



## Perth Road Public School

Limestone District School Board

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### Principal's Report- November 9th, 2020

- Health & Safety
  - We have experienced a significant drop in absences related to illness (not COVID related) over the past few weeks
  - Masking- students should have at least one extra mask in case their mask gets soiled
  - Water bottles- water fountains are not in use. Water bottles are essential for students to stay hydrated during the day.
  - Gym- protocols as of November 2020 have been shared with staff. It is still recommended that students go outside as much as possible for physical education. The gym can now be used for low to moderate level of activity (ie. Yoga, dance). I will work with staff to determine what equipment could be purchased to support learning.
  - Planning is happening regarding the storage of winter gear.
  
- Play Structure
  - Playground Planners has indicated that the warrantee will still be in place in the Spring.
  - They will contact myself and/or Melanie in the Spring regarding the repairs.
  
- Pavement Painting
  - An email was sent to staff with a link to the CreativeSafetyGames Facebook page for their input.
  - Kindergarten has requested letters and numbers on the Kindergarten yard.
  - Hopscotch and more 4 square was also suggested.
  
- Photo Day
  - Lifetouch Protocols have been approved
  - Photo Day November 18th
  
- Students' Council
  - Halloween Week activities were well received
  - Grade 8 class has taken on speaking/recording roles for our Remembrance Day Ceremony
  - A spirit week will be coming up soon
  
- Remembrance Day
  - Virtual Remembrance Day presentation
  - Includes video, voice recordings, images, music and art
  - The presentation is interactive
  
- Food Sharing
  - Thank you for your generous donation to the Food Sharing program.
  - Throughout the pandemic and across KFL&A, food insecurity, has proved to be one of the greatest needs in our community. Every day, 1800 people line up for a hot meal from one of the meal providers; before the pandemic it was 100/day. (see attached Food Sharing Update~ Nov. 2020)
  
- Winter Warmth
  - It is highly recommended by Public Health that staff and students get outside for fresh air during the school day.

- Students need to be dressed appropriately for the elements, as classes will continue to go outside for gym, daily physical activity, and recess.
  - Students are encouraged to have extra clothing as needed (ie. socks, splash pants, mitts)
  - We have received approval to receive and distribute winter warmth gear following COVID protocols.
- Holiday Baskets
  - Perth Road United Church would like to provide gifts again for the Holiday Baskets
  - Staff have been asked to forward me names of families they feel could benefit from a basket
  - An email will go out this week asking those families to indicate an interest in receiving a basket
  - We are still waiting for approval to hold a food drive
- Holiday Celebrations
  - A team of staff are working on what we could do to mark the holiday season~ Stay tuned.
- Indigenous Representation on Parent Council
  - A few adjustments have been made recently to Administrative Procedure 110 School Councils.
  - There has been an addition to the makeup of School Councils in Section 2 to include an Indigenous Family Representative position on each School Council.
    - i. An Indigenous Family Representative who is an Indigenous parent/guardian/grandparent of an Indigenous student at that school.*
  - Working with the community, it is important to hold some space to ensure that Indigenous families are included.
  - This position should be allowed to take shape organically. Focusing on Indigenous representation first, and then walk the path with the representative and Parent Council on defining the role of the position.
  - A discussion within School Council should occur to determine how to best share this information in our school community and provide for some mechanisms for Indigenous families to identify their interest in joining the Council in this role.
- Important Happenings:
  - Queen's Tinker Trailer for junior classes
  - Remembrance Day Virtual Presentation
  - Bullying Awareness & Prevention Week November 16-20
  - Photo Day November 18<sup>th</sup>
  - PINK Shirt Day November 19<sup>th</sup>
  - Transgender Day November 20<sup>th</sup>
- Fundraising
  - School Councils are able to fundraise provided that there is no money collection required at school and there is contactless delivery
- Cashless Schools
  - roll-out has been paused. The roll-out will continue with all schools as the pandemic context allows. Staff still need to be trained and at this time. The office is extremely busy as we manage COVID protocols. There is no immediate need to pursue this.
- Student Census
  - Week of November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020
  - Students in grades 4-12 will complete the survey at school
  - Students in K-3 will get a letter with their progress report card and information about how they can complete the survey with their child
  - Survey questions are posted on the LDSB website in addition to FAQs

- Community Events

- Immunizations for grade 7 students- all grade 7 & 8 families were emailed regarding clinic time at SHS. Families can contact KFL&A Public Health for additional clinic times
- Flu Shot Clinics- see PPW for Sydenham Clinic times