

Featherston Drive Public School Weekly News for January 20, 2017

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Kindergarten Parent Information Night- Thursday, January 26 - 5:30-6:30

Middle French Immersion (Gr. 4) - Parent Information Night- 6:00-7:00

PA Day (No school for students) - Monday, January 30

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

Report Cards Sent Home - Wednesday, February 15

Student Led Learning Walk (Details will follow) - 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

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

Kindergarten Information Night - Thursday, January 26

On Thursday, January 26 from 5:30 - 6:30 PM, we will host an information session for parents interested in learning more about the Kindergarten program at Featherston Drive Public School. Please consider sharing this information in the neighbourhood with parents of children who will be starting school next year.

Middle French Immersion Information Night - Thursday, January 26

Parents of students currently in Grade 3 at Featherston Dr. P.S. are invited to attend our Middle French Immersion Information Night on Thursday, January 26 from 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Two of our Middle French Immersion teachers and administration will describe the Middle French Immersion Program and answer any questions you might have as you decide if the Grade 4 Middle French Immersion Program is right for your child.

Parents of Grade 3 students not currently attending Featherston Dr. P.S. but living in our catchment area for Middle French Immersion are also invited to attend. Click [here](#) to see if you live in our Grade 4 MFI catchment area.

LIBRARY NEWS



**Forest of
Reading®**
by the Ontario Library Association

The Forest of Reading is Canada's largest recreational reading program! This initiative of the Ontario Library Association offers reading programs to encourage a love of reading in people of all ages. The Forest helps celebrate Canadian books, publishers, authors and illustrators. More than 250,000 readers participate annually from their school or Public Library.

Featherston Dr. P.S. participates every year in this huge literary event that encourages our students of all ages to read books by Canadian authors and vote for their favourites! The program consists of many award programs distinguished by age group and reading level.

Our school participates in these following programs: Red Maple, Silver Birch, Silver Birch Express and the French reading programs: Tamarac and Tamarac Express.

Next week we are starting this reading programs, please encourage your child to participate. Thanks for your support.

FEATHERSTON LEADERSHIP CLUB SPIRIT WEEK

The Grade 7 and 8 Leadership Club will be running a Spirit Week on February 6 - 10. The Leadership Club is looking to beat the February 'blahs' with a week of fun activities. 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

INDOOR GARDENING AT FEATHERSTON

Thanks to a grant from the Ottawa Network for Education, Mr. Cogan's grade 3/4 class and Mr. Coyne's grade 7/8 ELD class have been growing produce INSIDE with vertical gardens. This week saw their first harvest. Students learned about the science of emulsion, the relationship between what we taste and what we smell, and made vinaigrette. A lot of lettuce was consumed, and delicious fun had by all! Students are learning about the importance of lessening our carbon footprint, growing food close to home in an urban environment, and gaining important life skills in food literacy. Thanks to Mr. Coyne and Mr. Cogan for running this creative and meaningful activity with your students.

VOLLEYBALL NEWS

On Monday the Intermediate Girls Volleyball Team played in their regional tournament at Fielding Drive PS. The girls came in third in their group. They started out the day with a very close match against Roberta Bondar, losing the first set 19-21 and then winning the second set 21-12. Their second game was against Glashan PS and the third game against Castor Valley. The girls played hard, and kept the games within 10 points. They played with enthusiasm and integrity throughout all of their games. Congratulations girls, you should be very proud of yourselves. Congratulations and thanks also to Ms. Mitchell for your hard work in coaching the girls 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).