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Notes from the Office:

On Thursday, March 7th, staff and students are encouraged to dress up for Spirit Day. This year, the theme is Disney, please dress up as your favourite Disney character and join us in our celebration as we look forward to warmer days ahead. As a special treat, Parent Council will be serving delicious Ice Cream Sundaes to students. While all students will receive an ice cream sundae, we are asking for a \$2.00 donation if possible. We are looking forward to this fun day!

On Tuesday, March 5th, Mardi Gras is also happening at the school. Check out our Facebook Page for details.

On Friday, March 8th, students are invited to dress up as a Tacky Tourist on the Friday before March Break.

We wish everyone a wonderful, restful, March Break.

Fundraising Update

Thank you for your financial donations to Errol Road Public School. So far this school year, parents donated \$2,745.00 and tax receipts have been issued for these generous donations. We are using these funds to purchase new gym equipment for students to enjoy. Thank you for your generosity.

Last year, thanks to the generosity of fundraising efforts of Parent Council we were able to purchase:

- 2 Bee Bots
- 3 Dash and Dot robots
- 4 Makey Makey
- 10 genius osmos
- 10 Osobot bit starter sets
- 5 Lego Robotics EV3 sets
- Uniforms for our sports teams

We are amazed at the continued generosity of our parents and school community. Take a look at the following table, providing a snapshot of monies raised and expenditures for 2017-2018.

Errol Road Parent Council Fundraising Activity Summary for 2017-18 Academic Year

Balance Forward from 2016-17	\$ 10,040.12
Profit from Fundraising Activities:	
Hot Lunches	\$ 4,372.12
Parent Donations	2,745.00
Sundae Day	507.62
Flower Sale	1,674.79
Spring Fling Dance	915.03
Misc. Activity Revenue	80.05
	\$ 10,294.61
Spending/Purchases:	
Program Enhancement	\$ 3,072.85
Learning Commons	8,843.58
Snack Program	1,593.10
Grade 8 Graduation	864.00
Misc. Expenses	537.33
	\$ 14,910.86
Carry Forward Committed for 2018-19:	
Learning Commons Cabinetry	\$ 3,000.00

EQAO

Our grade 3 & 6 students will be taking part in the provincial standardized assessments of reading, writing and mathematics between May 21st and June 3rd. We would appreciate if appointments, etc. could be scheduled outside of these dates so that all of our students have the greatest opportunity for success. In order to prepare for EQAO, students will be participating in Common Assessment in March and April and teachers are meeting to discuss individual next steps for students.

Help Stop the Spread of Germs and Illness

Recently we have had several students with flu or respiratory symptoms. Since students are in close contact with each other, germs can be spread very easily. Thank you for keeping your child at home when they are sick and giving them a chance to fully recover before returning to school. This helps keep down the spread of illness within the school. Please remember to notify us of any change to your phone number and **be sure to have an emergency contact person lined up to pick up your child if you are unavailable to do so due to your work schedule.**

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

Parents are asked to keep the following in mind:

- Please use the parking lots on Errol Road and Indian Road, they are available to staff, students and visitors!
- **Students are dismissed at 3:25 and parents are asked to pick up students on time.**
- Supervision on the yard in the morning begins at 8:50 a.m. Please don't send students before this time as we don't have supervision.
- If you have made arrangements for your child to be picked up by someone other than yourself at the end of the day, please write a note to the classroom teacher.
- If your child rides the bus, we need to know if they will not be on the bus that evening, as we take attendance for bus students and need to be informed of any changes.

Grade 7/8 Parent Information Meeting JUMP trip

There will be an information meeting for parents about the Grade 7/8 JUMP trip on Monday, April 2nd at 6:00 p.m. in the Library. Teachers will be here to answer any questions at this time.

School Council Meeting

At our Parent Council Meeting at the start of the school year, we agreed we would not be scheduling a March Parent Council Meeting due to March Break. Therefore, our next School Council meeting is scheduled for **Monday, April 2nd at 6:30 p.m.** in the Library.

JK/SK Registration for September 2019-2020

If you were unable to attend our KinderSTART registration, please visit the office to register your child for Kindergarten. It is important that parents register their children at this time to allow schools to plan class sizes. Please bring your child's birth certificate and proof of address, such as a utility bill when registering. It is not necessary to re-register for Senior Kindergarten if your child is presently attending JK at Errol Road Public School.

Head Lice

Spring and Fall are the seasons when head lice (pediculosis) are most prevalent in school children. Your assistance in early detection is greatly appreciated. Please check your child for head lice weekly. If you find evidence of head lice, please contact the school immediately. This will allow us to notify other parents in the classrooms affected so that they may check their child. Children who are suspected of having head lice will be excused until appropriate treatment has been administered. Infestation by head lice is an unpleasant nuisance, but not a health problem. Head lice do not carry or spread disease. By working together we can control the spread of head lice in our community.

Online Resources to Check out Over March Break:

- Cool Math Games offers a variety of great math games that can be played on a desk top or tablet.
<http://www.coolmath-games.com/>
- Solve the Cube: This app breaks down how to solve a Rubik's cube. It's free on iTunes or Google Play. Cube play helps develop spatial reasoning which is important for geometry.
- TFO (the French version of TVO) has online games in French <https://www.tfo.org/en/games>
- TVO Kids has a great site with Canadian content that has a variety of games that support all curriculum areas.
<http://www.tvokids.com/school-age/games>

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