

SPRING VALLEY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2020

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UPCOMING EVENTS

January 16 – School Council
January 24 – PA Day; No
School for students

“Hope
Smiles from the threshold of the
year to come,
Whispering 'it will be happier'...”
Alfred Lord Tennyson

“For last year's words belong to
last year's language
And next year's words await
another voice.”

T.S. Eliot

“Tomorrow, is the first blank
page of a 365 page book. Write
a good one.”

Brad Paisley

“I hope that in this year to
come, you make mistakes.
Because if you are making
mistakes, then you are making
new things, trying new things,
learning, living, pushing
yourself, changing yourself,
changing your world. You're
doing things you've never done
before, and more importantly,
you're Doing Something.”

Neil Gaiman

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to a new calendar year!

I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday and that students are back, ready to learn.

As a next step in strengthening and developing our new identity as Spring Valley, the School Council will be going through an activity to develop a school mission statement. To get community input, we are asking families to take part in a survey that will help generate ideas for the mission statement. We are encouraging families to discuss and complete it together. The survey is four questions long. Your input and participation will greatly enhance the relevance of this process. Should you wish to take a further part in the development of the mission statement, you are encouraged to attend the School Council meetings.

The survey can be found at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8R8R6SF>

or use the QR code:



Thank-you in advance for your participation.

Mr. Malcolmson

TIPS FOR READING WITH CHILDREN OF ANY AGE

It is important that you read with your child, no matter the age:

- **Set aside some time** without any distractions (turn off the TV/radio/computer)
- **Ask your child to choose a book.** This means they are more likely to engage with the book.
- **Sit close together**
- **Point to the pictures.** Ask them to describe the characters or situation or what will happen next.
- **Encourage your child to talk about the book.** Give your child plenty of time to respond. Ask them what will happen next, how a character might be feeling or how the book makes them feel.
- **And lastly, above all - make it fun!**

“We stick together.”