

Nov. 13, 2019

*Today's meeting notes have been shared electronically in lieu of our typical meeting

Community Representative's update update:

Greenway-Chaplin Community Centre www.greenwaychaplin.com

Subscribe to our e-newsletter list on the website to keep up on program registration and events.
Winter Dance for Gr 2-7 Fri Dec 13 7-9 pm at Elgin Street Public School (Advanced tickets \$4 or \$5 at the door).

Winter Recreation Program Registration for Jan to Mar 2020 programs opens Mon Dec 9.

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Teachers' report (M. Saulnier):

Things that have already happened:

- We have now had our bus evacuation training - students were given the opportunity to practice evacuating a school bus and learned the important safety rules of riding a bus.
- Our Remembrance Day assembly just passed. The students did an amazing job showing respect and honouring our veterans. We also had a nice turnout of parents.
- Photo Retake Day - was this morning.

Sports:

- The girls and boys volleyball teams are going strong. They have been practicing in the gym in the mornings and afternoons and travelling to other schools to play.

Huge Thank You!!

- The Kindergarten classes are beginning bi-weekly trips to Shade's Mills - we are so grateful for the funding that was provided for our admission to make this trip possible. In conversation with other primary junior teachers there are plans in the making for additional trips.

Grade 8's - High School Transitions:

- Nov 20 - GCI Orientation for our grade 8 students
- Nov 21 - BCI - Information Night for grade 8 students
- Mrs. Boug is hosting a high school transition meeting for grade 8 students tonight (Wed. Nov. 13)

Wellness:

- Kevin O will be here Nov 29th to present to our grade 5 - 8 students about health and wellness. Staff were able to participate in a presentation with him on our past PD Day - speaking on behalf of staff the presentation was informative and supportive - he is a fantastic speaker and really makes those suffering feel not so alone.
- Nov 22 - University of Waterloo Visits with their Earth Sciences Department to share learning and activities with our Kindergarten students about dinosaurs.
- Our ACE classes have a trip to the movies and the bowling alley this month!
- Our grade 3 students begin the Swim to Survive at the end of November.
- Grade 7's - Immunizations take place this month for Hep B and HPV (first shot)

Upcoming PD Day:

- We will be meeting with parents during conferences on Friday and spending time together learning as a staff within our three areas of focus: early literacy, math and well-being

Principal's Report (M. Lehmann and K. Sleeman):

- Staffing: no updates
- Facilities: Temperature regulation is currently being addressed in our Kindergarten classrooms and it has been fluctuating since the cold weather arrived.
- Grounds: Posts have been installed for our new outdoor volleyball court and students are enjoying the new option for breaks.
All creative playgrounds have now been closed for the season (due to hardened ground and slippery surfaces). An announcement will be made as early as possible in the spring to reopen these play areas.
- Health & Safety: We have a Student Transportation Services students safety program (Sidewalk Smarts) taking place next week. It is designed for grade 4 students and focuses on building pedestrian safety skills and inspiring a lifelong habit of physical activity.
- Student Achievement: Kids2Learn for selected grade 3 students will begin shortly with Ms. Forbes after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This Ministry-funded program will support our School Improvement Plan in the focus area of early literacy.
- PRO Grant: It is time again to submit proposals for the annual Parents Reaching Out Grant. Projects will be required to demonstrate a commitment to respecting the role of parents in students' educational experiences by working with parents or seeking parent input on how schools can:
 - Provide a safe and welcoming school environment;
 - Maintain open communication with teachers;
 - Respect parents as valued partners within the education system in relation to decisions about their child's education; and,
 - Parents are informed about the content of the Ontario Curriculum Guidelines.

If you have some ideas for submission, please let our Admin know. Deadline for application is December 18, 2019.

- Consideration for funding: Could you kindly respond and let Marc know if you would support \$235 towards our Safety Smarts program, \$260 for 3 multi-guitar stands and strings for our Guitar Club and \$500 for our instrumental music program (specifically for tuning and tuning up some of our older instruments). **The total ask is for \$995.00**
- Popcorn Fundraising Fridays: beginning next week, we will offer popcorn for \$1 per bag every Friday during first break. All proceeds will be designated to a specific charity with connections to the Avenue Road school community or a current school initiative. The first will be for donations (school supplies, sporting goods, etc.) for the school in Constanza, Dominican Republic where Marc will be assisting with a school build from January 13-21. More information to be shared electronically with School Council at a later time.

Financials and Fundraising:

- Current balance is \$11,813.45
- Krispy Kreme fundraiser netted approximately \$1800 minus prizes. This fundraising was allocated to the Arts (in particular our instrumental music program)

Next meeting: Wednesday, January 8, 2020