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The Sheridan Showcase

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Next Council Meeting – Tuesday, April 17th at 7:00pm

We invite all Sheridan parents to get involved in the life of our school and in the processes that shape it. Our monthly meetings are an excellent way to do so. We need help to plan the Spring BBQ, allocate remaining funds for this year, and share best practices. Can you join us for one evening for 1.5 hours?

INDOOR/OUTDOOR Shoes

Parents are reminded that students must have a pair of indoor running shoes that are appropriate for physical education in the gym. Crocs, boots, slippers and sandals are not gym shoes. Excess dirt and water make the gym floor very slippery and create a hazard for gym classes. Students who do not have appropriate footwear will have to sit out of gym class.

Moving in the Near Future?

If you know that you will be moving during the next few months and not returning to Sheridan Public School in September 2018, could you please notify Ms. Brush in the office. This information is very valuable in planning for the Fall. Thank you for your co-operation.

Calling all 4 and 5 year olds!

Do you know any family and friends who are starting JK or SK and eligible to attend Sheridan this fall? Please let them know that we are hoping to have all registrations completed by April 20th to ensure we will have correct staffing for September.

Class Building will start soon

If you have a specific concern about your child's learning that you would like us to keep in mind, please submit a note to the office by April 26th. This is not a request for a specific teacher but a note about their learning style. Please note, classes are based on numbers - we have no control over combined grade classes.

Sending Medications to school

Please note, we are not able to dispense medications to your child(ren) unless it is a prescribed medication from a physician and the appropriate HDSB forms have been completed and signed by a parent and doctor. The downloadable form is available on our website. You must take this to the doctor with you to get their portion filled in. Please refrain from sending in non-prescribed medications such as Tylenol, cough & cold products, etc. We are unable to dispense these to your child(ren).

Allergy Alert

Thank you for not sending peanut/nut products to school with your child. Our goal is no nut products as we have children with severe allergies to a variety of nuts and nut products. In particular please do not send NUTELLA or some Kinder products to school with your child.

We understand that there are many no-nut products that are similar to Peanut Butter and Nutella. If your child brings a nut-free substitute it would be helpful to us if you could put a quick note in the lunch-bag to let us know that it is nut-free.

Upcoming Events:

April 11th - PINK Day for anti-bullying support
April 11 and 13- Auditions for "Sheridan's Got Talent"
April 12th - Booster Juice Day
April 16th - Brush your teeth! Dental screening for JK, SK and Grade 2's
April 18th - Bag 2 School (Drop off between 6am-9am ONLY). Please do not bring to the school prior to this date.
April 20th - Birds of Prey assemblies K-5
April 25th - Michael Mitchell Concert grades K-5
April 26th - Sub Day
April 27th - PD Day - No School
June 14th - Save the Date - Spring BBQ

Trashless Tuesdays are a success at Sheridan! Are you participating? Tuesdays are dedicated to no waste in our lunches! We are kindly urging our parents and students to pack a lunch with reusable containers that produce ZERO waste. Thank you for supporting this EcoSchools Initiative.

Bag 2 School

Remember that Wednesday, April 18th is our next Bag 2 School Day. What does this mean? It means it is time to clear the closets and clutter at your house. We accept clothing including boots and old snow suits, drapes, comforters, pairs of shoes, purses, belts, stuffed animals, pillows, etc. They should be bagged and dropped off at the front doors of the school between 6:00 am and 9:00 am on the 20th. Please do not send them in before this time as we have no place to store the bags in the school. Sheridan is paid by weight for all donations. Let family, friends and neighbours know they are welcome to drop off items too! Please make sure that items are in plastic bags and are tied shut.

Math Superpower Night

Thank you to The Learning Tree in Burlington for setting up such a fun and engaging math night for us. We had 62% of our families from grades 1-5 attend the event. There was lots of math learning and there was a fun grab bag of math activities to take home. The winning class, coming in at 90% participation was Mrs. Ramsden's. They enjoyed a pizza party celebration as a reward.

Milk Bag Mats

Did you know that plastic bags do not decompose in landfills. Milk Bag Mats are sent to developing nations that are most in need. A large mat (40x80) will take about 500 milk bags to produce. Our goal is to make 8 mats by June.

- Milk bag mats have antibacterial properties and can serve as surgical mats for medical teams in makeshift hospitals.
- They stop moisture from coming up through the ground and provide insulation for sleeping.
- They are durable and easy to clean, and can withstand hot sun without deterioration.
- Are mildew and bug resistant.
- Can provide protection against hook worm and disease.

All students in grade 1-5 are invited to participate during recess time. They do not have to commit to a certain day or week, just drop in.

If there are parents who can help out by cutting the bags at home or helping the kids at lunch time while they are weaving, please let Mrs. Bonanno know.

For more information check out Milk Bags Unlimited

Kelso's Choice

The premise is that everyone has the skills necessary to solve small problems.

Students choose from the following strategies:

- Make a deal
- Ignore it
- Share and Take Turns
- Talk it out
- Walk away
- Tell them to Stop
- Apologize
- Wait and Cool Off
- Go to Another Game

Teachers will help children to understand and build their skills in choosing a path and being able to follow it independently on the playground or in class.

Children will try one or two strategies to deal with a situation before asking an adult to step in to help.

These strategies are intended for small problems. Big problems and safety issues go straight to an adults attention.

Tattles or Tells???

This is something we talk about a lot with all of our students. Tells- when someone is hurt, or is reporting that someone is hurt we need to tell an adult right away. If someone is bothering you, or you see something dangerous, or you need help to solve a problem, you tell right away. Tattles- are reporting about something that someone else has done, that has nothing to do with you that has already been solved by the students involved or an adult, or reporting to get someone else in trouble. While we are always there to support, we are trying to foster independence in problem solving.

End of Day Pick Up

Please respect our bell times- Several parents are arriving prior to 3:15 to pick up their children. While this may be convenient for you, it causes disruptions to the classes at a busy time, lessons are finishing up, children are packing up, doing final reminders and announcements and the teachers are making sure the children have everything they need for dismissal. We ask you to wait outside and the children will dismiss to you there at 3:15.

Thank you