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STRIVING TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE OUR POTENTIAL FOR A BETTER TOMORROW

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Welcome back! I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday break with lots of rest and family fun. We are back into the swing again and hoping for the weather to improve. Please join me in welcoming Mrs. Hartman who will be filling in for Mrs. Shuster for the month of January. Mrs. Shuster will be working at Upper Pine for the month as their principal is recovering from a surgery.

Lockdown Practice

We are now required to do lockdown practices at the school, just as we do fire drills. Next Monday will be our first lockdown practice just before lunch break. We will be instructing students in advance about what this will look like and why we are doing this practice. We are not trying to scare anyone, and will avoid as many what if scenario questions as possible as it is not helpful to guess about what “might” happen. We do these practices so that in the event of a worst case scenario, we have an idea of how to be safe as best we can. During this practice students will be in their classes with doors locked. The RCMP have been involved in developing the plan and have met with the staff to answer our questions and to tour the building to give advice about what to do. In an emergency situation we are asked to not communicate out any information electronically, as the RCMP will be in charge of any communication out. Please talk to your children about the importance of practicing for emergencies and to allay their fears if they come up. If you have any further questions, please contact Mr. Ritchie at the school.

The Dance Lady

We are fortunate to have Angie Pomeroy coming for a week to teach dance again this year. She will be here during the week of Jan. 19 – 23rd. All classes will have the opportunity to learn some simple dances and to practice manners and etiquette in social settings. There will be a family dance on Thursday, January 22nd from 6:30 – 8:00 pm – we look forward to seeing lots of you at this great event – please note this is not a performance but a participation activity for students AND parents

Calendar News

Just a reminder that the non-instructional day will be taking place on Friday Feb. 6th. This was a change from the original calendar.

Inside Days

With our cold weather we are spending a lot of time inside during our recess and lunch breaks. The PAC has asked for donations of new or gently used items to supplement what is already in classes. If you have any of the following items that you would be willing to donate, please bring them in to the office for distribution to classes:

- Hot Wheels
- Road mats
- Twister, Frustration, Life, Junior Pictionary, Battleship, chess, checkers, Uno, Picturika, Playing Cards, Connect Four, Trouble, Sorry, Mouse Trap, Snakes and Ladders, Yahtzee, Crib board, Guess Who
- Lego
- Straws and connectors
- Little Pet Shop
- Action Figures
- Polly Pocket dolls
- Puppets
- Origami books and paper
- Puzzles – 48 and 100 piece are great for younger classes
- Playdoh
- K'nex

Basketball

Our basketball season will begin next week. We are still working on practice schedules and do not have game schedules yet. These will be shared as soon as they are confirmed.

Upcoming Events:

Jan. 7 – Hot Lunch – Wendy's

Jan. 12 – Assembly and guest for reading contest kickoff

Jan. 12 – Lockdown practice

Jan. 13 – PAC meeting at 6:30 pm in the library – babysitting available

Jan. 14 – Hot Lunch - Dominos

Jan. 14 – Jump Rope for Heart assembly and presentation at 1 pm

Jan. 19 – 23 – Mrs. Pomeroy the Dance Lady

Jan. 21 – Hot Lunch – Quiznos

Jan. 28 – Hot Lunch – Saigon Noodle

Feb. 6 – NID

Feb. 9 – Family Day – no school