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Happy May!

Please follow us in a new area:
#BAYRIDGESTEAM

Watch our learning in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math!

Indigenous Education

As you all know, in every aspect of our lives in Canada today, we are all working through a better present and future. The relationship between Indigenous and Non-Indigenous peoples has not been mutually respectful in the past. In education, we are responding to Calls to Action that were recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

You will notice a number of things that we are doing in schools to address this very important aspect of education. Every day we start our learning with the following statement:

"The Limestone District School Board is situated on traditional Indigenous territories. We acknowledge their enduring presence on this land, as well as the presence of Metis, Inuit and other First Nations from across Turtle Island. We honour their cultures and celebrate their commitment to this land".

We are also focusing on the following recommendation:

"Make age-appropriate curriculum on residential schools, Treaties, and Aboriginal peoples' historical and contemporary contributions to Canada a mandatory Education requirement for Kindergarten to Grade Twelve students".

We have new curriculum documents for grades 4-8 which highlights and include Indigenous history, cultures, traditions and a critical "inquiry based" look at historical and contemporary issues. Revisions for grades 1-3 will follow.

Please support our work in school by reading books, listening to programs, attending powwows and other Indigenous based events and educating yourselves about the issues that Canada faces and is working through.

Spring Concert and FLING!

On May 10, we will be having our annual Spring Concert. Mr. Ayslworth and grades one to six will be presenting musical numbers based on what they are learning in Music class. We are also going to be displaying all of the visual artwork that was completed as part of our Art Card project.

School Council will be running their ice cream social and some other activities including face painting, bubbles, rock painting and many more!. Please join us!

"United Parents" (UP) welcomes Carolyn Wiens PH.D (Education) MA. on Wed, May 2nd at 6pm at Bayridge Public School to discuss how parents can have a positive impact for "Transitions to High School". Free Childcare Available.

Learning Skill: Initiative.

Here are the indicators for Initiative:

- Looks for and acts on new ideas and opportunities for learning
- Demonstrates the capacity for innovation and a willingness to take risks
- Demonstrates a curiosity and interest in learning
- Approaches new tasks with a positive attitude
- Recognizes and advocates appropriately for the rights of self and others

Class lists

In the coming weeks, teachers will be generating class lists for the upcoming school year. Every attempt is made to ensure that classes are balanced according to student strengths and needs and that children are placed to ensure their success. If families have any educational factors that they think should be considered in this process, please put these in writing and submit to the Principal.

School Council

Our next School Council meeting is on May 22 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 May having everyone create “crazy hair”!

Kindergarten registration

You can register at the school or on line on the Limestone District School Board website. 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.

Early ON

Programming for our youngest children up to age six is now being called Early ON. Our current Ontario Early Years Center, which has provided high quality early childhood programming for many years, will be closing in June. The City of Kingston will be sharing information about the locations of the new Early ON Centers in the near future.