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A newsletter for Mother Earth's Children's Charter School to share its successful traditional and innovative programming.

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Annual Edmonton Corn Maze Visit

Principal Erin Danforth uses the annual school trip to the Edmonton Corn Maze as a bonding experience for our returning students and staff with our new students and staff. This year, two busloads of excited students arrived at the maze on a cool, cloudy day in late September but the weather didn't stop anyone from having a great time.

The maze is cut into a 15-acre field of corn when it is about six feet tall. The exact details are a trade secret. The field is planted in the spring and when the corn gets to be about six feet high the design is cut into the field. The corn continues to grow into the pattern over the summer.

The average person spends about an hour in the maze, depending on how many wrong turns they take. Just to be safe, there are people in the maze ready to provide directions and help participants find an exit if necessary. Everyone tends to get a bit lost but it is set up to be an interactive activity that makes it much more than just a walk through a field of corn. As you enter the maze, you have the option of taking a passport; the 10 questions on that passport help you make your way through the maze.

An aerial view of the Edmonton Corn Maze 2018 Oilers design.





Left: Junior high students pose near the Edmonton Corn Maze with Mr. Boxall and Miss O'Neill.



Above: Parents Brenda Baynes and Adrian Bull accompany kids at the giant Jumping Pillows.



Right, top: Amerie Lagrelle, Charlize Naistus and Lawrence Bird having a great time on one of the Jumping Pillows.



Right, bottom: Miss O'Neill and students try out another of the giant Jumping Pillows.

This year's design was an Edmonton Oilers logo and a hockey player in full uniform, best appreciated from an aerial view, of course. There are more than five kilometres of twists and turns, with 85 points where you have to make a decision about which way to go.

Right, top: Francis Brown enjoying a lap in the pedal car as Azarius Rain follows behind on foot.

Right, middle: Lazura Roan, Ayden Bird, Elijah House-Alexis, Alayah Lagrelle, River Letendre, Erika Bull-Yellowbird, Breyan Naistus, Joselle Potts, Naomi Ethier and Shawna Bird.

Right, bottom: Amerie Lagrelle, Isabelle Bull-House, Annabelle Bull-House, Arrazola Bird, Lawrence Bird, Elaine Boe and Raquel House.



There is much more than the corn maze for students to get involved with on this special outing. The two giant Jumping Pillows were especially popular with the younger students. The pedal cars got a workout from the grades 5 to 9 students. The petting zoo section with farm animals kept the younger students occupied as they got up close and petted them. Every student and most staff members climbed the easy staircase made of hay bales to appreciate the view from the top of the giant haystack.

Thanks to bus drivers Simon House and Delores Rain for getting everyone there and back to the school safely. We also want to extend special thanks to Janet House, Yvonne House and Raquel House for looking after the barbecued hot dog, juice and chips lunch. We were pleased to have parents Brenda Baynes and Adrian Bull along for the day to enjoy some special time with their kids.



Below: Maxine Hildebrandt, Samuel Bird and Braiden Bowes review the height regulations at the giant Jumping Pillows.





Clockwise from above:

1. Dreyson Potts sinks his teeth into a delicious barbecued hot dog.
2. Elijah House-Alexis and Ayden Bird grab the best—and tallest—seat around.
3. Francis Brown, Sam Bull, Ethan Bull, Mark Ehnes, Janet House, River Letendre and Leland Letendre.
4. Nancee Bird, Janet House, Amira Bird, Charlize Naistus and Yvonne House.
5. Miss O'Neill joins a group of students as they reach the very top of the giant haystack.

