education Coordinator will be teaching us about nutrition each month.

**The Bridgton Rotary** donated dictionaries to the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. They will use these in class this year and then take them home next summer.

**Mrs. Duprey** visited us for some hands-on fun this month. She helped with Stained Glass Pumpkins and a STEM experience making Goo!

We also had 3 moms join our Halloween fun. Thanks to **Mrs. Duprey, Ms. Belanger and Mrs. Shaw** for being such great “Mummies”.

We also participated in Safety Month with a demonstration by the **Bus Department's Mrs. Mulcahey** as well as a Fire Safety talk with members of the **Casco and Naples EMS** departments.



**Curriculum**

In addition to all of these wonderful visitors we've also been working really hard in the Bobcat classroom. We completed *Literacy By Design* Units 13 and 14, on Government, which helped us complete our social studies *Citizenship* Unit. The students did a great job on their assessment. They also wrote 2 narratives using the writing process. The first story was inspired by Leaf Man by Lois Ehlert and the other was about Halloween. They even used Google Drive to type their final draft using their new Keyboarding skills!



**So What's Up Next?**

We will be completing Literacy Units 3 and 4 on Light and Energy, which will support our Force and Motion science unit. I also think we are ready to start using paragraphs in our writing! And, as always, I will try to incorporate a little fun along the way!

**Wow! What a busy month!!**