

October Parent Newsletter – Thursday, October 24th



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Please check out the attachment called “Jack O’ Lantern Contest 2019”. This was the information sent to the teachers to explain how the event works. Should your child have any questions, this will help you clarify things for them.

Another event happening on this day for some of our Leadership students is a visit to Brookside Lodge. The Lodge is within walking distance from the school and is the home to elderly and brain injured adults. We have formed a wonderful connection with the residents over the past two years. 10-12 students will have the opportunity to go over and experience the “haunted halls” created by the residents of Brookside. I am sure it will be “spook-tacular”!

Scooters, Bikes and Wheeled Shoes

Parents, we need your assistance. We continue to remind students that if they are riding a bike, skateboard or scooter to school, once on the school property it must be carried/walked in. The reason for this is SAFETY. We have had some close calls of these fast moving wheeled items just about hitting/running over other students. Additionally, when we have cars added to the mix it makes it even more difficult to keep everyone safe. Please remind your son/daughter that they MUST walk or carry all wheeled items on the property. Please also ensure your child is wearing a helmet. Thanks so much for your help.

Students are expected to lock their bikes up as we cannot be responsible for lost/stolen bikes.

Professional Development Day

Just a friendly reminder there is no school tomorrow for our kiddos 😊

Sign-in

Now that we are well into the school year, students are very familiar with where their class is. Please leave your child(ren) at the front entrance (if they are late) and they can pick up a late slip and make their way to their classroom on their own. If you are dropping your child’s lunch or belongings off, please bring them to the office and we will ensure they receive them. If you are visiting a classroom or helping in the school, ensure you sign in and obtain a visitor’s tag.

Again, this comes down to safety. Should there be a fire drill or lock-down or lock-out it is essential that we know exactly who is in our building. Additionally, we are trying to teach students to be independent (age appropriate of course).

Cash-on-line

If you have not already done so, please make sure you sign up for the “cash on line” system. We are moving to a cashless system and all purchases and fieldtrip payments must be made through the system (rather than cash to the office). If you are not sure of how to do this, please refer to the instructions on our website. Hot lunches are paid for separately through the “Munch a Lunch” website which is run through our PAC.

Drive Thru in Parking Lot

Our new drive-thru system in our parking lot does seem to be helping. We still have a few parents abandoning their vehicles in the “kiss and go” lane to collect their children which causes a problem for others. Please be respectful of your fellow parents and have your children waiting for you at the front of the school so you do not have to leave your car. If you would like to come a few minutes later in the afternoon, after the rush, there is supervision until 2:45pm. Thank you.

Buddy Bench

We have a bench facing the primary playground that has been painted by Gracelynn Yaroshuck (student from last year). This bench is called the BUDDY BENCH. If a student is looking for someone to play with, they can sit on that bench and when other see them, they can invite them to play. We will be promoting the use of this bench in the weeks to come so all students understand its purpose. Thank you to Gracelynn for taking on this initiative!

Greenside Parking

Please note that the parking and the Greenside Estate townhouses are private property. I have had several calls from residents saying parents are using it as a pick-up spot. Please know that if you continue to park there, you may find a parking citation on your vehicle.

Cross Country

We had a small, but dedicated group of students who participated in cross country during September and October. Congratulations to all the students who participated and worked towards beating their personal best.

Volleyball

Volleyball season is now upon us. Thank you to Lara Campbell and Brooke Scott who are coaching the boys as well as Rachel Gledstone and Kim Kavanaugh who are coaching the girls. This extra-curricular opportunity is offered to Grade 6/7 students. Schedules and games are posted by the gym on our Athletic Board.

