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Winter Weather

It's hard to believe it's already December and we have already received our first snowfall! Please ensure your child is coming to school prepared for the weather with their hats, mitts, winter coats, boots and if possible (indoor shoes). We have a number of items in our lost and found. To help identify student belongings please label your child's belongings so that if they are brought to the office

we can return the items to your child.

Parent Council Update

We had our first Parent Council Meeting on Wednesday, Dec 8th. The agenda minutes are posted on our website. Thank you to everyone who attended. Your support is so appreciated. Next meeting is on Wednesday, February 9th, at 4:30 pm on TEAMS. If you are interested in attending please inform the office and we will send you the TEAMS link ahead of the meeting.

Construction Update

Once the staff parking lot is complete, the front Kindergarten pen will have the artificial turf and permanent fencing installed and our Kindergarten student will have a larger outdoor area. This will also allow for a secondary entrance/exit off of Rainbow Drive for students to access our back playground, as well as a front walkway for our bus students to access. We are also waiting on the completion of our first portable. Once the

electrical installation is complete our students and staff will have access to their classroom area and the fencing along Glen Echo Drive will be repaired.

Bulldogs Hockey

Thank you to the Bulldogs Organization for providing our school with over 700 free tickets to the November 27th game vs. the Kingston Frontenac's. This is the largest donation that the Bulldogs organization has ever made to a school and we are so grateful.



Viola Desmond Video

As we are still unable to have an official school opening celebration due to Public Health Restrictions please visit our school website to view the "Welcome to Viola Desmond" video. Thank you to our student leaders, Manessa and Donna for all their hard work with this video.

We realize that with the Public Health Restrictions families have not been able to tour or walk through our school and we want to thank you for your patience and understanding.



Rapid Antigen Tests

The week each student received their rapid antigen test kits. Information and instructions were sent home with these kits. Your child's participation in this rapid antigen testing is voluntary and students are not required to participate in order to return to the classroom after the winter break.



