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Principal's Message

While this year has been different due to Covid, our staff has been working diligently to ensure students feel safe and are safe at school, are engaged with their learning, and are having an enjoyable experience.

Collectively as a school, we are continuing to follow our Covid safety protocols and appreciate parents doing the same. Each day, checking your child for symptoms before sending them to school is an important step in ensuring we are all healthy and safe. Currently, children in grades 4-6 are required to wear a mask and children in grades K-3 are encouraged to wear one. There are exceptions and parents are welcome to contact the teacher and myself to let us know.

We miss having our parents coming into the school to participate in the learning process and to celebrate student successes with us. At least our online assemblies are one venue! Please join us for our next one at the end of May.

It is also the time of the year that staff are starting to prep for student placements for next year. If you have any thoughts or concerns, please speak with your child's current teacher. Together, we will continue to work in the best interests of all students.

Grade 7 Information:

On Thursday May 6th, Mr. Ralph Vos will be visiting Cherry Hill from Hatzic Middle School. He is one of the vice-principals and is here to provide our grade 6 students with information about what grade 7 at middle school will look like. He will also answer student questions and ask about which students are interested in taking band, choir and/or hockey academy. This will help with their scheduling for September.

Class photos:

Our class photos have been rescheduled for Thursday May 27th. As per photo company policy, grades 4, 5 and 6 students will be required to wear a mask in their photos. Photos are planned to be taken outside, depending on the weather.

Covid-19 Health and Safety Reminders for Parents:

When our school experienced a Covid exposure recently, it was a reminder that we all need to be diligent at all times. While we are following our school safety plan within the building and on the playground, I would ask parents to also keep 2 metres apart while waiting at drop-off and pick-up times. More and more parents are wearing masks and that is appreciated.

Also, it is important to note that our cleaning process starts at 2:30pm and once students leave the building, the front doors will be locked. There have been instances of cleaned areas needing to be re-cleaned as students have re-entered those areas.

Lost and Found bin:

Our lost and found bin has been filling up with lost sweaters, jackets and hoodies with other items too. Please stop by the front of the school to see if you can locate anything that belongs to your child. Clothing has been placed on a table and some are unique colours so will be easy to find.

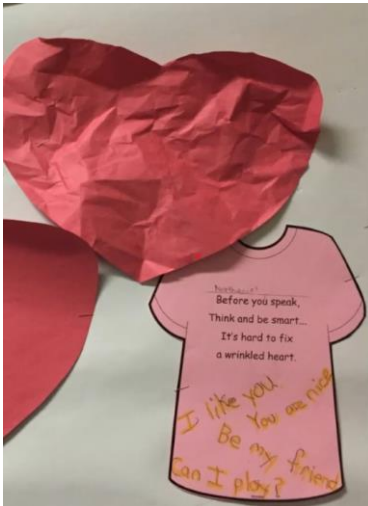
Community members and Dogs:

We love having our families and local community members use our playgrounds to get some fresh air and exercise. However, we do ask that since classes are spending more and more time outside with the good weather that our community members use our school grounds before 8am and after 3pm. That way students aren't encountering someone they don't know on the school grounds during school hours. Please keep in mind that our kindergarten students are only 5 years old. It is a safety issue.

Also, this is a reminder that there is a bylaw that dogs are not to be on school property. Note: there has been a lot of dog poop on the playground recently.



During Indigenous Cultural Day on January 21, 2021, students made a variety of cultural items, including Métis mittens.



For Pink Shirt day, Division 12 students discussed the impact of their words on others and how hard it is to fix a wrinkled heart.



Division 4 and 11 students tending to our 3 large planters in the front of the school.

Divisions 1 and 2 students are currently working on their science projects and excited about sharing their learning. Stay tuned for upcoming photos.

Education in the Outdoors:



Division 7 students studying microecosystems on a beautiful day. And enjoying the baby goats too!

