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Principal’s Message

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome back from a much deserved winter break! I hope everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday. I am happy to report that our students have had no troubles getting back into daily routines at Cherry Hill!

The winter storm and freezing rain that hit us over the last couple of weeks has done a number to our school ground trees. I would like to thank students and parents for their patience during clean-up. I am happy to announce that district clean-up crews finished up last week.

This New Year we would like to welcome two new teachers to our staff. Ms. Cheryl Denton has returned from maternity leave to begin her teaching position in Division 8 on Mondays and Tuesdays. Ms. Rupinder Takhar joins Cherry Hill as our new Division 5 teacher. We are very excited to have both Ms. Denton and Ms. Takhar on our staff.

Here are a few important dates coming up:

- Jan 26th** School Assembly, WITS, 9:00am
- Jan 31st** Hot Dog Day, PAC hot lunch
- Jan 29th to Feb 2nd** Lunch time martial arts lessons
- Feb 7th** Ready Set Learn & Community Café, 5-7pm
- Feb 14th** School Rocks, 5-7pm
- Feb 21st** The Big Chill, 5-7pm
- Feb 28th** Pink Shirt Day

Thanks,
Shane Sliziak, Principal

School Cash Online

Another reminder to parents and guardians that **we are going completely ‘cashless’ after February 1st, 2017.** This means we will not accept any cash for school costs such as field trips, planners, etc. Following February 1st, the only way payment will be accepted is through School Cash Online. Debit and credit cards are accepted through the website once an account is created. A link to

School Cash Online can be found on our website (cherryhill.mpsd.ca). If you are having problems signing up, please visit our secretary at the office and she will walk you through the process. Please make note that PAC events and fundraisers such as hot lunch will still accept cash. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the principal.

Before School Drop Off and After School Pickup

I would like to thank parents for respecting our requests regarding drop off and pick-up. As previously outlined, we are requesting that students use their designated entrances in the morning, and that parents wait for the end-of-day bell before making their way to classrooms. This helps tremendously in keeping our school peaceful and safe in both the morning and afternoon. Thank you everyone for your support!

Joyful Literacy Initiative

Cherry Hill Elementary is one of five schools selected in the district to take part in the Joyful Literacy Pilot Project. Joyful Literacy is a research-based literacy intervention strategy that is being used in hundreds of classrooms around North America to improve literacy achievement rates. This year the program will be offered in our K-1 classes, including Ms. Beaudry’s Gr. 1/2 split division. In subsequent years the program will include our Gr. 2 divisions. Over the next couple of weeks our teachers will be busy with professional development. We hope to have the program up and running near the end of February. More to come in our next newsletter. Please contact the principal if you have any questions or inquires.

Kindergarten Registration

A reminder to parents that kindergarten registration began last week. While registration will be ongoing until the end of the year, it is always best to register as soon as possible. Please bring proof of address and a birth certificate for the student. Please call the office if you have any concerns.

Snack Pack Society Fundraiser

Our school food program is graciously funded in part by the Snack Pack Society. The program provides food for students in need of a snack and/or lunch at school. Snack Pack Society is holding a paint party fundraiser on January 26th at Mission Springs. Please visit facebook.com/events/172607186678965/ for more information.

Ready Set Learn & Parent Information Nights

Our second Ready Set Learn event will be held on February 7th from 5-7pm. Ready Set Learn events are for children ages two to eight (accompanied by a parent/caregiver). The event will consist of educational games and literacy activities for children, as well as informational booths for parents. The theme this year will be pajamas and teddy bears. A light dinner will be provided at the beginning of the event. In addition to our Ready Set Learn event, Community Services will also be offering one of three parenting information classes on February 7th during the same time. Please see the flier attached to this newsletter for more information. The other two parenting events will be held on February 14th and 21st from 5-7pm.

Grade 5/6 Volleyball Season

Volleyball season is here. We are happy to announce that Cherry Hill parent, Jennifer Vinnish, will be coaching our team this year. Interested Grade 5/6 students will need to meet on Tuesday in the gym. Permission slips for afterschool practices will be given out to those that attend the meeting. Depending on interest, we may have more than one Cherry Hill team. Game days will begin in February with the district tournament in early March.

January School Assembly: WITS Anti-Bullying

This month our school assembly is on Friday, January 26th at 9am. The topic of the assembly will be the WITS anti-bullying program, and “using your WITS”. Students from Divisions 2 and 4 will show anti-bullying videos they have been making over the last few weeks. We will also announce classroom ‘Stars of the Week’. Finally, we will hold the ‘race the principal’ fundraiser event created by our student council. Proceeds go towards the winning student’s charity of choice. Parents are highly encouraged to attend!

Great Things at Cherry Hill Elementary



Arts Start performance, “The Birth of the CPR”, was both entertaining and educational.



Lisa Shepard working with students in Division 3 on flower bead work. Lisa will be working with our students for the next few weeks.



Students in Division 7 learning about measurement with their whole bodies