YEAR END REPORT

NAAHII RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL

2018

Good Day Everyone! Weli Kishku!!

Well, we have made it to another June. Mother Nature has been going back and forth with the temperatures. The leaves on the trees took a bit of time to grow. The farmers have been slow in planting because of the weather. But here we are: the end of another school year.

It has certainly taken a village to help our children have another successful school year. We would just like to take this time to thank all of the volunteers, teachers, administration who support us in our efforts to provide the children with fun activities to do throughout the year. It lets the children know about the importance of their education when we take the time out of our busy schedules to help make their school a great place to be.

Parent Council has definitely had a busy year. September saw us getting together to plan our activities for the year. We also held elections. Elaine Brown and Cindy Warwick were voted in as co-chairs of the Parent Council and Jennifer Whiteye and Sarah Ferren took on the role as co-secretaries for the Parent Council.

Another wonderful Meet the Teacher BBQ was held Thursday September 21, 2017. We were grateful to the Kiwanis for providing the food and refreshments during this special night. Also a big thank you to all of the Staff for spending part of their precious evening to introduce themselves to the parents. The children are definitely thrilled to show off their classroom and their classroom teachers to their parents/guardians.

November and December saw the school halls abuzz with activity. The Christmas musical was another success this year. The gym was transformed into a Winter Wonderland for the evening. Thanks goes out to Cindy Marrett and Gillian Pollard for their help in organizing this wonderful event. It takes a big commitment on your part, on your parent volunteers’ part and the students’ part to get everything ready for the big night.

Our annual Christmas turkey luncheon for the school was held in December. Dana’s Deli prepared the meal and we had parent volunteers as the servers. This is an annual event that the children really enjoy. The smiles are all the many volunteers need as payment for a job well done. As an extra treat this year, we invited the school bus drivers and the Delaware Nation Kindergarten students to our meal. There were lots of laughs and stories being told around the tables. And we didn’t run out of pickles this year!

In February, we had the opportunity to highlight the importance of parent councils at the KinderStart program. This program gives parents in the community the chance to register their young children for Kindergarten. It also allows the parents to check out the different resources offered to parents of young children

The spring saw us busy with many school activities. We had the Shoot-A-Thon where the students help raise money for playground equipment and school trips by shooting as many baskets as they can during a set time. Congratulations to all the volunteers and staff for another successful fundraiser. We also had our plant fundraiser and we were successful with that as well. Thanks to Nicole Thompson for spearheading that fundraiser and the volunteers who helped sort out the lovely plants so that parents could pick them up.

We were also busy supporting the Principal and staff in their efforts in providing extra math support to our students in response to the EQAO scores from last year. The staff provided extra math problems school wide and it became a team effort to solve those problems. Thanks to all staff for their extra effort!

April saw another positive event for our school due to the PRO Grant that we were given as a Parent Council. Saidat and her powerful self-esteem message had the gym and students rocking and dancing. A separate mental health session was held for parents in the library and was put on by Chatham-Kent Children’s Services. There were also different information stations for parents to look at to help support their child’s mental health. Thanks to the PRO Grant committee for organizing such a wonderful event (Elaine Brown, Nicole Thompson, Mary Anne Patterson).

In May, we were treated to a display of natural talent and future Oscar winners when our own Thunderbirds put on the production of Doo Wop Red Riding Hood. A tremendous amount of work went into the production. Thanks to Ms. Sheppy, Ms. Fleming and Mme. Kerr for directing such a fine piece of theatre. Thanks to Mr. Martin for operating that pesky sound system.

Finally, we would like to say a huge thank you to the rest of the parent council. Without you and your commitment to Naahii Ridge, we couldn’t fly as Thunderbirds. You certainly showed this as you took the initiative to make all of the lunches for the Primary Play Day. Thanks again to all helped make that day a success. You provide many opportunities for the children and help put smiles on their faces. Thanks again for an exceptional year.

Until next year,

Elaine Brown and Cindy Warwick

Co-Chairs of Naahii Ridge Public School