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Frontenac P.S. NEWSLETTER—May 2019

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Principal's Message

A few updates about the exciting events at Frontenac:

We held two Junior Basketball Tournaments to connect with our feeder schools. Our feeder schools had the opportunity to come into the school and get to know our building and students as part of their transition to Frontenac. Our soccer teams are practicing for their upcoming season. Our School Council held a PIC event featuring Olympic Gold Medalist, **Adam Van Koeverden**. Frontenac also hosted Super Council led by our trustee Amy Collard. The Volunteer Tea took place which involved Frontenac students and staff showing their appreciation for all that our volunteers do for the school. The Silver Birch and Silver Birch Express reading clubs are generating a lot of excitement. We also held a very successful book fair.

Events in May

This Thursday, May 2nd, we are having a Spring Variety Show that features some of our talented students.

On Friday, one of our alumni who is an Olympian, **Rory Rearden**, will be coming to speak to our Grade 8's.

During the week of May 8th, McMaster engineering students will be coming to Frontenac to do hands on engineering and science activities with our students from Grade 1 to 8.

Thank you to all staff and volunteers for helping to provide these opportunities for our kids.



Feeder School Visits

The Grade 6 students at Pauline Johnson and at Mohawk will be coming to visit us on May 14th as part of their transition to Frontenac in Grade 7. We will be providing them with a chance to see the school and meet staff and students. There will be a variety of activities provided to make them feel part of the Frontenac Family. For the first time, we will also be providing a chance for our feeder school parents to come and visit the school on May 23rd at 6:00 PM. There will be a brief presentation from staff along with a presentation from Camp Muskoka regarding an overnight trip that we have planned for all Grade 7's in September of 2019. All parents/guardians with students who are currently in Grade 6 are invited to come.

JK Orientation

Our Junior Kindergarten Orientation night will be held on Thursday, May 30th starting at 6:00 p.m. Please join us if you have a student new to school who will be joining us in September in the JK program. A great deal of information will be shared with parents/guardians who will also get a chance to meet our fabulous Kindergarten team and tour the building to see what "A Day in the Life of Kindergarten" is really about. We look forward to meeting you. If you have a neighbour with children who are age appropriate for kindergarten please invite them to come.

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If you have a child in Grades 3 or 6, please do not plan vacations or appointments between May 1st and June 3rd. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this.

Class Building

If you have any helpful information regarding your child's placement for next year (e.g. your child's learning style) please put it in writing and forward it to Mr. Bukovcan before May 11th, 2018. We are not entertaining requests for specific teachers and cannot guarantee that your child will not be in a split class. Administration, classroom teachers and special education teachers spend many hours forming classes with special consideration for student learning needs, gender balance, instructional groups, and the specific strengths and needs of students. To assist us in making our decisions, we consider available data such as reading levels, subject achievement, and learning skills evaluations. We aim to create balanced classes that reflect effective instruction groupings and peer compatibility. The information that you provide will be considered along with all of the other relevant criteria developed by the school for determining class organization. While parent input is valued, please note that the school team will make the final decision on student classroom assignments.



Important Safety Reminders

Once again, I am asking parents to be aware of safety when dropping off your child at school. Please drive slowly when you are entering and exiting the school parking lot. If you are dropping off or picking up your child on one of the streets around the school ensure that they do not get out or enter the vehicle on the street side. Children should only be crossing the street at the stop light where we have a crossing guard. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Please remember that all parents/visitors must check/sign in at the office when you arrive. For the safety of students, we cannot have adults escorting their children to class. When there is a mix of students and adults in the hallway at the start and end of the day it becomes increasingly difficult to discern who should be there and who shouldn't. Please help us to make our school as safe as it can be at the beginning and end of each day.

Library News

Thank you for the tremendous support for the book fair this year! Using the proceeds of the book fair almost \$3000 worth of new books have been purchased for the library and each homeroom has one or two new books for their classroom library thanks to your generous support! Voting for the participants in the Forest of Reading has finished up and we look forward to finding out the winners later in May. There will be a celebration in the library for the Silver Birch and Red Maple readers who worked so hard to qualify to vote. Coding club continues and the participants are enjoying practicing their skills with the newly acquired micro:bits. Happy Reading!

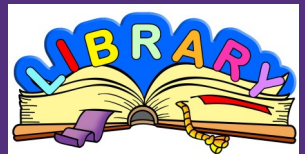
Clubs

The Drama Club has been working on a performance of, "The Wizard of Oz" for Kindergarten to grade 6. This performance is on May 9th during period 3 and 4. The students have been working extremely hard on designing sets, building props, and rehearsing their lines. They have done an excellent job and are looking forward to performing it for the classes! Way to go, Drama Club!

Other News

Coming soon... Jump Rope for Heart!

Frontenac Public School has raised a generous amount for the Heart and Stroke Foundation over the past number of years, and we are excited to be hosting a fundraiser event again on June 5th. There will be a kick-off assembly later this month, so please stay tuned for pledge forms and information on how to reach our online fundraising goal. We are excited to give back and support the community through this cause!



SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

FUN FAIR IS COMING!!! – Thursday, June 6, from 5-8pm.

Look for an email next week with all the details.

Pizza Days continue to run every Thursday at 2nd break until June 13.

Thank you to all who came out to our evening with Olympic Champion **Adam van Koeverden**. He shared his journey with us and talked about how he has coped with struggles and successes. A big thank you to Paula Montgomery for organizing this event.

The School Boundary Review that Frontenac is a part of is ongoing.

At the open house on April 30, the public was able to view the options being considered and to ask questions of Board staff. All parents are encouraged to study the options and complete the survey by noon on May 9, 2019. This is an important opportunity for parents to have their say in what is important not only for Frontenac, but for our south Burlington community.

Details of the review and a link to the survey are available at <https://www.hdsb.ca/schools/Pages/School%20Boundary%20Reviews/Current%20Boundary%20Reviews/ERA-102-Boundary-Review.aspx>

Our next School Council meeting is Monday, May 6, from 6:30-8:00 pm in the school library. Our school Superintendent, Rob Eatough will be our special guest. All parents and guardians are welcome. Come out and connect with other parents and school administration. Our final meeting of the year will be held on Monday, June 3.

You can always reach us at frocouncil@gmail.com or on the Frontenac Public School Parent Group on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/frontenacparents/>

Your School Council Executive

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