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School Council Meeting Ray Lewis Elementary School Tuesday, October 29th, 6:00 pm, School Library (Learning Commons)

1. Reports:

Principal/ Vice Principal Report – M. Puzzuoli-Thomas

- Meet and Greet thanks for coming: Great Turn out!
- Open house: May 7th education week
- Raves continue to be a great way to celebrate student success in many ways!
 We continue with weekly draws celebrating students in every class and announcing the winners on the morning announcements on Monday.
- Update on pest control:

Currently we are having our school checked on a weekly basis. There was a thorough check by ORKIN, with new traps laid, and we were informed that there was no activity. This means that there are no nests, no dead bugs, no live bugs, no eggs. Caretaking is diligently cleaning as well. Should you need more information and or aid please contact Public Health

Ontario: https://www.publichealthontario.ca/



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I would wait to see what they say. Once the discussion starts, we can say. We
welcome your suggestions. Should you have any please fill them out on this
paper and we will take it back to see if it aligns with our Board policies.

Primary/Junior Teacher Report – J. Troop

Extra curriculars

Recycling club continues (as mentioned last report)

Fundraisers

 Kindergarten team continues to sell glowsticks, up until tomorrow. These will be distributed on Halloween!

School Events/Trips/Important Dates

- Grade 2 team went on a field trip to the African Lion Safari on October 10th was a great success! Students had a lot of fun
- Kindergarten team went on a field trip to the pumpkin patch "Colton's Farm" on
 October 24th students got to explore, play games (e.g., bean bag toss, corn maze), and
 take back a pumpkin to the class. Was a great value for the price
- Grade 3 team is planning a science trip to RBG in December (date TBD)
- Halloween school costume parade on Thursday, Oct. 31st at 9:30 (following announcements) parents are invited to come watch in the gym. Primary classes along with any J/I students wanting to participate will walk down both halls and then through the gym to show off their costumes. Those who do not celebrate are welcome to wear orange and black to show off their spirit!
- Classes will be celebrating individually in the afternoon; however their classroom teacher sees fit
- Picture retake day is Wednesday, Nov. 13th



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- Progress reports go home to families on Tuesday, Nov. 19th
- Parent-teacher interviews will be held for most teachers Thursday, Nov. 21st (evening) and/or Friday, Nov. 22 (morning/afternoon) - teachers will provide families with specific timeslots

Academics

- Acadience literacy screeners have now been completed for primary grades (K-2) and will be reported on Grade 1 and 2 report cards, as per board guidelines. Parents will see this reflected on their child's report card, as "Benchmark Met – Yes or No", based on their child's score compared to Grade level standard
- Applications for LEXIA (a phonics-based reading intervention program) have been submitted
 and approved. Training for educators will happen in the next week or so, and hopefully be able
 to roll out the program shortly after

<u>Junior/Intermediate Teacher Report – M. Ferguson</u>

Extra curriculars

- See last report for continued list of extra curriculars
- Due to high demand, the mindfulness club has increased how many days it is offered

Fundraisers

• Popcorn sales are ending. Starting in November, student council is moving onto selling cookies (fundraising is still going to commencement)

School Events/Trips/Important Dates

- Grade 5 Trip to Steam and Technology Museum in December (Date TBD)
- Student Council is running Halloween Bingo on Wednesday, Oct. 30 and Grades 7/8 Halloween Social on Thursday, Oct. 31st
- Other Upcoming Student Council Events: November Spirit Day, Mighty Matteo Toy Drive in December, Pancake Day in January

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 Forth and Ferguson attended in-service at Board office on October 28. Board is utilizing a new platform for course selection/career and course exploration for Grade 8s called BluePrint

Office Report - S. Marrone

- Pizza orders for November are now closed, there will be no cash exceptions
- Milk orders for November are due tonight at midnight, make sure to place any orders