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To: Parents/Guardians

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2nd Term Reports



Many thanks to all of our parents who attended 2nd term Parent Teacher Conferences. We were very pleased with the turn out. As you know parental involvement in your child's education is essential to ensuring continued success. We are now well into the 3rd term and many students have projects and assignments they should be working on at home. Please take a few minutes to read and sign your child's agenda each night. We appreciate your continued support.

Provincial Assessment Grade 3/6



Our grade 3 and 6 students will be completing Provincial Assessments in Language Arts for this school year. This assessment is used to measure the attainment of the Primary and Elementary Outcomes. The assessment will be May 25 to May 31. There will be no Math provincial assessment this year.

50/50 Fundraiser



As part of our Spring Sale fundraiser, there will be a 50 - 50 ticket sale taking place. Tickets will be sent home tomorrow. If you do not want to participate in this fundraiser, please return your tickets to the school. Please see the office if you want extra tickets.

Easter Holidays

Holidays begin on Friday, April 14th and we return to school on Monday, April 24th. It will be Day 1.

Next Professional Development for Staff

The next PD session for staff is Friday, May 19th. There will be no school for students on that day.

Elementary Concert



Please join us on Tuesday, May 16th at 7 pm for our elementary spring concert. It will include our grades 5 and 6 students in the musical "The Granny Awards". The band students will also perform. Tickets are on sale as of Monday, May 2nd with two tickets per family. On Monday, May 8th the remainder of the tickets will go on sale. Please see the letter that went home regarding costumes.

Grade One and Two Concert

This concert will take place on Wednesday, May 31st at 7:00 pm. They will star in the musical "When I Grow Up". More information will be provided in the near future.

Shave for the Brave

On May 18th at 1:00 we will be participating in our second Shave for the Brave. All are welcome to participate and share this moving event with us.

Spring Sale

Once again we will be hosting a Spring Sale with a variety of vendors. Save the date which is Saturday, April 29th. More information will be coming home regarding this fundraiser.

Kinderstart

Please note that our next Kinderstart session is scheduled for Friday, April 7th. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call the school. There will be no classes for our Kindergarten students on this date.

A few Parent Reminders



We remind all parents that if you are dropping off your child, an item/lunch for your child or picking your child up for an appointment to please check in at

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the office rather than proceed to the classroom. For student /school security we must know who is in the building at all times. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this matter and thank you to the vast majority who follow this request.

Early Morning Drop Offs

Unless arrangements have been made to escort your child to his/her locker or class, please make sure you drop them off in the entrance areas. At this time of year, students can independently get ready for class and if assistance is needed, the teacher can assist. It is only if a meeting has taken place and special arrangements made that a parent would be permitted to escort their child to their locker or classroom in the morning.

Breakfast Club Fundraiser

A huge thanks to those who donated funds to the breakfast program by buying tickets on the fingerprint pictures. Overall \$900 was raised and this money was needed to sustain the program.

Parking



Please **do not park** so that you are in driveways or blocking driveways of residents in the area.

Heritage Fair

The Heritage Fair Projects for our elementary student are well underway. There will be an open house/awards on Friday, April 7th beginning at 1:00.

New Scouting Groups

A new group opportunity is available to children in the Kenmount Terrace area. It is open to **both boys and girls** for the last 20 years. We plan to launch a Beaver and Cub section at Prince of Wales Collegiate this September which will be open to youth ages 5-7 and 8-10 respectively, serving the youth of the Kenmount Terrace area. If we can get dedicated volunteers and youth in place soon, we can even have some great outdoor adventures together this summer! **Please join us for a Parent Information Session at Prince of Wales Collegiate (in the Library) on Wednesday, April 5 at 7:00 PM.** This will be a great opportunity to learn about the program, if you would like to register your child or even volunteer. Please RSVP to William Short, william.short@scouts.ca, and contact if you have any questions or cannot make it to the session.

Larkhall Academy Next Year

We do know there will be changes to our school next year. We hope to know more information in the near future. A vote amongst the school district trustees

has taken place and we are awaiting the results to determine our configuration for next school year.

Green Thumbs in the Classroom

In both grade three classes the Little Green Thumbs program is taking place and the students are growing a variety of different vegetables and herbs. The plant growth has been amazing and it is wonderful to see the excitement. In Ms. Blackmore's class they are growing lettuce through a project SucSeed offered by MUN. The lettuce is just in the beginning stages of growth. Finally, Ms. Fifield's Kindergarten class has decided to use their Aerogarden to grow tomatoes and very soon they will have fresh tomatoes. The class has decided they want to make spaghetti sauce when the tomatoes are large enough.

Grade Four STEM Project

The grade four classes are working with MUN to complete a STEM project involving drones. They have built the drones and now are in the process of doing a field trip to practice flying them. When the weather improves, they will be going to a field to collect data on the environment using drone technology. With the new drone flying regulation, there have been a few kinks in the road, but all seems to be working in our favour now. Stay tuned for more information. A huge thank you to Jamie Williams, parent of a grade five student, who has been instrumental in guiding this project with the grade four classes.

Coding in Grades Five and Six

Our grade five and six classes have taken an interest in coding and are planning to use SPHERO robotic balls to practice their coding skills. We cannot wait to see what they learn. Future programmers are among us!

After School Basketball

Basketball has ended for the year and a huge thank you from all of us to Karina Zavala, parent of grade three boys, for organizing the basketball program. She was integral in getting the coaches, spending time with the students and being actively involved in getting this program off the ground. A big thank you to the coaches from MUN who volunteered their time to help our students.

Recycling Bags on the Bus

Just a reminder that you can only have small shopping bag full of recyclables on the school bus.

Bethany's and Morgan's Tech Tip

"Only visit websites that you know are safe. If your parents or your teachers say it's okay, then it is safe. If you aren't sure, ask a teacher, parent or guardian."

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