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## Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Time sure has flown this year! I can't believe we are now well into the final term of the school year. As the days get warmer and nights longer, routines with our children can often be harder to manage (going to bed when the sun is still up for example!). The month of May can be one of the most challenging months of the year, both at home and at school. To add to the stress that comes with maintaining routines, as we near summer break, children often get excited about the holiday months and all the fun summer activities that are just around the corner. During this transitional time, it is very important for both adults and students in our school community to remember about self-care. I encourage our teachers and parents to keep the mental wellbeing of our children and ourselves at the forefront of our daily planning. An extra trip to the playground, a walk around the neighborhood, or some extra quiet reading time can go a long way in maintaining balanced mental health. With that said, we have two and a half months of important learning time so it is still very important for our students to continue to work as hard as they all have this year. Many of our students have made huge growth this year and we want to continue down that path for the rest of the year!

Here are a few important dates coming up:

- April 24<sup>th</sup>** Cops for Cancer Kick-Off, 1:30, gym
- April 29<sup>th</sup>** Hatzic visits Cherry Hill Grade 6s
- May 3<sup>rd</sup>** Month End Assembly, 9:00 am
- May 9/10<sup>th</sup>** District Track and Field Event
- May 14<sup>th</sup>** Cherry Hill Carnival, 4-7pm
- May 17<sup>th</sup>** Pro D Day, no school
- May 20<sup>th</sup>** Family Day, no school
- May 22<sup>nd</sup>** PAC meeting, 6:30
- May 23<sup>rd</sup>** 'The Elders Are Watching' Art Show, 9:00am

Thanks,  
Shane Sliziak, Principal

## Jump Rope For Heart Fundraising Results

We are very happy to announce that we raised almost \$6000 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Student efforts will be recognized at our May 3<sup>rd</sup> assembly (9:00am). Fundraising prizes will be given out to students when they arrive at Cherry Hill. We would like to recognize Ms. Midzain and Ms. Hodson for their efforts organizing the event, parents and community members for their financial support, and students for their hard work collecting pledges and skipping. Well done everyone!

## Report Card Envelopes

Parents, please be sure to return signed report card envelopes to your son or daughter's teacher. Getting the envelopes back really helps us out in two very important ways. First, it helps us know that parents have read reports and are aware of their son or daughter's progress. Secondly, it cuts down on paper waste. Please be aware that new envelopes will not be created for final report card distribution if they are not returned to the school. Thank you for your cooperation!

## "The Elders are Watching"

### Cherry Hill Art Show

Our students have been busy with their "The Elders are Watching" oil painting landscapes. Soon, every single student in the school will have a completed canvass to show off at our school art show. The Cherry Hill Art Show is scheduled for May 23<sup>rd</sup>, starting at 9:00am. Community members are highly encouraged to attend the event to see all our students' artwork. As well, there will be a book reading, and music performance. We are very proud of the work that we have all put into this project, so we hope to get a great turn-out. More details around the event will be sent home as we get closer!

## Upcoming District Track & Field

Our Gr. 4-6 students have been practicing hard for the upcoming District Track and Field event at Albert McMahan, May 9<sup>th</sup> (Gr. 5/6) and May 10<sup>th</sup> (Gr. 4). Mr. Sutter, Mr. Spencer and Mr. Sliziak have been coaching the running, jumping and throwing events. If your son or daughter qualifies to attend the District event, a notice will be sent home regarding the event. Ms. Carroll has agreed to chaperone.

**Cherry Hill PAC Carnival**

We are very happy to announce that Cherry Hill will be having another evening carnival thanks to the efforts of our wonderful PAC. The event will be held on May 14<sup>th</sup>, from 4-7 pm. Like last year, there will be lots of exciting carnival games and activities for children and adults, including another dunk tank! Our PAC is in need of more volunteers, even if it is just for 30 minutes. Please contact our PAC or the school directly if you can volunteer. We hope to see all of our community out for this event as it is great fun!

**ParticipACTION: Dance at Cherry Hill**

We are very happy to announce that our Healthy School Committee leader, Janice Walsh, has been awarded a grant for this year’s ParticipACTION, Community Better Program. The money will be used to hire a professional dancer to teach 6 hip-hop dance lessons to all our students between May 28 and June 12. After all our students have learned the choreography, we will hold a schoolwide group dance in our back field to celebrate our participation in the Community Better Program. Please visit, [www.participaction.com/en-ca/everything-better/community-better](http://www.participaction.com/en-ca/everything-better/community-better) for more information about the program. More to come in our May newsletter about the event!

**2019-20 Class Placement: Parental Input Process**

A fair bit of planning is already going into our next school year. As part of that process, we like to gather parental input on class placement for next year. Like last year, the principal will send an email out to parents outlining what kind of input he is looking for (and what kind of input he is not looking for). This email will be sent at some point this week and will indicate the deadline for receiving input. Please note that while we do our very best to accommodate each student, there are always factors that keep us from being able to make everyone happy (class size and composition rules for example). Please keep an eye out in your email over the next couple of days.

**Best Ave Cross-walk Reminder**

A Spring reminder to all of our school community drivers to please keep an eye out for students crossing the roads before and after school on Best Ave (or any other road for that matter). With the weather getting better and better, students tend to get quite a bit more excited and rambunctious. As you approach any of the cross-walks, please go slow and stop if there are any students approaching or waiting to cross. Thank you!



Students in Division 8 working on their ‘The Elders are Watching’ project. One more month until the Art Show!



Staff vs. Student dodgeball was great fun! We are not sure who had more fun, the students or the teachers! Thank you PAC!



Buddy students from Divisions 4 and 11 working together on crafts!