



# *P. E. McGibbon Public School*

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## **MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE**

February brings us to the start of a new term. Students will be receiving their Term 1 Report Cards on Friday, February 15th and we hope that each of you is excited to see your child's progress to date. This is a great opportunity to celebrate your child's learning over the first half of the year and to set goals for improvement moving forward.

Although February is a short month, it is a busy one with many school events and special days, so be sure to check out the calendar for a quick glance.

## **REPORT CARDS**

On Friday, February 15th, students from JK through Grade 8 will be receiving their Term One Provincial Report Card. This report contains valuable information about how your child is achieving in their classroom and school environment. Teachers have been collecting assessment, evaluations, data and observations which helps to determine what level your child is achieving the provincial curriculum expectations. Much time and attention to detail is put in to formulating the personalized comments which are associated with the marks your child has achieved, please take time to read through these comments with your child to reflect on the progress and the next steps suggested for your child. Learning skills are also a very important component of the report card. These skills are very important in your student's ability to develop work habits over time which will lead to them being successful in a 21st century workplace when they have completed their formal education. This report card also serves as a great tool to set goals which your child can work toward for the second portion of their school year. They can reflect upon their success and determine which areas they would like to improve their achievement and learning skills.

Parents/guardians are encouraged to contact your child's teacher(s) following the review of the Term One report card should there be questions or concerns about the grades, subject comments or learning skills.

## **KINDERSTART**

February is Kindergarten registration at the Lambton Kent District School Board. If your child is four or five years old by December 31, 2019, we look forward to welcoming them to Kindergarten in September. New this year is the ability to pre-register your child online and then come to meet staff at P.E. McGibbon on Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>.

## **FAMILY DAY**

Family Day will occur this month on Monday, February 18th and students will return to classes on Tuesday, February 19th.

## **EQUITY AND INCLUSION**

February is Black History Month. The main aims of Black History Month are to celebrate the achievements and contributions of black people throughout the world and to educate all on black history. Black History is annually celebrated during the month of February, but the role of African Canadians in our history and society should be embedded in our students' learning throughout the year.

**TERRIFIC KIDS**

P.E. McGibbon's next Terrific Kids assemblies are scheduled for Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.

FDK-Gr. 3 @ 9:30AM

Gr. 4 - Gr. 8 @ 10:15AM

We are looking for all students to show inclusivity in class, within the school, and when out in the community.

**PARENT COUNCIL**

The Parent Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 p.m. The Parent Council will be meeting in the Learning Commons. All parents are welcome to attend.

**STUDENT SAFETY**

Student safety is a top priority for the P.E. McGibbon School community! We have fielded several concerns regarding students crossing the streets in front of our school and not using the crossing guard/crossing walk appropriately. Our school staff will be reminding our students to access the appropriate safety areas and personnel on their routes to school. We would greatly appreciate if this message could be reinforced at home!

With Appreciation,

Eryn Smit  
Principal

Cam Gordon  
Vice-Principal