

# School Council Principal and Teacher Report

## Edmison Heights

**FEBRUARY 26, 2024**

### **STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT and EVENTS**

Shared by Mary Heenan

- Character Trait of the Month for February is Empathy
- Administration:
  - Welcome back Lorena Haley-Twiss and final thank you to the visiting Ps (Gray, MacKenzie, Massie and Foster).
- Staffing Update:
  - A big thank you to Martha Hunter who has taken over Sheila Potter's homeroom and worked diligently to keep the planning position she vacated running smoothly. Stephanie Seabrooke stepped into the planning position for several weeks while we went through the staffing process and Katelyn Miller started today. Stephanie was here today to help make the transition as smooth as possible.
  - Aline Osmadian (the English half of Grade 5 and Grade 5/6 with Andrea Blackburn) and Manon Gagnon are on medical leaves. Tara Laster, a familiar face to the EHPS community has stepped in for Aline. Koel Uphadyay has been covering for Manon as we were unsuccessful in recruiting a French Immersion LTO (was posted externally with no qualified applicants)
- The Play
  - Aline's medical leave mean we had to rethink the play. Mme Robyn Smith has stepped up with a group of teachers who are working hard on a plan to still have our students have their moments in the spotlight.
- EQAO
  - Weeks have been selected. Grade 3s will write the week of May 13 and Grade 6s will write the week of June 3. The schedule takes into account having tech and staff available for all students, Grade 6 trip, track and field (May 30 regional and KPREAA June 6) and the play (May 27,28,29).
- Anti-bullying
  - Again, thanks to our visiting Ps and all of the staff. We've been working on identifying and dealing with issues as well as communication so that we are aware of stuff that has been dealt with on the yard, in the classroom and on the buses.
  - Chris Gray - professional wrestler spoke to the 4/5s and the 6s with a really engaging presentation about circles of influence, being a positive influence to others and surrounding yourself with people who are positive

### **EXTRA-CURRICULAR & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

Shared by Tracey Leeson

- Many activities/clubs and teams are ongoing – school play (Alice in Wonderland), gr. 2 soccer, basketball, gymnastics, yoga, art club, reading club, student council, yearbook
- Always a busy place with all spaces being maximized
- Contributes to a healthy school culture, supporting mental health
- Field – muddy areas will be sodded for the spring and any holes filled