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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy New Year! We hope your year has been off to a good start. Please join us for our School Council meeting on Monday January 27th @ 6:30pm in the staffroom. We will be discussing a few upcoming events and your input is always appreciated. The full agenda for the meeting will be posted later this month. Below are some of the items discussed in December.

School Council Meeting December 16th we discussed:

- Council finance update
- The Holiday Market
- Having a Family Literacy Night and websites to visit regarding reading
- Future fundraising
- School Council Mission, Ethics, Terms of Reference

In the January announcements we are bucket filing by demonstrating honesty

In January, we will focus on **HONESTY** as our virtue of the month. Honesty is the virtue of being truthful and sincere. Being honest is very important, as it builds trust between people. When people deal with others in an honest way, others can rely on them to not lie, cheat or steal. Real honesty means you accept yourself as you are, allowing yourself to be open and trustworthy. When you are honest, others can believe in you.

PA Day

Friday January 24th is a PA Day. Students do not come to school. Teachers will be working on report cards.



Upcoming Events

January 24

PA Day

January 27

School Council Meeting @ 6:30PM in staffroom

"No legacy is so rich as honesty."

William Shakespeare

"We learned about honesty and integrity-that the truth matters...that you don't take shortcuts or play by your own set of rules...and success doesn't count unless you earn it fair and square."

Michelle Obama

Curriculum news

21st Century Schooling Students Need: Seven Survival Skills

1. Critical thinking and problem solving
2. Collaboration and leadership
3. Agility and adaptability
4. Initiative and entrepreneurialism
5. Effective oral and written communication
6. Accessing and analyzing information
7. Curiosity and imagination

January 27th is Family Literacy Day and you can help promote these survival skills by promoting critical literacy. Family Literacy Day is a national awareness initiative created by ABC Life Literacy Canada in 1999 and held annually on January 27 to raise awareness of the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family.

Taking time every day to read or do a learning activity with children is crucial to a child's development. Even just 15 minutes a day can improve a child's literacy skills dramatically, and can help a parent improve their skills as well. Check out <https://www.abclifelifiteracy.ca/family-literacy> for more information. Also check out <https://www.oise.utoronto.ca/balancedliteracydiet> for what literacy skill development looks like in your child's classroom.

Here are some activities you may want to try:

Surfing Safari: Visit the public library. Use an atlas to find a country you would like to visit, then surf the Internet to find some interesting things about that place -- customs, food, weather, anything at all. Write a story and draw pictures based on what you have learned.

Daffy Dictionary: Choose a word from the dictionary and write it on a piece of paper with one correct definition, then make up two more definitions that are incorrect but 'sound' like they might be accurate. See who can guess the correct definition. Teams can play this game, with members coming up with the daffy definitions together and also guessing the other team's correct definition.

Watch a book: Set up a book-and-movie group where a book will be read and discussed, and then the film version will be watched. There are many good titles, both for adults and young people that have been made into films.

"You've Got Mail": With adult supervision, have children go online and find a suitable electronic postcard to customize and send to a loved one.

Sous Chef: Following recipes is a great way to improve both reading and math skills. Ask your children to read the instructions and help you to prepare a meal.



In the Community

RA Riddell Sports Academy Parent Information Night

January 16th @ 5:30PM for
parents of Grade 5 students

Parents can visit RA Riddell
website for more details.

Family Literacy Day

January 27th—see the abc
life literacy website for
information regarding family
literacy.