

School Council Principal and Teacher Report

Edmison Heights

OCTOBER 2, 2022

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT and EVENTS

- Smooth start up!
 - Character Trait of the Month was Initiative for September and is Respect for October – daily announcements highlight
 - Open House Sept. 21 – chance to meet families and get to know them better
 - Assemblies in the gym for grades JK – 6: Review of “Who Are We? Our role in the classroom, our school and in our community” – also with staff at staff meeting/part of our School Improvement Plan (see Board Action Plan and Mission/Vision Statements)
 - Staffing updates: Dufresne back, Osmadian in for Plante until hire, D’Altoe to QE for LLS, job open
 - Photo Day was fantastic! Highly organized by Edge Imaging
 - Truth and Reconciliation/Orange Shirt Day assemblies led by Robyn Smith and Manon Gagnon Sept. 28 – included short clips from CBC Kids to share the story of the origin of Orange Shirt Day and our commitment to reconciliation at Edmison Heights as part of KPR
 - Breakfast Club Coordinator, Samantha Dennis and team, organizing bins in classes again
 - Nursing Students back to support Health initiatives – teachers to connect and support
 - October 21st: Board-wide Parent conference coming up – all encouraged to attend – topic is “What My Child’s Behaviour is Telling Me”
 - October 18th: Individual Education Plans will go home – consultation pages to be signed and returned to teachers for student files
 - Class reviews last week in October for all grades JK – 6 teachers
 - Overall, a very positive start up to the school year!
 - School in need of Sports Equipment update – in progress
- Coming Up:**
- Lockdown with Constable Cannon – Oct. 4
 - Peterborough Regional Council – Oct. 18
 - Remembrance Day – have requested a guest speaker from Veterans Affairs Canada
 - Photo Retakes Nov. 17
 - Progress Reports go home Nov. 17
 - Rick Fines contacted about possible “Blues in the Schools” – writes songs with students using structure of Blues Music – to discuss this coming week – input?

STUDENT WELLNESS & SAFETY

- Fire Drills – must do 3 this term (one complete)
- Health and Safety Quarterly Inspection completed for Sept. – reducing clutter in building
- Non-Violent Crisis Intervention training offered for all support staff this past Tuesday
- Mental Well-being continues to be focus from the board
- Announcements as reminders for safe play on the yard/reporting of any concerns
- Students may bring hand sanitizer as there is currently no funding from the province to boards for this item

EXTRA-CURRICULAR & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Clubs and Teams include Boys and Girls Soccer – Oct. 5 Beavermead (Chenier and Tripp), Cross Country Oct. 10th Beavermead (Gregory), Running Club (Toupin), Rock Choir (Plante and Smith), Kinder Choir (deRooij and Mercer), Library Helpers (Young and Bagshaw), Gardening Club (Mercer), Rugby Oct. 26 Beavermead (Nolan), Yearbook (Gregory), Student Council (Potter) and Volleyball Skills to start in October (Lavery)

- Oct. 5 is Peterborough Petes Games with tickets reserved for Edmison Heights Families
- Terry Fox Run middle block– October 6 with K. Lavery leading – link provided in School News by Krista Lavery
- Grade 2 Macleans Pumpkinfest trip – Oct. 11
- Grade 4 Escape Maze Trip – Oct. 17
- Outdoor Ed. Centre trip with Chenier – Oct. 20
- Canadian Down Syndrome Week Oct. 22 - 28
- Oct. 31st Hallowe'een "Come as you are" day – costumes, black and orange or whatever you like!
- Pizza lunches to be underway for November, using Dominos Pizza – Rennie and deRooij have set up with grade 6 students – volunteers are welcome (money to go to tech, grade 6 trip, bussing costs for Outdoor Ed. trips when that funding gone, etc.)
- Note: Sports equipment is looking tired – need new for the gym and teachers would like some items for each class for recess time
- Painting of games on pavement to be done for the spring – parent input into designs/choices to come