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October 2017 Newsletter

Important Dates:

October 4-6: Ms. Roberts away. Please refer to Mms Fannie for any situations

October 4: Dress Down Day

October 10: Ped. Day

October 24: Governing Board

October 30: Ped. Day

October 9: Thanksgiving

October 13: Interim Reports Home

October 25&26: Student Council Bake Sale

October 31: Halloween Activities in PM

School Fees:

Please remember you can now pay fees online! Fees are payable upon receipt and payment plans/options are available. Please, please pay your fees as soon as you can! After September 29th, student numbers are confirmed is when the school's budget really is finalized and the amount of school fees owing by parents in October can have an impact.

Daycare Ped. Days:

Please note that Daycare on Ped. Days is available to ALL Ste-Adele students, with priority given to the regular Daycare students. As of today, we have 2 inscriptions for the October 10th Ped. Day. If you are interested, the **form and payment is due by Tuesday, October 3.**

Noon Hour Activities:

There are a TON of activity options for students at lunch this year! Our Green Team, Student Council and Leadership groups are up and running. Social Skills lunches will be starting soon. Ms. Alissa is starting her noon-hour Board Game club at needs your help! If you have the following games to donate, it would really cut down on our costs!

Taboo
Scategories
Elementos
Guesstures

Spot it
Monopoly
Hoot Hoot Owl
Apples to Apples

Student Council Bake Sale:

Student Council is planning a Bake Sale October 25 and 26 to raise money for activities and needs your help to ensure success! More information will be going home soon!

Terry Fox Run:

Thank you to everyone who came to join us for our annual Terry Fox Run! We raised a total of \$2027.35!

Halloween:

There will be activities planned for students on October 31st. Students are permitted to wear costumes, however masks and violent props (guns, knives, etc.) are not permitted. For this year, there will be **no make-up of any kind permitted**. Students arriving to school wearing makeup will be asked to wash it off. The school will no longer be making a judgement on the potential impact of certain make-up upon our younger students. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

Staffing Update:

We are pleased to welcome Ms. Diane Martin to our team. She will be joining us at lunch time. Ms. Cheryl Fewtrell will be taking over Mr. Jason's Behavior Technician position for the time being.

Craft Supplies Needed:

Some of you may know that we had a flood of our art supply closet this summer. Some items are hard to replace through stores, because they took years to collect and were "bits and pieces". If you have any of the following materials at home, we would love to have donations! Yarn, ribbon, gift wrap, tissue, fabric, felt, pipe cleaners, miscellaneous other crafting supplies.

Parent Workshops:

We have funds this year to provide workshops to parents on a variety of topics. If you have a topic you would be interested in learning about (i.e. effectively helping your child read at home, internet safety and the law, etc.) please email and we will see what can be arranged!

Important Changes/Updates to Certain Policies:

Please make note of certain policies that are either outlined in agenda pages, and/or available on our website.

Electronics and Toys:

In addition to our rules regarding electronics and toys at school (they are not permitted), Governing Board on September 25th made the following addition: **Recording of staff and students is not permitted without consent. Parents are encouraged to familiarize themselves with laws regarding the filming and public posting of such recordings.**

ABAV (Anti-Bullying Anti-Violence) Plan:

Please note the following additions to our Anti-Bullying and Anti-Violence Plan, approved at Governing Board on September 25th:

Section 3: Measures to encourage parents to collaborate in preventing and stopping bullying and violence and in creating a healthy and secure learning environment.

Parents are expected to conduct their communications (in person, email, notes, etc.) with staff members and students (when appropriate) with respect and courtesy. We consider parents to be role models for their children and should model collaborative and respectful communication. This carries forward to the

use of social media where we would expect parents to not publish comments that are profane, libelous, racist, nor considered as personal attacks.

Section 8: Specific disciplinary sanctions for acts of bullying or violence, according to their severity or repetitive nature.

Regarding Parents:

If staff members are victims of bullying behavior including harassment on behalf of parents, they reserve the right to:

- Gather documentation regarding incident(s)
- Request Principal to be included in any meetings and communications.
- Refuse face-to-face meetings with parents. Communication can be by phone and/or writing.
- Explore their rights and responsibilities according to the law.

Dress Code:

We sincerely thank you for your efforts helping your children follow our Ste-Adele Elementary dress code. In addition, we have monthly "Dress Down" days (the first Wednesday of the month) and have seasonal themed color days. Please read the following from our Ste-Adele Elementary School Handbook:

Our school is proud to show off our school colors in our Governing Board approved dress code. We encourage the following to be worn:

- **White tops** (no tank tops, spaghetti straps, short tops or large logos please)
- **Blue bottoms** (any style except extremely short shorts or mini skirts)
- **Sweater or "hoodie"** in red, white or blue

The following was added to our Dress Code at the Governing Board meeting June 20th, 2017:
-clothing with offensive slogans, slogans related to groups associated with offensive subject matter, logos related to games, movies, etc. aimed at 18+ population are not permitted.

A dress code shows visitors that we are serious about our learning and encourages a sense of belonging to a community. Students may be asked to remove hoodies and/or to change shirts.

In order to stay healthy, you need fresh air during the day. All students are expected to dress appropriately for all types of Canadian weather and to go outside for morning recess and lunch.

With the cooler weather arriving, please make sure that your child has a spare pair of socks in their bag, along with little gloves and a hat. The weather can change often during the day at this time of year.

Peanut/Nut Free School:

Please remember we are a "nut free" school according to our Handbook:

We strive to be a "nut free" school to meet any needs of our students. Please keep peanut butter, and snacks of just nuts (peanuts, cashews, etc.) at home.

Even if your child tells you there are no students with allergies in their classroom, there are students in the school with allergies. Often, (during indoor recess/lunch, cross-class activities, etc.) our students go in and out of other classrooms. Please respect this rule for our students' safety.

School Hours and Safety:

Morning: Students are expected to arrive at school between 8:20 and 8:25. **At no time should parents be walking in the school building.** Any messages should be dropped off with Ms. Kowch at the office. Please understand this is to create the safest environment for all students. By 8:30, students are considered "late" and will need to be signed in by their parent.

Afternoon: The bell rings for students at 3:00. For ANY change to your child's schedule please write a note or call the school (preferably before 2:45). We will NOT take any student's word for a change. Any student remaining in the yard after busses have left for the day will be admitted to daycare and parents will be charged. As per Governing Board resolution, students should not be picked up by anyone under the age of 18.

Congratulations to our Ste-Adele students who met their behavior goals this month! They were rewarded with some time at hill 40/80. Our students recognized for Bucket Filling in September:

Kindergarten: Kealan, Maverick

Grade ¾: Tristan, Jesse

Grade 6: Erika, Bobby

Staff: Ms. Alissa, Ms. France

Grade ½: Maxim, Katherine

Grade 4/5: Mederick, Julia

Daycare: Maude-Alexie, Faith