

School Council Principal and Teacher Report

Edmison Heights

February 13, 2023

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT and EVENTS

- Character Trait of February is Empathy and it is Black History Month
- Daily announcements for Black History month, teachers conducting lessons in class, and drumming to come in March
- Staff reviewed goals, based on School Board Action Plan (shared with group) – will be further discussed at Feb. 21 staff meeting
 - Excel in Learning: SA-EL 2: Provide differentiated intensive support in reading and math to ensure student success
 - Succeed in Life: SA-SL 3: Build meaningful relationships where well-being and engagement are centred
 - Enrich our communities: SA-EC 2: Engage in learning that explores and values Indigenous knowledge, culture and perspectives, to staff to create respectful relationships among students, staff, families, and local Indigenous communities
- Staff to review mission/vision statements as part of School Improvement Plan– Jan. 17th – cancelled due to snow day and will now do at February Staff Meeting (Feb. 21)
- Staff to submit their class placement choices for next year
- Television installation for front hall here but still waiting on technology to make it connect to our system – will put announcements, celebrate student work and share calendar items here
- We have been lucky to have a Literacy Coach assigned to our school the past two times it has been offered by the board – we put in an application and are approved or denied – our focus has been on Primary Reading and Writing, although all staff have access to the coach – our last application went in today for the next round, so we are hopeful to continue with this excellent support learning about the new Science of Reading and new board resources
- Get Real presentation regarding inclusion took place for Feb. 9 for all grades 3 – 6 students – student activity focus on what we are thankful for and challenged by – that we do not know what others struggle with – be supportive of one another, show kindness and empathy – included clarification of what gender expression and gender identity are, and how all marginalized members of society need understanding and support (could also be people of colour, special needs, different socio-economic backgrounds, etc.) – message that we are all a part of the puzzle and in this way, we can participate in creating a beautiful picture of our school community
- Pink Shirt Day is Feb. 22
- Peterborough Petes now coming to present Ball Hockey program Feb. 27 (4-6) - will come with a bag for each student that includes a t-shirt and other swag – students have time to ask questions and also have pictures signed by the Petes members
- Trent Nursing Students preparing a presentation for primary students that will include active participation in preparing a simple snack (March 30/31)
- Kindergarten Play day took place with help from the Junior students
- Term One Reports will go home Feb. 17th (was changed from 21st) – celebrate child's success and review areas of need for growth – important to
- Drumming Workshops March 6, 7 (all students) – Ubuntu - Primary students will receive an "introduction to drumming" workshop
- Wizard of Oz in May – prices for tickets? After costs covered – rest to playground?
- Staffing: No applicants for French Immersion planning role by Krista Lavery (posted three times and externally), so some reorganization of staff required, and an English SERT .77 was

posted and a .23 English planning role – Laura Dowkes is now our English SERT and Lisa Plouffe is our .23 planning

No applicants for Cecile Berodier (posted two times and externally), so Jenny Bowley was contacted by the board and agreed to come for her role in the 2/3 French Immersion

Laura Smith will be on a leave from March 6 to end of May – her grade 6 English position has been posted (since she is leaving, we will need to review Pizza lunch options)

- Note: Jimmy Chapman April 11 – 27 and Nature Nancy May 5 – 17

STUDENT and STAFF WELLNESS & SAFETY

- Ministry of Labour Inspectors are doing random inspections in the schools – checklists provided by Health and Safety department indicate that we should be in good shape
- Reminders to parents in Kiss and Ride to allow student exit only by sidewalk, and message circulated to all parents reminding not to park in the No Stopping zones, particularly near bus and crossing guard area on Royal Drive – City of Peterborough By-law contacted to come and review our practices and consider any other options for Crossing Guard needs – pylons now in place to deter parking directly in front of bus/crossing area at Royal and Algonquin
- Lockdown practice with Constable Cannon March 27

EXTRA-CURRICULAR & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Junior Basketball – N. Sheppard (Tournaments Feb. 1 and 2) – Girls first, boys third

February:

- Kindergarten Choir continues – J. Mercer and T. deRoos
- Primary Choir continues – S. Young and J. Poliquin
- Junior Choir - J. Poliquin and S. Young
- Soccer Club continues - with Gr. 1 K. Toupin
- Geography Club continues – M. Cotarelo
- Social Justice Club continues – R. Smith, S. Potter
- GSA – S. Potter/R. Smith
- Pathways Trailblazer project – S. Potter, J. Bagshaw, S. Boulton, S. Scholten
- Great Backyard Bird count with Potter, Bagshaw, Boulton and Scholten – starts Friday
- School Musical – A. Osmadian heading up with several staff helping – Gregory, Leeson, Smith, Young, Poliquin, Dyson (May 2, 3, 4)
- Ski Club is every Thursday for next 4 weeks (some cancellations due to weather) – L. Maxwell
- Chess Club – S. Boulton
- Silver Birch Reading Club – B. Plante
- Gymnastics Club at end of February – T. de Rooj, L. Smith, J. Mercer
- Primary Nature Club – J. Mercer

A busy place!