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Character Focus for April:

For the month of April we will be focussing on Respecting the School and the Earth. As we realize more and more how fragile our planet is we learn the impact of our choices and what a difference they can make. If you visit earthday.ca you will see lots of ideas about what you can do for Earth Day and everyday. One of the foci this year is getting children outside to play.

“Because kids who don’t get outside, who aren’t stimulated by their environment, won’t grow up with any motivation to protect our planet. And kids who don’t connect to their inner nature through creative play won’t be as resilient as generations before them.”

Check it out!

Bayridge School council is doing a clothing drive on May 1. Please fill your clear plastic bags that were sent home (extras at the school) with clean, used clothing. This is yet another action that we can take to re-use things instead of buying new.

THINK Safety!

This month the students in grades 5-8 had presentations by our Community Police Officer. Grades 5 and 6 had a presentation about Cyber Bullying and the 7/8 students learned about the dangers of sexting. Ask them what they learned and continually review appropriate digital citizenship with your children. The police shared this ‘code’ for behaviour: Is it?

T True
H Helpful
I Illegal
N Necessary
K Kind

Author Visit: Rukhsana Kahn

Through the Ontario Arts Grant and Meri McLeod who is the Limestone District School Board's Human Rights, Equity & Inclusive Education Advisor, we were fortunate to have a visiting author in March.

Rukhsana Khan is a Pakistani Canadian who emigrated to Canada when she was a child. She shared her experiences as an immigrant and a Muslim living in Canada over the past decades. She talked about her life as a writer and how she writes about what she knows. The students were intrigued with her description of how a published book starts with an idea, then the book is drafted, edited, and illustrated. Rukhsana also shared some of her books.

Some titles you might be interested in are:

Big Red Lollipop This is a story about sibling rivalry. It is on the list of the 100 best childrens' books ever published according to the New York Times.

The Roses in My Carpets is a story about a young refugee boy, his losses and terror filled dreams.

Muslim Child This is a collection of short stories and poems and activities that provide insight into everyday Muslim life.

Many Windows six kids, five faiths, one community This is a story of six kids who share a classroom, a teacher and a love of basketball.

School Council

UP United Parents April 5, 6:00 Pathways for Children and Youth

Next coffee morning: April 11, 2017

Next meeting: April 18, 6:00 pm

Little Caesar's orders delivery April 24

Clothing donation drop off: April 24-May 1 @ 10:00 am

Spring Fling: May 25

Kindergarten Registration

Families are encouraged to register their children for Kindergarten as soon as possible.

Children have to be 4 years old by December 31, 2017. Early registration ensures that you receive an invitation to our Welcome to Kindergarten evening and that we can make plans to support if your child has any special needs.

