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Frontenac P.S. NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message

Open House

Thank you to everyone for coming out to the Open House. Open house is a great opportunity to get to know your child's school and to become familiar with our community. It was a pleasure to meet families who are new to our school community and to reacquaint ourselves with families who have been here for some time. The food was great and we hope that you liked the music.

The results of our EQAO testing from last year are in. The percentages of our students achieving at the provincial standard are as follows: Grade 3 Reading 74%, Grade 3 Writing 58%, Grade 3 Math 55%, Grade 6 Reading 80%, Grade 6 Writing 80% and Grade 6 Math 35%. It is important to note that the results of the assessment also include students who are exempt from writing the EQAO test. Some students are exempted from the test because they are not able to demonstrate their learning in that particular test format for a variety of reasons. Each student who is exempt is scored at a "0" and that is put into the publicized EQAO results. When we only look at the scores for the students who actually wrote the test in Grade 6 our results are significantly higher. In Reading the average was 97%, in Writing it was 97% and in Math it was 42%. These scores indicate that our Grade 6s did better than Board and provincial averages in reading and writing and are at around the provincial average in math. It is evident that math is a big concern. Over the last year we have been making a concerted effort to improve student achievement in math and will continue to do so this year.

There is a lot going on at Frontenac. On October 4th Sylive McNicholl, an author, will be talking to our Grade 3-6 students about her writing. There will be an Electrical Safety and Conservation Presentation on October 10th for all students. We are having our Grade 8 leadership conference with guest speaker Troy Sexton on October 15th. We're in the process of starting our Student Council and an athletic council. Our cross country meet took place on Monday. Intermediate Volleyball tryouts have begun and our concert band has started. Stay tuned for more opportunities to come. Intramural flag football has begun for our intermediates.

Frontenac is starting a new reading intervention program for some of our primary students who need a little extra boost. The program is by invite only and will take place in our library in the mornings. If your child qualifies for the program you will be contacted. We also have a homework club that takes place every day in our library during second break. Grade 7 and 8 students can attend the club to finish up work and get some extra help.

Halloween Hoot 'n Nanny / Fall Fun

On October 31st, our Grade 8 students will be creating centers for our students to have some Halloween/Fall fun activities. Grades 1-6 will visit the centers for about 30 minutes each. We invite students to wear an appropriate Halloween costume in the morning or to wear orange and black. Of course, students are also welcome to dress as they usually do for school.

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School Council is Back!

Thank you to parents and staff who came out to our first School Council meeting on Monday, September. 26th. We'd like to thank last year's Co-Chairs Vivian Hingsberg and Sandra Leach, and the executive for all of their efforts in running our School Council. This year's executive consists of:

Chair: Vivian Hingsberg
Treasurer Mitzi Hepburn
Secretary: Holly Wade
Fundraising: Sandra Leach

Picture Day!

On Monday, October 9, 2018, Edge Imaging will be taking our class and individual photos. As life flies by, only a few moments are professionally captured forever. This is one of them. School Photos provide an annual memory as your child changes through the years. Don't let it pass you by!

Terry Fox

It was a perfect day for the Terry Fox run/walk on September 29th. Student leaders from Grades 6-8 ran warm-ups and cheered on our students as they made their way around the course. We haven't had a chance to count up the donations but, once we do, we'll let you know how much money was raised.

Pizza Days and Lunch Box Orders

Lunch box orders have begun. They are delivered to students every Monday at first break. Pizza Days will begin October 11th and will happen every second week.

Milk Program

Due to an increasing number of allergies, we will not be proceeding with the Milk Program this year.

End of Day Pick Up

Due to the end of day class routines with students getting work assignments or gathering their belongings and lining up in the hallways, it makes it difficult for us to locate your child in a timely manner. If you need to pick up your child between 3:30pm and 3:45pm we ask that you come to the office **no later than 3:30pm** so that we can get your child to you on time.

