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Ms. T. Gasparik, Principal

March 2019

Arrival Check Program Please call the school to let us know that your child(ren) will **not** be attending school for the day or will be arriving late. For your convenience, the answering machine is available 24hrs/day, 7days/week.

Principal's Message:

School Transition Update

I wanted to take the opportunity to welcome Mrs. Barzetti as Principal to Green Acres/R.L Hyslop in September. Currently Mrs. Barzetti is the principal at Collegiate School and is looking forward to coming to Green Acres in September 2019. Mrs. Barzetti and I will be working together during the remainder of this school year to ensure that the transition of the Green Acres staff/students and Collegiate (new Eastdale) staff/students will be positive and welcoming for all.

I want to take this time to say thank you to the students, staff and Green Acres Community. It has been my pleasure and honour to be your principal over the last five years. I am grateful for getting to know the students, their families and staff. It has been a wonderful experience watching your children thrive, learn and accomplish their goals over the years. I will miss my time here at Green Acres but look forward to new beginnings.

Happy March!

As we enter into March, a few things to keep in mind as we look forward to spring arriving! Clocks move ahead as we enter Daylight Saving Time on Sunday, March 10, just in time for the start of March Break which runs from March 11- 15 this year. School resumes on Monday, March 18.



Jump Rope for Heart

The Jump Rope for Heart Event was a great success. The final total is being tallied and event details will be posted on the website when they are available. We would like to thank everyone who participated to help the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Dance Team

The Green Acres Dance Team competed at Dance Fest 2019 held at Glendale Secondary School on February 21st. They did an amazing job and achieved the Award of Excellence for Superb Style. Their next goal will be to compete at the Hamilton's Best Dance Crew Event in March. Good luck to the team and thank you to Josh Taylor from Defining Movement Dance Studio, Mrs. Cave and Madame Woods for all of their hard work.

March 1st P.A. Day

Staff spent the P.A. Day focusing on the Mid-Data check-in for our K-1 Reading Strategy, Grades 3/4-8 Math Strategy and continuing with our Positive School Initiatives.

One of the strategies that is creating a positive effect in the afternoons is our *Daily Five Minutes of Mindfulness* which happens immediately after our second nutrition break. During this time music is played, students/staff have an opportunity to relax, take the time to calm the mind, and regroup. We are noticing that students are calmer, relaxed and focused in the afternoon.

Thank you to the Positive School Climate Team for incorporating this strategy into our daily school life. The Positive School Climate Team is lead by Mrs. Iarocci, Mrs. Addis, Mrs. Manoukian, Mrs. Dempsey and Mrs. Worley.

School Council Update

School council would like to take this chance to update everyone on what we have been working on. Our next event is an annual tradition at Green Acres that involves a whole lot of batter. Tuesday, March 5, 2019 is Pancake Tuesday and Green Acres parents and grandparents will be churning out around 500 pancakes before 9:30 a.m. to feed the school.

Another update includes the planning for our STEAM event being held in May along side Open House. This event will be here before we know it and if anyone has any ideas or would like to contribute please reach out to us. We can always use the help.

Within the next month we will be helping the school to purchase more things for the Student Success Room and purchasing more early literacy books. This is only possible because of all of your support for the Dance-a-thon held in the fall. We made enough that we will also be helping to subsidize buses for the year end trips in order to keep the individual cost for each child as low as possible.

We continue to participate in the Transition Committee that has been formed through the HWDSB, looking at what will happen in September 2019 when a significant number of the Collegiate students will be joining us at Green Acres. We will do our best to provide any updates and events related to this process on our Facebook page.

Our next meeting is on Monday, March 25, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the staff room. As always, everyone is more than welcome to attend.