



PAW PRINTS

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Character Focus for June:

For the month of June we will be focussing on respecting global issues. These will be highlighted on the announcements and in classrooms. We are as always trying to cultivate awareness of global issues and encourage our students to be effective citizens. Anything that you can do at home to contribute to this understanding is useful for us in school.

Ideas:

- Listen to the news and discuss events
- Pay attention to environmental stories
- Encourage and model volunteerism
- Practise environmental responsibility with reducing, re-using, recycling
- Healthy living: respecting our water supply and using a re-usable water bottle
- Healthy living: preparing and eating foods made from 'scratch' with little packaging
- Eat "local" and talk about the importance of this
- Being active as a method for health both physical and mental
- Monitoring and balancing the amount of screen time children are getting

Staffing:

Currently we are in the process of staffing our school for next year. This process is often not finalized until September when we know for sure what our numbers are. We will have a complete staff list for families at that time. Of note at this point:

Mr. Ryan is no longer our "Acting" Vice Principal, but officially our V.P.!

Mr. DeRosie is retiring this year. We wish him a healthy and rewarding retirement and thank him for all of his contributions to the school.

Ms. Mulawka is taking a leave of absence next year. We wish her all the best and thank her for her quality French programming here at the school.

Mr. MacKenzie will be finished his one-year appointment at Bayridge. We wish him the very best as his career unfolds. Thank you Mr. MacKenzie.

School Council

Next coffee morning: June 13, 2017

Next meeting: June 20, 6:00 pm

Yearbooks

Yearbook orders have been sent home and must be back by the deadline. They are all pre-ordered.

Class lists

Just a reminder that if you have considerations about your child's placement for next year, please send in a note to the Principal.

Students will find out which class they are in on the first day of school.

Grade 8 Graduation

Graduation is on June 27. Students need to be at the school for the group graduation photo at 4:30 pm. Doors will open at 4:50. Ceremony starts at 5:00. Refreshments will follow. A bus will take students to the cruise at 7:15 and return them to the school at 10:15 pm.

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. Our Welcome to Kindergarten evening on May 23 was very well attended. If you were unable to make it, please pick up a package in the office.

Dress Code:

With the warmer weather, we usually review our dress code. We ask that students come to school dressed for learning and with clothes that reduce the potential for excessive exposure to the sun during recesses, outdoor Physical Education classes or play days. We also ask that messaging on t-shirts and other items are always reviewed for appropriateness in school! Thank you for your support. Hats and sunscreen should be sent to school for sun protection.

Fidget Toys:

We recognize that some children with attention or sensory challenges need accommodations that sometimes involve the use of fidget tools. When this is the case, this need is usually documented in the student's Individual Education Plan. We are happy to accommodate as long as the tool is helpful and not a distraction to the child or others. We have seen a plethora of fidget toys coming into the school for students where this is not a documented need. These items are causing issues, disrupting the learning environment and have created problems keeping track of them. We asking that unless the student has a specific need, outlined in the IEP or discussed with the classroom teacher, that they are kept at home.

