Parent Newsletter - January 6, 2023

Georgetown Elementary School

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Jan 6- Pajama Day- K/1

Jan 29- Family Literacy Day

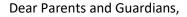
Jan 25- Bell Let's Talk Day

Jan 26- School Skate at Three Rivers Sportsplex

Feb 17- School Skate

Feb 17- Winter Wellness Day

Feb 20- Islander Day



Welcome back to school. Our staff would like to wish all of you a very Happy New Year. Since PEI is hosting the Canada Games in February, our school system will be altered to meet those needs. Students will have no school from February 20 to March 3. It is extremely important that your child attends school everyday he or she is able to attend. We understand that things come up where your child(ren) may need to be absent from school, but even if he or she can come for a portion of the day it is beneficial. Attendance is so important to student learning!

We have a number of students who are requesting to use the phone at the very end of the day to arrange for a drive for after school activities or to make alternate plans for after school. These situations have caused a delay in our bussing and interferes with calls from parents at the end of the day. We are starting a new policy that if a student is calling for a non-emergency situation than those calls need to be made at break times. After school arrangements for activities need to be made before the school day begins.

If you have any concerns or questions please feel free to call me at the school or send an email.

Sheryll O'Hanley



Please send your children with snow pants, hats, mitts and warm winter boots. Please also be sure to label your child's belongings so we can make sure they sure items are labeled so they can always get back to their owners.



Check out the new menu being offered by the School Food Program. Lots of great new choices and some returning favorites. The program is very successful with lots of pleased customers. The next order period opens on January 7-12. Accounts can be created anytime and notices for ordering windows will be sent directly to your email with lots of reminders and updates!











School Skate:

There will be a School Skate will be on January 26th and February 17th for the whole school. Please bring skates and helmet in a bag or borrow from the rink or library if you have a need! Thanks to the board of Three Rivers Rink for generously donating these ice times.

SCHOOL CANCELLATIONS DUE to WEATHER

All Public Schools Branch school cancellations will be announced on local radio stations and posted on the PSB website by 7:00 A.M. An announcement that "classes in all English Language School Board schools are cancelled" means that there is no school for students. An announcement of a "system wide shutdown" indicates that all schools and offices are closed. In some instances, it may only be necessary to close an individual school or a "family of schools". Partial system closures or delays will be announced by family of schools. Georgetown Elementary School would fall under the "Montague Family of Schools" category.

ONE HOUR DELAY

If a decision on cancellation cannot be made by 7:00 A.M., a one hour delay will be announced whereby all schools and buses will operate one hour later than usual. A further announcement will be broadcast by 8:00 A.M. VARIOUS LOCAL RADIO STATIONS:

Ocean 100.3 FM – Classic Hits 2. 95.1 FM – Country 3.
 93.1 FM – Classic Rock 4. Hot 105.5 FM

SCHOOL CLOSURES DURING THE DAY

It may be necessary to close a school or a family of school's part way through a school day for weather related concerns. Detailed announcements will be made on local radio stations and posted to our school board website:

https://edu.princeedwardisland.ca/psb/stormclosure-information/If any parent has updates regarding their pickup plans in the event of an EARLY CLOSRE please reach out to the school office. 902-652-8970



We want to wish Mike LeClair, an extraordinary Education Assistant that has been with us for two years a huge thank you for all he has done with us and the students at Georgetown School. We will miss you, and hope you visit us often!

EA, Erika Wilkinson will be returning to her position from maternity leave on January 10th.

Welcome Back Erika!

IN-SCHOOL MENTORING PROGRAM - WE NEED YOU!

Big Brothers Big Sisters have been building our programming back toward pre Covid levels. Our In-School Mentoring Program provides children with a role model and friend to talk to <u>right in their own school</u>. Bigs and Littles will share experiences, stories and have fun for an hour every week.

The benefits of mentoring aren't just social! This one-to-one relationship also fosters increased educational engagement and mental health & well-being by:

Providing a role model and friend for children;
Promoting the importance of staying in school and
healthy relationships with family and peers; Instilling
trust and self-confidence to make healthy decisions;
Encouraging leadership skills and independent
thinking; And above all, making a difference while
having fun!

It takes just one hour a week to make a BIG difference. If this sounds like something you would like to be involved with contact us today. We will provide training and materials. All we need is YOU!

Please contact Myron Yates at Big Brothers Big Sisters for more information.

myron.yates@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca 902-368-7760

Kindergarten Registration

Whether your child is transferring to a PSB school from out of province or is starting kindergarten, you can register your child for school by contacting your zoned school directly. Talk to the school about a tour and meeting the principal and/or teacher. Welcome to Kindergarten sessions for new students and parents are organized by schools in the spring before the next school year.

Coming from out-of-province or Canada.

Children who are new to the Canadian school system or speak a language other than English or French at home are eligible for English as an Additional Language (EAL) and French as an Additional Language (FAL) services. All children who meet this criteria will be required to register with the EAL/FAL ReceptionCentre before contacting a school directly.

Children must turn five (5) years old by December 31 the year they enter kindergarten. You can wait one year if you think your child isn't ready to go to kindergarten at the minimum age of entry.



We all want children with healthy levels of self-esteem and confidence, but there are subtle ways we can undermine the development of self-esteem.

Allowing children to try new things without our help, focusing on praising effort instead of outcome, being authentic without being critical, focusing on their strengths, and allowing space for mistakes are all ways we can build up a child's healthy sense of self.

Want more tips on how to raise emotionally healthy children? Listen to our NEW Child Psych Podcast! Each week we discuss parenting topics that YOU WANT TO KNOW more about from experts in the field of children's mental health! Tune in every Wednesday at the link in our bio (https://podcast.icphelps.com)!













Congratulations to Ms. Rogers Grade 5/6 class and Ms. Frasers 7/8 class. They tied in reading the most pages in a Library Reading Challenge and read a combined 46,000 pages.

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