

# The Festival of Light



Each year, Blue Oak School celebrates a Festival of Light during the school day.

Many cultures around the world for ages past have been gathering to honour the light, either by calling forth the lighter days to come, or by reflecting and contemplating on our own inner light.

This festival is a wonderful tradition at our school.

Throughout the week, several grades host a celebration of LIGHT, which ties into the curriculum of their grade.





### Grade Two ~ Santa Lucia

In the Second Grade, the students learn about Shining or Golden Hearts - people of valour, courage, exceptional kindnesses...

To celebrate Santa Lucia, the children dress in white with a red sash around their waist. The second graders walk throughout the classrooms singing Santa Lucia and leave a plate of cookies for the class to enjoy.

#### Grade Three ~ Hanukkah

Our third grade class will be hosting each grade to learn about how so many people around the world celebrate Hanukkah, a word that means "dedication". Then we will sing the song "Hanukkah, Oh Hanukkah," before we teach children how to play dreidel using buttons as currency. Before they go, each child is gifted a handful of yogurt -covered raisins as a treat.



### Grade 5- Diwali

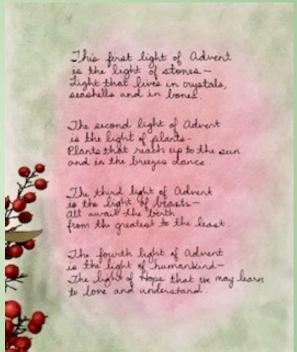
November 2nd- November 6th, 2021

Each student made a version of a *diya*, an oil lamp made of clay to help celebrate Diwali, the five day Festival of Lights. It is a festival of "new beginnings and the triumph of good over evil and light over darkness." We also made a version of jalebi with a saffron simple syrup, as pictured.

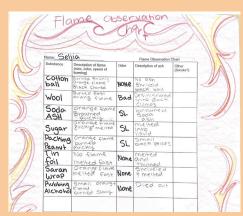


## Grade Six ~ "Caesars, Christians and Astronomy"

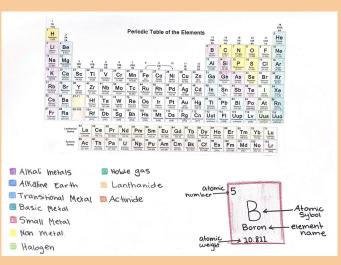




#### 7th Grade - We are burning things!







## Grade 8~Platonic Solids

