

Featherston Drive Public School Weekly News for February 3, 2017

*** A weekly update of news and events for the Featherston Drive Public School Community***

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Spirit Week - Monday, February 6 - Friday, February 10

Report Cards Sent Home - Wednesday, February 22

Student Led Learning Walk (Details below) - Thursday, February 16

PA Day (No school for students) - Friday, February 17

Family Day (No school for students) - Monday, February 20

Dental Hygienist Visits Featherston (Details below) - February 21-22

Toonie Tuesday: Fundraiser for Education Foundation of Ottawa - Tuesday, February 28

March Break - March 13-17 - classes begin again on Monday, March 20

REPORT CARD DATE CHANGE

Dear Parents and Guardians:

I wanted to let you know that there will be a change to the distribution date for report cards for students in grades 1-8, and students in year 2 of the kindergarten program. Elementary report cards will now be released on February 22, 2017. The change in dates was necessary due to District-wide network issues that delayed the production of report cards. My apologies for any inconvenience.

I also wanted to take this opportunity to share with you a link to the [OCDSB Parent Guide to Elementary Assessment and Evaluation](#). The guide has excellent information about how teachers approach assessment and evaluation which could be helpful in understanding your child's report card.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Thanks to all the parents who joined us for our Kindergarten Information Evening on Thursday, January 26. Registration is ongoing - any parents of children who will be starting school in September are welcome to register at the main office anytime between 8:30 - AM - 4:00 PM, Monday - Friday. Please let neighbours of Kindergarten aged children know registration has begun.

MIDDLE FRENCH IMMERSION REGISTRATION

Thanks to all the parents of Grade 3 students who joined us for our Middle French Immersion (MFI) Information Night on Thursday, January 26. Registration is ongoing - any parents of a Grade 3 student in our [MFI catchment area](#) are welcome to register in the main office anytime between 8:30 - AM - 4:00 PM, Monday - Friday.

FEATHERSTON STUDENT-LED LEARNING WALK

On Tuesday, February 14, Wednesday, February 15, and Thursday, February 16, the students from Kindergarten - Grade 8 will host a Student-Led Learning Walk for parents / guardians and other special guests. During this event, every class will have work samples displayed in the gym demonstrating their learning in Numeracy. Students will host parents as they visit the gym, and share their learning as they explain their work to our guests.

This event reflects our focus on Numeracy at all grade levels here at Featherston Drive PS. We have been meeting as a staff to share best-practices related to teaching numeracy, and the students have benefited from this collaboration. We are looking forward to sharing our learning with the Featherston community.

Please join us on Thursday, February 16th from 3:45-5:30pm in Featherston's Large Gym to see our school-wide Numeracy learning journey.

Alternatively, each class will be assigned a specific time on Thursday, February 16th when they will attend the Student-Led Learning Walk: you are welcome to participate with your child(ren) at this time. This schedule will be shared in a future newsletter. We hope to see you there!

FEATHERSTON LEADERSHIP CLUB SPIRIT WEEK

The Grade 7 and 8 Leadership Club will be running a Spirit Week on February 6 - 10.

Spirit Week activities will include:

Monday, February 6 - Hat Day (Students may wear a hat in school for the entire day)

Tuesday, February 7 - Twin Tuesday (Two or more students dress the same)

Wednesday, February 8 - Colour Day (All the students in a class dress in the same colour)

Thursday, February 9 - Winter Activity Day (Outdoor activities run by Leadership Club)

Friday, February 10 - Brookfield Band Concert

TECHNOLOGY AT FEATHERSTON

The Grade 3/4 class at Featherston has been recently learning about coding and problem solving using the world's tiniest robots called Ozobots. At first just using coloured markers and creating designs with colour coded patterns the students began to learn how to provide the robots with basic instructions. Next, the students went online to use the Ozobot coding website (Ozoblockly) where they were able to program the robots with more in-depth instructions - similar to real computer programming.

The students have also been learning about stop-motion and green screen animation using Stickbot Animation Pro studio. Using this kit and a simple companion app, the students have not only had the opportunity to create short animated stories, but have gained a firsthand appreciation of the complexity of the animation process. Thank you to Mr. Cogan for introducing his students to the fundamentals of basic coding.

VOLLEYBALL NEWS

On Friday, January 20, the Featherston Intermediate Boys Volleyball team finished off their season with a big third place finish at the OCDSB Regional tournament. The boys defeated Roberta Bondar PS and Glashan PS to move on to the quarterfinals where they defeated Steve Maclean PS. In the semifinals they lost a close match, by only 3 points to Castor Valley. Great job boys, and excellent season! Congratulations and thanks also to Ms. Lillico for your hard work in coaching the boys through the volleyball season.

DENTAL SCREENING

Lynne Bérubé, a registered dental hygienist with Ottawa Public Health, will provide a dental screening using a tongue depressor on February 21-22, 2017 (*date(s) may be subject to change*) for grades JK, SK, 2, ELD (7/8). If your child's grade is not selected, but you wish for the dental

hygienist to see him/her, please advise the school. Only children identified as having dental needs will bring home a form. Follow-up school visits by the dental hygienist for individual children may be done. *THIS DOES NOT REPLACE REGULAR DENTAL VISITS WITH YOUR FAMILY DENTIST.*

This dental screening is offered in accordance with the Ontario Public Health Standards from Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care. Personal Health Information is collected in compliance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and the Personal Health Information Protection Act and will be used for the purpose of dental assessment, treatment and oral hygiene instruction, and for statistical purposes. Questions concerning the collection and use of this information should be directed to the Supervisor of Dental Health Promotion, Ottawa Public Health, 400-1580 Merivale Rd., Ottawa, ON, tel.: [613-580- 6744 ext 26376](tel:613-580-6744).