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BalACLAVA April 2024 Newsletter

Principal's Message

Planning has begun for the 2024–2025 school year. This year's educators will work with each other and with me this spring to tentatively plan for class placements for our returning students. Due to ongoing registration throughout the summer, this information is not finalized until the beginning of September. Class placement information will be shared on the Parent Portal in early September. Instructions will be sent to families closer to that time with further information.

In the meantime, school staff will do our best to make thoughtful and appropriate placements for all of our students. If there is a child who currently significantly impacts your child's academic or well being success (positively or negatively) and you wish to make a recommendation for placement away from, or with, that student, please let kkeerybi@hwdsb.on.ca know via email by Friday May 10th for consideration. Recommendations of this nature are not guaranteed, but will be considered. Please note that recommendations for placement with specific staff or a specific class will not be considered.

April Showers...

Spring weather comes with its own challenges at school. It is important that we prioritize getting students outside at recess whenever possible. That break from the classroom and the chance to get some exercise is important to well being, as well as academic success and focus once class time resumes. Please note that we will go outside for recess, entry and dismissal even if it is some rain. We will stay inside if deemed dangerous conditions (e.g. active thunderstorm, smoke alert, extreme temperatures) but otherwise please send your child to school with whatever clothing items they may need to keep dry, warm/cool. Students do not have the option to stay inside without supervision.

Food Drive Success

Thank you to all of the BalACLAVA families who donated to the Spring Food Drive. We collected all 646 items of food that were donated to the Flamborough Food Bank just in time for the Easter holiday. Thanks for giving back to your community!

School Council

A reminder that our next School Council meeting is planned for Tuesday April 2 at 6 p.m. in the School library. Any parent or guardian of a current BalACLAVA student is welcome to attend.

Frozen Yogurt Returns to the Tuck Shop

With the spring weather returning, we are pleased to welcome back a student favourite to the tuck shop – Frozen Yogurt. This year, we are able to offer a small cup of frozen yogurt for \$2. All funds raised from the sale of the yogurt will go to supporting the Tastebuds Nutrition program that our students benefit from every Monday and Wednesday. Frozen yogurt sales will begin in early April through the tuck shop.

Fun Fair Update from Home and School

Fun Fair planning is in full swing!

In the next few days, you will receive an email message through School Messenger regarding the Fun Fair Silent Auction Classroom Basket Fundraiser. Collection of donations will run April 22nd to April 26th. Thank you, in advance, for any contributions you can offer.

We are still looking for adult and high school volunteers to help with the Fun Fair on May 23rd. If you can spare some time, please email balaclava.funfair@gmail.com

Attention local business owners – Silent Auction donations are now being taken. If you are interested in donating or have questions, please contact Amy Douma at balaclava.funfair@gmail.com

And the very popular Toonie bags are back! If you are able to make any donations for this aspect of the Fun Fair, see below for the timing of that collection and what items are being sought.

Tuesday, April 9 >>> Friday, April 12

Toonie bags are extremely popular at our school Fun Fair.

Every year we try to collect 500 filled bags, we already have 200 - ONLY 250 TO GO!

If you are able, could you please donate 1-2 filled sandwich sized Ziploc baggies.

Variety is what makes these bags so popular and exciting for the children.

Home & School Fun Fair Committee thanks you for all your help and donations!

Toonie Bags are sandwich sized Ziploc bags.

They will be sold during the Fun Fair Event for \$2 each.

No chocolate please. It will melt inside the bag.

Suggestion items:

Erasers | Pencils | Bracelets
Pens | Hair ties | Toy cars
Small water pistols | Bouncy balls | Highlighter pens
Notebooks | Small toys
Wrapped Candy | Ring Pops
Stickers | Nail polish
Bubbles | Key rings

Check out Home & School's Facebook Page for a video and pictures of Toonie Bags being made.

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Calendar of Events

April 1	Easter Monday, no school
April 2	School Council Meeting, 6 p.m., School library
April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Home and School Pizza Days
April 4, 18	Home and School Sub Days
April 8	PD Day, no school for students
April 9-12	Collection of Toonie Bag Donation Items
April 10	Home and School Hot Dog Day (rescheduled from April 8)
April 11	Vaccination Clinic, Grade 7s
April 11, 25	Home and School Booster Juice Days
April 12	4A and 45A to Outdoor Ed
April 19	Home and School Pasta Day
April 22-26	Environmental Week
April 25	School Grounds Clean Up (for Environmental Week)
Week of April 29	Lockdown Drill #2