



MILLBROOK SOUTH CAVAN PUBLIC SCHOOL

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"Together we learn and celebrate success."

Mission Statement: *To enable students to succeed today and build a positive tomorrow.*

February 2019

A message from the Principal...

February is Black History Month. It began in the 70's as a way for remembering important people and events in the history of the African diaspora (dispersal of people from Africa). It is recognized annually in the United States and Canada in February, as well as in the United Kingdom, the Netherlands and Republic of Ireland in October.

As our school community and school population becomes more diverse, we believe that it is very important for our students to learn how to talk about sameness and difference without bias. We openly talk about skin colour, backgrounds, culture and language of origin throughout the school year in our classes. As part of this month's particular focus, we will be talking to our students about historic events and important people in the black community who have stood out as they have demanded equality.

In honour of Black History Month, each day this February, I will be sharing one song on the announcements that is performed by a black musician. The students will be exposed to a wide range of genres including Blues, Jazz, Hip Hop, Pop, Early Pop, R&B, Soul and Reggae. By the end of the month the children may not only have a better understanding of musical genres, but also of the powerful impact that black performers have had on our society.

A message from the Vice Principal...

We are excited to announce that our School Council's "Parents Reaching Out" (PRO) grant application was successful. We have begun planning our event "Full Steam Ahead", to be held on the evening of Thursday April 11, 2019. The evening activities will be organized around STEAM, that is Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics. We look forward to both showcasing our students' work and supporting guest as they explore activities such as coding and robotics. Save the date!!

Upcoming Dates in February:

February 4: School Council Meeting
February 8: Pita Orders Due
February 18: Family Day - no school
February 20: Report Cards go home
February 27: Pink Shirt Day

Note:

STSCO has opened the 2019-2020 online *Out of Boundary and Daycare Requests* for parents.

Constable Shawna McCurdy Visits

Constable McCurdy is our School Liaison Officer with the Peterborough City Police. She will be working with our Grade 6 students for 5 weeks starting in late January. The KIDS program consists of 5 modules covering: Youth and the law; peer to peer relationships; social media and internet awareness; drugs and substance abuse awareness as well as a session on staying mentally healthy.

Later in the spring she will be having discussions with our Intermediate students about the responsible and appropriate use of social media.



A Message from the "Me to We" Group

The "Me to We" group are organizing a "month of kindness". Since pink shirt day and Valentine's day are celebrated in February, the club is keen to engage Millbrook students through contests, interactive displays and motivational announcements. Look for a cool display in the foyer, more information in the All in a Week updates and in daily announcements (you can see them on Edsby in the "river of news" that scrolls across the top of the screen).



Mini Sticks

Students both young and old enjoy playing a game of pick up hockey with friends. We have 2 sets of nets for mini sticks games and the kids love it!

We are looking for donations of used mini sticks for those kids who don't have a stick or forget theirs at home. The kids would appreciate any donations. Thanks!

Indigenous Education Update - Blanket Activity

This month our Grade 5 students are having a special visitor come to the school to teach them Canadian history from an Indigenous perspective (rather than a Colonial perspective). Sheryl Mattson, a consultant with our school board, will have the students stand on blankets that represent the lands originally inhabited by Indigenous people. As Sheryl tells the story of how Indigenous peoples were treated, the blanket space slowly shrinks and then the students are forced off the blankets. Students are given a visual representation of the result of conflicts, reservations, illness, settler encroachment, unfair treaties, and government policies such as residential schools. The Blanket Activity is eye opening - for both children and for adults.



Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Provincial Command Public Speaking Competition

Students from grades 3-8 have been invited to write a speech and then practice it in anticipation of presenting in the gym on Friday February 8th. The winners from each division will be invited to the Millbrook Legion to compete on February 10th. We are looking forward to hearing them speak!

School Census



What is the Census?

The Census is a very important survey that we would like all students from Kindergarten to Grade 12 to participate in before the March Break.

Why are we being asked to do it?

KPR would like to better understand the backgrounds, experiences and needs of our students and school communities. The data that is collected will help us to tailor our programs and services so that they better benefit students.

What kinds of questions are on the survey?

There are approximately 20 questions about wellbeing, family structure, gender, sexual orientation, religion, ethnicity, race, languages, nationality, disability and socio-economics.

What if I don't want to do it?

The Census is voluntary. You do not HAVE to do it, but we would really like you to do it! Why? Because KPR wants to understand who their students are.

How will the Census be done?

The Kindergarten to Grade 6 survey is done by parents on behalf of each child (one survey for each child). There is a yellow postcard that will come home with your child's report card (in the report card envelope). This yellow postcard is specific to your child in Kindergarten to Grade 6. It allows you to access the online survey for your child. If you have more than one child in Kindergarten to Grade 6, you will be asked to complete more than one survey since each survey is specific to each child.

Grade 7 & 8 students will complete the Census at school.

What if you have a question? What if I don't want my Grade 7 or 8 child to do it?

Parents that have any questions or concerns surrounding the Census or who do not want their child to participate (Grade 7-8 only) can contact the KPR Census Research Team at census@kprdsb.ca

Report Cards:

On the 20th you will receive the Term 1 Report Card for your child. This will summarize the learning your child has been involved in since September of this school year.

Children in our Kindergarten Programs, will receive a document called a Kindergarten Communication of Learning. It will highlight Key Learnings, Growth in Learning and Next Steps in Learning for the Four Frames.

Please take some time to go through the Report Card and/or Communication of Learning with your child(ren). If your child is in Grades 1-8 please fill out the tear off form on the bottom of page 4, ideally with your child's input. Return it to the school in the report card envelope. Thank you!!