

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT– OCT 2023

Recent Events:

1. Big news:
 - a. Mr Smyth is a father
 - i. His son was born Oct. 2nd and dad is having a WONDERFUL time 😊
 - b. T. Mac has officially retired! She can now head off on that African Safari that she's been talking about. We said goodbye on Friday, Oct. 13th.
2. Terry Fox Run
 - a. Huge thanks to all the parents that came out to cheer, spot, and act as markers along the route.
 - b. Also huge thanks for all your support with our fundraising to reach our 2nd goal of more than double our fundraising from last year
 - i. Treat day
 - ii. Sneaky recess
 - iii. Mario & Luigi day 😊
3. Staffing Update
 - a. New staff since our last meeting:
 - i. Brittni Carter – Grade 2/3 teacher
 - ii. Jenna Beaudry – Grade 5/6 teacher (w/ Ms. Smith)
 - iii. Dustin McColl – New EA in grade 6/7 AND K
 - iv. Leila Marghi – New Office Support for Community School Coordinator (replacing Terri Mackenzie)
 - v. Still to hire 0.4 ELL Teacher as we recently got a bump up in staffing due to the large increase in our ELL classes
4. Cross Country (Gr. 4 – 7) is finished...big thanks to Mr. Smyth, Ms. Fong, and Ms. Smith for coaching and congrats to all our Stoney Creek competitors. We've moved to Volleyball (Gr. 6/7). Big thanks to Ms. Mitchell, Ms. Smith, and Ms. Shirley for coaching.
5. Clubs running right now:
 - a. D&D
 - b. Comic Club
6. We continue to grow. Starting the year at about 308 students, we are now at 335 with more on their way.
 - a. Cameron continues to be at capacity which is why we are growing so rapidly.

Upcoming Events:

1. Currently working with Stream of Dreams on a new project called Street to Sea.
 - a. Some intermediate classes will receive a 75-minute workshop looking at sanitized garbage from a local creek and then an outdoor walking field trip for students to collect garbage with provided tools and safety gear. The school will also be given a supply of garbage pickers and safety vests.
2. Provincial Pro-D Day this Friday, Oct. 20th (no school for students)
3. FSA's for grades 4 & 7 students began Oct. 10th and run until Nov. 10th.
4. Retake Picture Day Friday, Nov. 3rd

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- a. If you missed out or are not happy with the photos, be sure to get your kiddo to get a retake. Pictures should be available in the next couple of days, information coming.
- 5. Halloween Events
 - a. Likely on the afternoon of Oct. 31st, we'll be doing a short Halloween Parade and assembly...families welcome to join
- 6. Remembrance Day Assembly on Friday, Nov. 10th @ 10:50 a.m.
 - a. Family members are welcome to attend
- 7. Winter Concert is scheduled on Tuesday, Dec. 19th and Wednesday, Dec. 20th (Mark your calendars)
 - a. I believe the performances are at 7:00 pm