



Priory Park Public School

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From the Principal's Desk

I hope you are staying warm and finding some joy in this winter season. It's been a chilly couple of weeks with a couple no bus days and snow days. Thank you for watching the weather for bus cancellation and school closure information, as found on the Upper Grand DSB website. We have been working on our school wide focus of "Never giving up". We enjoyed a wonderful assembly with the whole school and enjoyed a great read aloud. We had a lot of fun celebrating "World Read Aloud" day on Monday, February 4th. We were very excited to enjoy the new book selections from the Red Maple/Blue Spruce program that will be used in our classrooms and library.

Teachers and staff have been working very hard on completing the Term 1 Report Cards. Report cards will be issued to students on Wednesday, February 20th. Please review your child's progress and return the cut off sections of the report to the classroom teacher as soon as possible. It is important to return the tear off sections as a communication tool between home and school. Please indicate on the tear off slip, or contact your child's teacher if you want to have an interview to discuss your child's progress in term one.

We have lots planned for the month of February; please see the calendar for all the updates. We are excited to have the Frontier College Reading Circle start up again, as well as the Big Brothers Big Sister's Play On Group and One to One mentor programs. Staff, students, and parents have worked hard to help students set appropriate goals and to support them in attaining these goals in moving into Term 2. February 18th has been designated as Family Day this year -- we hope that you are looking forward to enjoying a long weekend with your family!

H. Morris, Principal

Safe Arrival Program

Thank you for remembering to call the school at 519-836-7710, ext. 100, when your child is going to be late or absent from school. The answering machine is on seven days a week, 24 hours a day, so you can leave a message at any time. We really appreciate everyone who takes the time to inform us of their child's absence for the safe arrival program. Remember that if your child takes a bus or taxi, you do not have to call and report them absent on bus/taxi cancellation days. On cancellation days, we will assume that they are absent, and if they do arrive, it is because you brought them here safely and will arrange for their transportation home.

School Council Updates

Our PPS School Council is always looking for more members to join. It's a great way to be involved in your child's school and have your ideas heard. We meet once monthly to discuss upcoming events and plans, as well as to hear suggestions on future directions for our school. Child care is available during each meeting. Please join us at our next meeting on **Wednesday, February 13th at 6:00 pm** in the library. We will be finalizing the plans for our May fundraiser, exploring ways to promote our upcoming Live Free Week to support our Nutrition/Snack program. Thanks so much for supporting Priory Park P.S. – stay tuned for further updates!

Bad Weather Days

On bad weather days, please help us by checking the Board website at <http://www.ugdsb.on.ca/> and clicking on the yellow school bus or listening to the radio (CJOY 1460 AM or MAGIC 106.1 FM) to find out if buses or schools are cancelled. You can receive busing updates by email, by subscribing at: <https://stwdsts.ca/home/subscription-service/>

Thank you, Hanna Morris