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April 2017 News

From The Principal

Happy April everyone. At the time of writing this commentary it is -9 outside and very cold; a far cry from the spring weather we are more than hoping for. Please watch the weather closely over the next few weeks to ensure our students are prepared for the outdoors.

It is tough to believe that we are in the last third of the school year. We continue to support student learning and work diligently to help students meet their goals. At the same time, we start the process of planning for next year. It is very important that you advise the school of your child's status for next year. If you are aware of a move that will occur between now and the start of next year, please let us know so we can plan accordingly. In addition, if you know of any JK students who have not yet registered, please be aware that this must be done ASAP to ensure we have our kindergarten classes organized appropriately.

Mr. Reay and I will be visiting classrooms in the next few weeks to discuss some general guidelines around our expectations for school and to highlight some of the exciting upcoming events.

Have a great month of April!

Steve Viveiros

GRADE 8 GRADUATION

The date of the graduation is Tuesday June 27th at 7:00 pm. The formal evening will be followed by a dance for the students that will end at 10:00 pm. More details about graduation will be provided as the day draws closer.

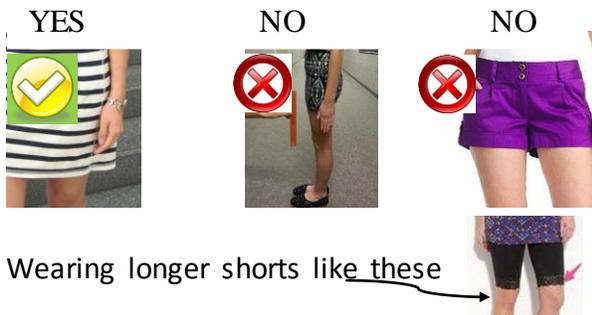
BIKE LOCKS

With spring just around the corner, bicycles will soon be ridden to school once again. Locks are a must in order to bring a bike to school. We do not have any available facilities for storing bicycles. Roller blades, skateboards, wheelie shoes and scooters are prohibited on all School Board properties.

WARM WEATHER ATTIRE

Students must be appropriately covered during the warm weather. Please note the following dress code regulations. Offending students will either be loaned appropriate attire or sent home to change.

- Proper attire is free from symbols of hate, violence, cigarettes, drugs, alcohol, racism or discrimination, obscene words or gestures, inappropriate messages such as anything detracting from a positive learning environment.
- Muscle shirts, spaghetti straps, low-scooped necklines, bare midriffs or backs, or cutouts are inappropriate. Shirts must be clearly 'tuckable'.
- Shorts and skirts must be of reasonable length and miniskirts and short shorts are NOT permitted. Shorts and skirts must be below your child's finger tips when their arms are relaxed and straight at their sides.



- Undergarments should never be visible.
- Socks and running shoes are required for phys-ed and outdoor sports like activities.
- If in doubt, it is likely against dress code. It would be best to change before coming to school. If you have any questions feel free to contact the office at any time.

The customs of our multicultural community will be accommodated with special regard to safety. Fashion trends change over time. Any decision regarding clothing will be at the discretion of administration.

SPRING

YAHOO!! Spring is in the air! However, this means our yard will be very wet for a while. Please be sure to send your child in splash pants and boots until our yard has had some time to dry out. An extra outfit including socks in their backpack is also a very good idea. Some of those puddles can be very tricky! Keeping an umbrella in your child's backpack is also a good idea for the season.



SAFETY

It is very important for everyone's safety that everybody follow the posted road signs around our school. Please help keep our community safe.

BEING PREPARED EACH DAY

Mornings can be difficult. Here are a few tips to help your child prepare a routine to help minimize morning stress and prevent forgetting items at home.

Check your schedule the night before. Do you need your P.E. items for tomorrow? Do you have any homework to turn in? Checking your schedule means it will be a whole lot easier in the morning. Pack your bag with these needed items. Make sure that your bag has a compartment for books, P.E things, and a lunch bag. Making sure that your bag is packed with everything you need the night before will help you in the morning.

Make sure your clothes are laid out the night before. This will mean you are much more time efficient in the morning. Make sure that they are clean and ironed the night before, and hang them front and center in your closet or drape them over a chair.

Have a routine. Make a list of things you will need to do in the morning and any after school activities. Allocate time to each task. Many people allow themselves an hour to get ready for the day. You do not need to plan out every aspect of your after school activities, but making specific time for things such as your study time, dinner, bath time and bed time helps to keep consistency

Eating a good breakfast. Eating a good breakfast improves your performance in the morning. Try not to eat foods that are sugary, try sticking to foods that might give you more energy such as eggs, fruit (apples, bananas, pears and oranges are great choices), granola bars. Always drink milk or orange juice with breakfast. Orange juice gives you a serving of fruit, but milk is the better choice. Milk provides you with vital nutrients that can also keep you feeling fuller during the day. Do not just drink half a glass of water and a bowl of cereal, eat a larger breakfast; it will give you much more energy in the morning.

Preparing lunch the night before. Salad, wraps, pasta. Whatever you eat, try and prepare most of it the night before.

Set aside a special place to do homework. It should be somewhere away from the TV and other distracting noises. Be sure to have plenty of materials and supplies needed, such as paper, pencils, etc. Have a snack available during study.

Chef A L'Ecole On April 20th, our Junior French students will have the opportunity to put their French cooking and conversation skills at work in an authentic hands-on learning experience. With great thanks to the cultural event funding available for French classes, the Chef at School program will be visiting Willow to help support the development and provision of meaningful activities that encourage students to view French as a positive and important experience for their future. During the event, students will be preparing a nut-free, kid-friendly French pastry, hearing an exciting storyboard presentation on French Canadian culture and listening to authentic Acadian music while sampling their own creations! If your student is part of the Junior French program and you would like to volunteer to share the experience, please see the permission slip sent home with your child or contact Mme. Coovadia for details. We look forward to hosting the Chef at School program!



