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Office News

We are into the start of our second term at P.E. McGibbon Public School! As you are aware, the first term report cards were sent home in February. As always, report cards cannot capture everything students have learned or everything that teachers have taught. However, we would encourage you to read the comments with your child. Celebrate the growth in learning and discuss strategies and goal setting to help your child achieve the next steps at school. We value the importance of a home-school connection and appreciate the support that you provide at home to ensure your child is meeting with success in all subject areas. The second term report card will go home at the end of June to reflect achievement from February through to June.

With March upon us, we are looking forward to the spring. We have March Break the week of March 11th - 15th. We wish our families and students a wonderful March Break week to rest & recharge for the remainder of the school year. This year Easter seems very early - the school will be closed on Friday March 29th (Good Friday) and Monday April 1st (Easter Monday). We wish a joyous Easter Celebration to those who recognize these dates of significance.

Home-School Connection

P.E. McGibbon school is fortunate to have caring and supportive staff. We want to take a moment to remind families that you can always contact the school for support and/or questions. It is recommended that you reach out to your child(ren)'s teacher(s) first. They truly know your child better than anyone in our building and are the very best partners with parents to promote student success. You can always reach out to the school's principal and vice principal as well, after reaching out to your child's teacher. Please feel free to call the office during business hours, and we will do our best to take your call or call you back in a timely manner. That being said, we have a large and busy school filled with a variety of situations and meetings that take up our time. If you don't receive a call or email immediately, you can assume we are prioritizing our student needs and will return your call or email as soon as we can.

Please receive this gentle reminder to treat all our staff with respect and approach conversations with a positive and cordial attitude. We can assure you that our staff will meet you with a standard of professionalism and respect when dealing with situations that might arise with your child(ren). We are working towards the success of every student, everyday!

Sports / Clubs / Special Events



February was filled with several opportunities to enrich our students' school experience. The intermediate girls and boys basketball teams finished up their seasons. While both teams built their basketball skills, the boys were able to bring home the championship this year. Congratulations!! Thank you to the many coaches who made this basketball season a success; Mr. Steadman, Mr. Dark, Ms. Dalrymple, Mr. Gardiner, Mr. deSchiffert, Ms. Moore, Ms. Chapman, and Ms. Hayter.

Esports is back in business in the Den! We love seeing our students competing in this unique experience. Esports, short for electronic sports, is a form of competition using video games. Esports often takes the form of organized, multiplayer video game competitions, played individually or as teams.

Guitar Club has launched. We are thankful for the volunteers who have made this club available to our students. It has been fun to watch students learn a new skill and make new friends.



The Trades Fair was a huge success! We were amazed at the army of volunteers, trades people, and staff that stepped up to make this night spectacular. Thank you to the parents and students who took the time to come and visit our very first Trades Fair at P.E. McGibbon. There was an endless list of unions, businesses, and individuals who joined forces with us to make this event a reality. A special thanks to Ms. Moran, Ms. Doornbosch, and Ms. Hayter for spearheading this initiative.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

We had a great turnout for Kindergarten Registration in February – some new families and some returning families. It was wonderful to be able to welcome families into the school to complete registration and visit a classroom. If you weren't able to make it to the registration day, or you know someone who couldn't come in, it's not too late – registration is ongoing through the Spring. Complete the online registration form at www.lkdsb.net/kindergarten. Our next FDK Registration School Visit day is Wednesday, April 3rd from 4-7 pm.

Upcoming Events

- March 10th: Ramadan Begins
- March 10th: Daylight Savings (clocks spring forward 1 hour)
- March 11th - 15th: March Break
- March 17th: St. Patrick's Day
- March 22nd: Rock Your Socks (World Down Syndrome Day)
- March 26th - 28th: Dental Screening
- March 28th: Terrific Kid's Assembly
- March 29th: Good Friday (no school)
- April 1st: Easter Monday (no school)
- April 3rd: Grad Photo Retakes
- April 3rd: FDK Registration / Visit (4 - 7 pm)
- April 4th: Custodian Appreciation Day
- April 8th: PA Day (no school)
- April 10th: International Day of Pink - Anti-Bullying & Anti-Homophobia

