

School Council Principal and Teacher Report

Edmison Heights

NOVEMBER 20, 2023

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT and EVENTS

- Character Trait of the Month was Courage
 - Indigenous Peoples Awareness Month – thank you to Martha Hunter for providing front lobby display case presentations for Inuit Day, Indigenous Veterans Day and also Remembrance Day; Passport to Truth and Reconciliation tool offered to teachers by the board
 - Remembrance Day Power Point was AMAZING – Mary Heenan pulled together a beautiful presentation from many different classes, JK-6 represented
 - November P.A. Day included learning for teachers about the new Language Curriculum, a Mental Health survey and School Improvement Planning consolidation of our direction
 - Trent Nursing Students in classrooms of teachers who reached out for presentations about Vaping, Sportsmanlike and Healthy Behaviours and Online Safety
 - Rock your Mocs was this past week
 - Survey of equipment for classes, according to student interest done by grade 6 students – overall needs TBD
 - Students signed up for ball hockey – try to fit in some games before the holiday
 - Photo retakes were Friday November 17
 - Progress Reports home Friday November 17 – please return that envelope!
 - Bullying Awareness Week is this week – Pink Shirt Day is Wednesday – discussion with staff that we will address bullying behaviours on a continuum with feedback from students to keep it Kid Friendly
 - Tech staff from the board are returning to determine viability of a new screen in the gym
 - Posting for SERT/Planning role of Sarah Young was put through for French with no French qualified candidates, so now posted as an English position
- Coming Up:**
- Dec. 4 – 6 Scholastic Book Fair coordinated by Laura Gunning
 - Dec. 14 – Winter Open House 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

STUDENT WELLNESS & SAFETY

- Fire Drills are done for the fall
- Health and Safety Audit is November 28th with a team from the board
- MANY repairs and updates to the building are ongoing – this week the pavement areas deemed unsafe were dug up and repaved
- Bus evacuations completed November 16 for all students
- Bus Safety Presentations in the gym November 21
- Safety Plans and support staff schedules reviewed and updated if needed – with support from our School Board Behaviour Specialist
- School Nutrition Program promoted on Global News this month by Samantha Dennis, our School Nutrition Program Coordinator

EXTRA-CURRICULAR & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Canadian Down Syndrome Week Oct. was celebrated in October – new posters of our students are on display on the bulletin board across from the Special Education office
- Pizza lunches are a success! A big thank you to Jodie Rennie, Trish deRoosj and gr. 6s
- Junior Volleyball tournament – 20 students going with K. Lavery and E. Arsenault (was Merrill)
- Outdoor Ed. Dec 7 – Amelia Merrill's class; Dec. 11 – Sarah Chamber's class; and Dec. 12 – Jaclyn Mercer's class
- Grade 6 Garage Sale Dec. 12 – grade six teachers and school-wide event
- New venue for Alice in Wonderland is being explored by Lorena Haley-Twiss and Aline Osmadian
- School Leadership Program underway with J. Mercer and S. Potter