

December 1, 2020

Adam Robertson Elementary Newsletter



I am so very happy to see our students doing well at school this year. Overall, things are very positive, calm and relaxed. When issues arise we talk about them with the students and plan for next steps and how to fix the problem. We always let parents know about any concerning matter and if there are continual behaviours that disrupt our school, but you should know generally how well your kids are at school!! We remind everyone about kind words, and kind actions and that you can never go wrong using manners. We talk about how students represent the school, their class, and their family with their behaviour. Thanks to the efforts made by students, parents, and staff.

Food Drive

The Upper floor has long project to support our local foodbank. This week, Nov 30 to December 7th, they are asking for canned goods to be brought in to support this. This initiative was brought up by the students in Ms. Ellert's class who wanted to do something to help others and our community. Please note the signs in the windows of the upper floor facing 9th Ave. I am so proud of the students for this initiative and effort to make it happen!!



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PAC- Our active and supportive PAC is looking for a parent rep for each of our classes. Please watch for a separate note from me this week asking for any volunteers. Our PAC is open to all parents to attend. In fact as a parent you are already part of the PAC. We are looking for someone for all classes one parent encouraging a monthly from 9am to 10am (ish) where we talk about



each class so that have a at least rep. We are parents to attend meeting usually

supports to the school, funding requests, long and short term goals for the school and the PAC. We hope to see more faces on our next zoom meeting this Wednesday Dec 2nd.

Winter Concerts and Celebrations:

Please note that this year due to restrictions to gatherings will are not hosting an evening event. We are looking at options to share with families, which may be a limited virtual class by class presentation. Students, as part of their music program, are practicing a variety of musical pieces and will be presenting these during school hours to their co-hort group. It is hoped to record these to share out as a zoom meet for each class. We will do our best. Please watch for information from your classroom teacher(s).

Health and Safety protocols - *I have attached the Parent information I sent home at the beginning of the year for you to remind everyone how we continue to operate under the guidelines. Please review for your reference only. Daily, on the announcements I remind all staff and students to wash or sanitize hands, refrain from touching your face, and keeping our distance. While moving in and out of the school and through the school we expect our students in a single file line (not a group) that has distance between each person. We recognize that the cohorts are closer together but we really do want everyone to practice that physical distance so that anywhere they go it's a part of what we normally do.*

I get questions about masks all the time. All adults are expected to wear them outside of their learning cohort. This means halls, office, library, supervision - any place that is not their regular classroom setting and where physical distance measures cannot be met (including in the cohorts).

At this time the only guests coming into the school are invited for IEP meetings, or itinerant SD8 staff. All non ARES people must wear a mask at all times. Handwashing is expected by everyone as outlined in the protocols. Please send me any questions you have regarding our school protocols.

Spirit Days Mrs. Miller's class is organizing some spirit days for the school for each Friday in December.

- **Dec 4 –Cozy Toes – wear your favourite slippers, cozy socks, special warm socks etc**
- **Dec 11 – Pajama Day – what could be better?**
- **Dec 18th- Festive Day – dress up in your favourite festive colour clothing- green red, white, winter themed**

Cell Phones – We have an updated version of the schools phone policy as outlined in the school code of conduct/parent handbook. Please read through this policy attached with this newsletter. Please know that we are willing to work with families regarding student owned internet accessible devices. For the most part, expectations are the same as always and these are to further reduce the disruptions to in class learning, to limit or eliminate unintended and/or inappropriate use of any device, and to provide clear guidance around any authorized use as students learn what and how to use internet accessible devices in a responsible manner. We continue to ask students, who need their phones, to have them put away at all times while at school. This includes when the students arrive to when the last bus leaves at the end of the day. If students do not need the phone/device we ask that they stay at home. If they are required for a reason that you as the parent have determined please let the school (classroom teacher) know. For the complete revised policy please read the attachment.

Coming up in January- there are a few different provincial assessments/surveys that schools do. You may receive a letter or note about one of the following:

FSA – Foundation Skills Assessment for grade 4 and 7 students- this happens in January/February

MDI – for grade 4 and 7 – Middle Years Development Instrument -survey

EDI – for Kindergarten students – Early Child Development Instrument.

Watch for the letters and send any questions into the school and your classroom teacher.

Indoor shoes – *We require indoor shoes at school for students to wear especially during PE in our gym. Please ensure your child has indoor, non-marking shoes for school. Thanks!*

School Fees- are now due. Please pay any over due schools fees.

Band Instruments- Do you have an unused band instrument at home that you could donate to the school? If so please call Mrs. Seneshen or Mrs. Beddoes. We would gladly take them to help support our collective ARES band instruments.

Upcoming Dates

PAC meeting -Wed. Dec. 2nd 9 am Zoom PAC meeting

Spirit days:

Fri. Dec. 4th ‘Cozy Toes’ spirit day- wear your favourite slippers, specialty socks. etc

Fri Dec. 11th – Pajama day

Fri Dec. 11th PAC pizza lunch (orders due Dec 4th)

Fri Dec 18th – Festive Day – wear green, red, white, or winter printed clothing

Fri Dec 18th- last day before Winter Break

Dec 21st to January 1 Winter break

Mon. Jan. 4th School re-opens



Thanks:

- To Jen Felitsyn and Evan for setting up, organizing and delivering snacks weekly to our classrooms!
- To the upper floor for hosting the food drive for the food bank
- To Mr. Adams for opening the gym at lunch for learning cohorts
- To Mrs. Miller’s class for setting up our spirit days for December