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KINDNESS IS FREE, SPRINKLE THAT STUFF EVERYWHERE.



Don't Count the Days, Make the Days Count!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Over the past couple of months, our dedicated and innovative educators offered myriad diverse learning opportunities to our OP students, who in turn eagerly stepped up and capitalized on all the offerings. This is a dynamic place to teach and learn and I have immensely enjoyed my time here. At this juncture, Ms. Tait's leave has been extended. Mr. Richmond, a newly retired TVDSB principal, has been assigned the pleasant task of leading the school. The students and community remain in good hands with Mr. Richmond at the helm.

Looking ahead to the month of March, spring weather is on the horizon. We want to remind parents to have indoor and outdoor shoes at school as mud becomes a prominent force out on our school yard.

TOONIE TUESDAY

Thank-you to everyone who donated to our Toonie Tuesday fundraiser!

The Caring Fund supports families across the valley by addressing hunger, providing shoes, offering co-op clothing and aiding from house fires and other family tragedies. Orchard Park PS raised close to \$300 to help with support our students and families in need across TVDSB. **Way to go Bears!**

SCIENCE FAIR

We had a successful Junior and Intermediate Science Fair this year! Every student showed pride in their work and furthered their learning around scientific processes. We chose two Representatives from each class, and several Honorable Mentions.

Please congratulate this year's candidates (individual and team):

Ms. Ayres' 8 Class:

Representatives: Ella D., Tiffany L/Rylee Z.

Honorable Mentions: Eleni G., Amelia N., Ben V.

Mr. Coppard's 6/7 Class:

Representatives: Julianne E./Aria G., Feliz D./Daniel L.

Honorable Mentions: Madeleine J., Marcus J., Naomi K./Hazel F., Michael S.

Mr. VanderHeide's 5/6 Class:

Representatives: Charlotte J., Charlie M.

Honorable Mentions: Cara D./Hadley H., Aminah H., Darren K./Aiden H.

Ms. Morris' 7/8 Class:

Representatives: Guarav C., Tridib D.

Honorable Mentions: Adarsh J./Ethan Z., Ani R., Owen T.

Ms. Hall's 5/6 Class:

Representatives: Jeffrey C., Jerry Z.

Honorable Mentions: Vir C. Jamie H., Lucas S.

Ms. Seller's 5 Class:

Representatives: Hadley H./Cara D., Sejeleen W.

Honorable Mentions: Sam K.

The Thames Valley Science and Engineering Fair is on March 22nd-23rd at Brescia College. We wish all the Orchard Park participants, Good Luck!

Upcoming Dates:

Monday March 4th -

Home & School and School Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday March 5th -

Kindergarten classes field trip to Circle R Ranch

-Grad Photo DAY

Wednesday March 6th -

Mrs. Hall's field trip to the Canadensys Aerospace

-Caribou Math Contest

Thursday March 7th -

Caribou Math Contest

Friday March 8th -

OP Colour House Day - Wear House Colours

March 11th-15th March Break

Tuesday March 19th -

Summer School Registration Opens

Friday March 22/23rd -

Thames Valley Science and Engineering Fair

Friday March 29th -

Good Friday

Milk Program:

Tickets are \$23.00 for 20 tickets; payment is made via School Cash Online. Please see Ms. Duggan at the office to pick up tickets. Proceeds to grad / grade 8 trip.

FROM THE LIBRARY

The Library was full of excitement in February as the our students celebrated Black History Month through read alouds and learning about amazing Black Canadians who fought for equal rights.

Our Reading Club continues to meet on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at first recess. This is a time for students to dive into their own book in a quiet and cozy space. We have approximately 60 students in Reding Club. Our OP Bears sure love to read! We also kicked off our Forest of Reading program this month. We have over 40 students in grades 3-8 taking part, as well as all the Primary classes. Thank you to Home and School for helping purchase the books for us. In other exciting news, our Library Maker Space now is equipped with a Cricut Maker! We are looking for donations of 12x12 scrapbook paper. It can be any pattern or colour. Thank you for your support.

-Mrs. Elliott, Teacher-Librarian

ORCHARD PARK VOLLEYBALL

Our Boys Volleyball team had a fantastic experience. It was a pleasure to witness their increasing skill level and their teammanship over the course of the season. The boys were a dedicated group and outstanding ambassadors for Orchard Park. Special thanks to Coach Thoms for his work with the team, and to our staff advisors, Mr. Coppard and Ms. Sellers, for their commitment.

-Ms. Gonser, Interim Principal

Our Girls Volleyball team enjoyed a successful end to their season. The girls fell at the North West Regional playoffs in the semi finals to the eventual champions Jack Chambers. Great season Girls!

-Mr. Suiter, Girls Volleyball Coach

DANCEFEST

We are so excited to be taking part in the Thames Valley Dancefest this year. We have over 100 students participating. We will be travelling to the board office to perform our dances on April 16th. Letters with information were sent home last week.

-S. Knight, L. Sellers and C. Renders

GRADE 8 FUNDRAISING

The Grade 8s are busy working alongside Student Council with another fundraising opportunity to help support the cost of the Grade 8's year-end trip.

Upcoming after March Break: Bake Sale and Cake Raffle



HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION AND SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Monday, March 4th, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m. Home & School and School Council Meeting (School Library)

We are looking forward to the Fun Fair in May. **Save the date will be Thursday May 30th, 2024.**

FOOD ORDERS, GO TO SCHOOL CASH ONLINE, LUNCHBOXORDERS.NET

Home & School is selling the following food items on the days specified. We offer Subway Tuesdays, Dominos Pizza Wednesdays and Marble Slab Thursdays.

Please note that you must place your order by noon the Sunday before the delivery date.

Upcoming Dates:

Every Wednesday - Dominos Pizza Lunch

Thursday March 21st - Marble Slab

Tuesday March 26th - Subway Lunch