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Principal's Message

Open House

It was a pleasure to see everyone at our Open House on Thursday, October 3rd. It was a chance to get to know one another, see the school and have some good food. Thank you for coming out.

EQAO

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 77% (up 3%), Grade 3 Writing 58% (same), Grade 3 Math 54% (down 1%), Grade 6 Reading 89% (up 9%), Grade 6 Writing 85% (up 5%) and Grade 6 Math 43% (up 8%). 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. For example, in Grade 6, when we remove the exempt scores the average was 93% in Reading, in Writing it was 89% and in Math it was 48%. These scores indicate that our Grade 6's 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. We are continuing to make a concerted effort to improve student achievement in math this year.

Updates

There is a lot going on at Frontenac. Our Grade 7 students had a successful trip to Camp Muskoka where they did some outdoor learning and built community. We had a Grade 8 leadership conference with guest speaker Duane Gibson on September 26th. The Grade 8's received some advice on leadership from past Frontenac graduates who are now NHL players, news anchors and Olympic rowers. They even got a personal video message from the CEO of the Ford Motor Company. We're in the process of starting our Student Council and an athletic council. Our cross country meet took place on October 2nd involving students from Grades 3-8. Intermediate Volleyball tryouts have begun and our concert band has started. Stay tuned for more opportunities to come.

Reading Intervention and Homework Club

Frontenac is offering its popular reading intervention program for some of our 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.

CCAT Testing

Our Grade 4 students will be participating in the CCAT testing again this year. Grade 4 students will have the opportunity to practice with this form of test between October 16th and the 18th. The actual test will be administered between October 22nd and October 24th. The test is done with all Grade 4's in the Board to help identify which students may be eligible for gifted programming.

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 a school appropriate Halloween costume in the morning or to wear orange and black. Please keep props at home (i.e. swords, toy guns, etc.) Of course, students are also welcome to dress as they usually do for school.

School Council is Back!

Thank you to parents and staff who came out to our first School Council meeting on Monday, September. 29th. We'd like to thank last year's Chair, Vivian Hingsberg, and the executive for all of their efforts in running our School Council. This year's executive consists of:

Co-Chairs - Jennifer Figueiredo & Vivian Hingsberg

Treasurer - Amanda Hales-Filey

Secretaries - Meredith Sandles & Suzanne Schultz

Fundraising Chair - Jessica Hilson-Freeland

PIC (Parent Involvement Committee) Representatives - Paula Weese Montgomery & TBA

Picture Day!

On Tuesday, October 8, 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 27th. Student leaders from Grades 6-8 ran warm-ups and cheered on our students as they made their way around the course. Once we have a final count of donations we will share that with the community.

Pizza Days and Lunch Box Orders

Lunch box orders have begun. They are delivered to students every Monday at first break. Pizza Days are happening each week on Thursday's during second break.



SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Council Meeting

We'd love to see you at our next meeting. Please join us on Monday, November 4 from 6:30-7:30pm in the school library. All parents and guardians are welcome. Attendance is a great way to stay informed and get involved.

Pizza & Cookie Days

Thank you to all who ordered pizza and cookies for the fall term. A reminder that food is delivered to the classes every Thursday at 2nd Nutrition Break from October 3 – December 19. Orders for the winter term will be opened before the holiday break.

PIC (Parent Involvement Committee) Conference

This year's PIC Conference is on Saturday, October 19, from 8am-2pm at Garth Webb H.S. in Oakville. The theme is "How innovation inspires students to learn, grow & succeed." Enjoy speakers & workshops and connect with other parents. It's free to attend and child minding is available. More information is available at <https://www.hdsb.ca/Documents/2019-PIC-Conference-Information-Flyer.pdf>

Upcoming Events

Planning has already started for our annual Dance-a-thon, on February 13, 2020 and Fun Fair on June 4, 2020. Stay tuned for more details.

You can contact school council at frocouncil@gmail.com.

Thanks for your support!

Your School Council Executive

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