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Principal's Message

I don't know about everyone else, but I am glad to see February end. With the variety of weather we've had outside this past month, it's been good practice for us all in learning how to be resilient and grateful for all that we do have – even if Mother Nature isn't cooperating! I know that I am echoing everyone's wish to have spring come as early as it can. Thank you to everyone for being aware of the weather and all the ups and downs we have had.

In spite of the weather, we have had fun with visits from Scientist in the School, our Kindergarten trip to the Art Factory, the walking trip to Centennial for an Author Visit and a great Basketball tournament at Willow Rd Public School.

This week, we are raising funds for our "Live Free" campaign to support our snack program funding for the Children's Foundation of Guelph & Wellington. We have SO much to be proud of with such a giving community – thank you for all your support of this vital program at our school.

Just a reminder to please be sure and check the lost and found for those missing mitts, hats and scarves before the March Break. Enjoy a wonderful March Break (Mar. 11th-15th)!

Our School Council is busy planning some great events as we finish off this school year. We are starting with a great school dance opportunity on March 8th and popcorn sales on Fridays after March Break. Please stay tuned for more information about these great opportunities.

Please check out our full newsletter online: www.ugdsb.ca/priorypark

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March 8th - School Beach Dance Party

On Friday, March 8th School Council is hosting a Beach Themed Dance Party to celebrate all the hard work that students have been doing. Period 5 all primary students will be dancing and period 6 the junior students will get the chance. We will be bringing back the photo booth option (3 pictures for \$5.00), we will be selling drinks for .50 cents and popcorn for \$2.00. All the money raised will be used by School Council to continue to support classroom activities like Scientist in the School and the Kindergarten trip to the Art Factory.

Home/School Communication

It is very important to let the school know if your child is going to be late or away in order for the safe arrival program to work. Messages regarding your child's absence or late arrival should be left on extension 100. If you need to speak to the office, or have an emergency, please dial 0. If Ms. Bott cannot get to the phone you can leave a message and we will return your call as soon as possible. Priory Park has voicemail for all staff. By pressing the # key, you can access our staff directory for voicemail. Remember you can call the school any time of day to leave a message on voicemail.

Indoor and Outdoor Footwear

With the wet and mild weather hopefully coming soon, it is important that all students have not only appropriate outdoor footwear, but also indoor shoes. This is a significant safety issue as proper footwear reduces the risk of slips and falls and stepping on items which may cause injury. It is vital, too, that students wear indoor shoes, not slippers, so that they are protected in the event of a fire drill or event resulting in a school evacuation.

Head Lice

Thank you for continuing to regularly check your child's hair for lice. We appreciate a call to the school so that we can let the parents of children in that class know to do a head check as well.

Food and Friends

Thank you for all your donations during our Live Free week. All your donations go directly back to our school and help us to continue to provide healthy snack options for students. Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped to make our Food & Friends student nutrition program such a success this school year. The donation of time that you have given and your ongoing support says so much about your capacity for compassion and generosity. Thank you for BRINGING HEALTHY FOOD TO HUNGRY MINDS!