

## November 21

Land Acknowledgment - Cyndi

Special Guest Speakers

Superintendent and Trustee need to be rescheduled

Active and Sustainable School Transportation

- When webinar is available we will share it
- Car free zone - small group met to watch webinar to see what is being done at other schools. There are guide books to help with the process.
- We can get the support of the school board but need to decide clearly what our goals are and make this sustainable.
- We are looking at a number of things such as street closures and getting the neighborhood on board. Conversations need to start in the new year.
- We will need some champions and parents to take the message to the street.
- The schools who had street closures had much different stats from our situation. We have about 40% of families coming from cars, thus a greater impact in our community
- We need to plan this out properly
- When they post the recording, please look at it and the "toolkit"
- Nothing from Tim about removing the old signs
- Sue Donlup is the School Board representative and transportation is in her portfolio (not sure of the correct name of Transportation)
- Consider the Kindergarten pick up protocol as well as people picking up students who have disabilities.
- The goal is to reduce the amount of cars coming to the school. Not push the congestion away from us (spill over into other side streets).
- Wear yellow day coming up sometime in few months, maybe February and we can make the wear yellow day a little bigger

Teacher's Report

- Volleyball teams are in the playoffs
- Bookfair made \$1300 in profits, books are going into the hands of teachers and students
- Lego Robotics competition is December 7th - 10 students, all girls team who program and setup robots
- Riddell Cares to support local families during the holiday season. We sponsor 14 families. Donate anything, gifts, books, wrapping paper, tape, etc.
- Warm Hands, Warm Hearts is starting. Donate warm clothing for people who need it.

Today's Family

Introduction of myself (Program Supervisor of our Greendale Child Care Centre, Before & After School Support at Riddell)

PA Day on Friday November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019 which includes Educational tour of Dundurn Castle (Departure @ 9:15am, Return @ 3pm)

Winter Camp Registration live online

Program Runs Monday Dec 23, Dec 24 (until 4pm), Dec 30, Dec 31 (until 4pm), Jan 2, Jan 3

closed Dec 25, 26, 27, Jan 1

brochure attached for your review

Old Business

The card fundraising idea is not going to work out right now.

Andrea - Councillor Whitehead put forth a motion to fix up the multi-use court and pathway to the park and it was approved. YAY

Principal Report

- Council put together a puzzle for team building - The Simpson that may represent lots of different things
- It takes a whole group of people to raise a child, the school can not do it alone, it takes everyone to help
- Bullying Awareness and Prevention - Parent Council Module
- Positive Culture and Well Being is a school focus
- Bullying usually includes: Intent to harm, power imbalance, generally repeated
- Forms can be: physical, verbal, social and electronic
- Not alone, not your fault, support is available, takes courage to stand up, all concerns taken seriously
- Lead by example, encourage people to report to school right away, stay calm and walk away, tell an adult, talk about it, call kids help phone.
- Value differences, don't act like a bully, tell adults to help keep people safe, support victims by not being a bystander, talk to a trusted adult.
- Work with other students, participate in discussions, be a good role model, everyone's responsibility to stop bullying
- The school wants to make sure students have a caring adult and get to know our kids (as a person and as a learner)
- Connection between bullies and low self-esteem
- Consequence of some abuse in their backgrounds
- 4 ways to overcome low self-esteem: high intelligence, intensive counselling, skill in art or athletics, or significant adult mentor not member of family
- School has an app called HWDSB Helps. Suggestion is to have a drop box too