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As we approach the end of the year, we would like to say "A Big Thank You" for helping us start off another school year with such success. Students have settled back into learning, collaborating and socializing with each other. The holiday season is a time for giving thanks and being grateful to those around us. As a principal, I am exceptionally lucky to be blessed with such an amazing staff—teachers, educational assistants, early childhood educators, board consultants, caretakers, and a wonderful office administrator.

Take the time over the holidays to relax, enjoy precious family time and try to get some rest. There is nothing more special than family and good friends to brighten up the holidays. Wishing you happy holidays and a New Year filled with happiness. May the holiday spirit be with you and your family today and throughout the coming year. We look forward to seeing you all in the New Year as our journey continues.

Mrs. J. Corbin-Harper



Upcoming Events:

Dec 19 – Wear White, Blue or Silver in celebration of Hanukkah; Domino's Family Pizza Night
Dec 20 – Wear Black, red and/or green in celebration of Kwanzaa
Dec 21 – Wear comfy Holiday Pajamas
Dec. 22 – Wear Red, green and/on white in celebration of Christmas; Holiday Concert at 9:30 a.m.; Middle Block - Gr 1-5 Movie in the gym
Dec 23 – Classroom activities; last day of school

January 9 – 1st day back from Winter Holiday
January 6 – Feast of the Epiphany
January 7 – Orthodox Christmas Day (Julian Calendar)
January 14 – Orthodox New Year
January 22 – Start of Chinese New Year Celebrations

Keep Your Child Reading Over the Holiday Break!

Holiday break is not a time just for worksheets and textbooks, but your child should continue to learn. The best way is just to read a little bit every day. And that means reading more than text messages! Here's how:

- Link movies to books. Your child, like many others, may enjoy watching movies during winter break. Encourage them to watch at least one based on a book--and read the book first.
- Give books for gifts. If your child will receive a gift this month, consider giving them a book or a gift card to a bookstore. Suggest this to other family members as well.
- Read for a purpose. Practical reading--the kind you do to learn a skill--is both fun and informative. If your child enjoys cooking, they could read a recipe and try it out. If they like gadgets, they could read the instruction manual and put one together. If they like sports, they could check out the newspaper for a look at how their favorite teams are faring.

Celebrations at the School



For many of our students this is an exciting time of the year. We however have some students who are of different religious/cultural backgrounds who might not celebrate Christmas and we must also be mindful of that.



At Richard Beasley we are making a conscious effort to celebrate ALL days of religious significance for our students and their families. Saying this, there will be a few events happening around the school during this last week.

Please remember that sharing of food is still not allowed. Your child's teacher will let you know if there is a special event happening in their classroom and if there is, you may send in a special treat for your child for that day.



Take a look at your child's attendance.

December usually contains a winter break from school. And once your child returns in January, the school year will be about half over. This is a great time to review the first part of the year and make plans for the next. Looking at your child's school attendance should be part of this important process. Did your child attend school every day unless they were sick or there was a family emergency?

If so, congratulations! Let them know you're proud of their strong attendance. Help them keep up the good work for the rest of the year and beyond. Strong attendance is one predictor of success in school.

If not:

- Remind your child that regular school attendance is a priority.
- Emphasize the need for rest, nutrition and exercise to stay healthy and stay in school.
- Consider the reasons you take your child out of school. Can you make some appointments outside school hours?

If attendance has been an issue in 2022, let's set a goal for 2023 by making it a priority.



Thank you.

To all our families who took part in our School Council MacMillian's Fundraiser we would like to say thank you.

We had over 250 orders. The money raised from this fundraiser will be used to replenish our school library. Due to weeding out of many of our books, our library shelves are a tad bit empty so this money will definitely help us purchase some new ones.

Special Lunches

We know that we mentioned that we were going to have special lunches at the end of every term but we thought that with the Holiday Pancake Breakfast and MacMillian's Fundraiser that it might be too much for our families.

We thought about doing Chinese Food to celebrate Chinese New Year. We did a poll with our students to determine if they would be interested and had a very positive response. We are hoping to have this event on Monday, January 23rd, 2023. We have checked out a number of Chinese restaurants in the area and Le Chinois on Mall Road has offered us the most reasonable price.

Students can have vegetable fried rice, Lo Mein, Sweet and Sour Chicken strips, a spring roll and one Cheese Rangoon for \$10.00. We will have a vegetarian or vegan option for those students who do not eat meat.



We are hoping to have this set up with School Cash Online as soon as possible. Orders will need to be placed by January 13, 2023 so we can share a final number with the restaurant.

Holiday Self-Care Tips



Make space for messy feelings like grief.



Learn to say "no" without feeling guilty.

Create your own holiday traditions.



Keep your stress levels in check. Step back or delegate.



Set realistic expectations for yourself and the holiday.

Get organized! Make a plan and try to stick to it.

Keep up with your self-care and make time to relax.



Give yourself permission to just let it be an average day.



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Holiday Pancake Breakfast

On Saturday, December 10, our School Council hosted our first ever Holiday Pancake Breakfast. It was an overwhelming success.

We had a number of staff and parents volunteer to help us out. We even had high school volunteers from Sherwood Secondary. Over 50 of our families attended the event, with a total of over 180 people who came for Breakfast. To the children's delight, Santa even made an appearance. We know that some people were busy and were not able to attend but we would like to say thank you to those of you who could and helped to make this event a memorable one. It was a great time for families to socialize and get to know each other.



First Annual Holiday Breakfast

