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This month we are focusing on another Learning Skill: Collaboration.

Here are the indicators for collaboration:

Accepts various roles and an equitable share of the work in a group

Responds positively to the ideas, opinions, values and traditions of others

Builds healthy peer to peer relationships through personal and media-assisted interactions

Works with others to resolve conflicts and build consensus to achieve group goals

Shares information, resources and expertise and promotes critical thinking to solve problems and make decisions

Practise collaborating at home by working as a team, doing things as a family like household tasks, cooking, doing a puzzle. Work at solving conflicts peacefully and have discussions that involve critical thinking.

Please give us your feedback on school year calendar

The Limestone District School Board is requesting feedback about the **2017-2018 school** year calendar and possible options for the 2018-2019 school year. We are asking families to take a moment to respond to several questions via an [online survey](#). If you would like a paper version of the survey, please contact your school and we can send a copy home with your child, or you could come into the school to fill it out. The survey is

open for responses until Friday, Feb. 9, 2018. Your input is important to us and we appreciate your time in submitting your feedback and comments. For more information, please visit our website: <http://www.limestone.on.ca> which also provides a link to the Ministry of Education website.

Choices at Seven

The Limestone District School Board offers several choices for students starting in grade 7. Grade 6 students should have received a pamphlet home explaining these options.

Challenge Program for students who are academically motivated or formally identified as gifted

LEAP Program is for students who learn through the Arts

ATLAS program Applying Technology for Learning, Aptitude and Success

Extended French Program

For more information, please see the Choices tab under Elementary heading on the Limestone District School Board website.

School Council

Our next School Council meeting is on February 20 at 6:00 pm.

We are looking for people to work some Bingos on behalf of the school. Bingo is a huge fundraiser for the school. We need people to volunteer for two hour slots; this is a great way to contribute to the school and community.

Student Council

Student Council organized a fun spirit day in January having everyone dressing up in their winter accessories! We have also been playing "happy" songs each morning to start the day off on a positive note!

February 1 is Pyjama Day!

Me to We

The "Me to We" Committee will be raising awareness about volunteering during the month of February. Please encourage your children to volunteer at home. Children can be encouraged to do things for others or to help without having to be asked or compensated! We so appreciate all of the volunteers that we have at our school. These people are great role models for our students.

Athletics

Basketball is already underway in the new year! Thanks to our coaches who make this possible.

Punctuality/Early pick ups!

We respectfully ask that families get students to school on time in the morning. Also, please avoid picking students up early, unless it is absolutely necessary. Early pick ups disrupt instructional time and at the end of the day makes things very hectic in the office. Please report to the office to pick up your children. We respectfully ask that parents/guardians do

not go into the halls and classrooms during the instructional day for safety reasons and to protect the focus on learning in the school.

Tech. Information Night

Mr. Bryant and Mr. Ryan are running a technology evening for parents/guardians on February 7 from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Come and find out how to support your children with technology. If you are also planning on attending the UP speaker, there will be an opportunity to get a shortened version of the information afterwards.

Parking lot safety

In the fall of 2015 the school went through a consultative process to review the safety of the parking lot. School Council, Limestone District School Board personnel and community resource people looked at the traffic flow and parking options and re-organized the lot. Regardless of how it is organized, the parking lot is only as safe as the drivers using it. Please follow the direction arrows, slow down and keep your eyes open for children. Reminder: do not park in the drop off zone or where No Parking signs are posted. Let's work together to keep our children safe. Our lines will be re-painted in the spring.

Kindergarten registration

Kindergarten registration is open. You can register at the school. Please bring your child's birth certificate, health card and immunization record. Your child needs to be four by December 31, 2018. Our Open House will be at 5:30 pm on May 24.

School Council Dance-a-thon

In February, School Council will be running a Dance-a-thon Fundraiser. We are going to get our students active! Please encourage your children to get sponsors within your family and friend circle. We are not encouraging children to go door to door to get sponsors. Proceeds will go to the on-going support of our arts programming including the drama workshops with Christine Harvey.