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The Sheridan Showcase

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WELCOME AND WELCOME BACK!

Please note the general information pages at the front of the agenda, and for Kindergarten we sent them as an information package. There is a variety of information for you to be aware of and a sign off on page 8

We are here to help you and your child. If you have a concern please speak to your child's teachers first, then feel free to contact the office if you still have concerns.

Mr Stone/ Mrs Shahab Kindergarten
Mrs Lovell Kindergarten
Ms Matheson/ Mrs Walker Kindergarten
Mrs Manson/ Mrs Verma Kindergarten
Mrs Ralph Grade 1
Mr. Middleton Grade 1
Mrs Ramsden Grade 1
Mrs Kozak Grade 2
Mrs Woods Grade 3
Mrs Knapp Grade 4
Mrs Restivo Grade 4/Library
Mrs Johnston/Mrs Redman Grade 5
Mrs Salmon-Resource Support
Ms Brush/Mrs Matthews Office
Mrs Mukhia - ESL support
Mrs Kent- Kindergarten Coverage
Mrs Romer- Primary Coverage
Ms Walker, Ms Dias, Ms Summers, Mrs Iqbal, Mrs Selinger, Mrs Dickieson and Mrs Rashid - Educational Assistants
Mr Ferreira, Mrs Silveira- Custodians
Mrs Bonanno- Principal

Communication Home and school- Please check weekly

Sheridan Website: Most general information will be posted here. There will also be links to download forms and field trip notices.

Google Classroom: Junior grades will use this tool to see and submit assignments as well as to communicate home with parents.

Agendas: Grades 1-5 have paper agendas that should go back and forth each day. Please initial these or feel free to write a note to the teacher. Also please note that a note to the teacher about an appointment or absence still needs to be called in to the School Connects system.

Kindergarten: we are trying to establish an easy to access site for our Kindergarten parents- details to follow shortly. All messages and mail will go back and forth in their Zippy bags

Synervoice: Quick messages that will come to your email account.

Attendance

Please remember to register for and use the Parent Portal –School Connects to report all absences and lates for your child.

Please wait for the confirmation # at the end of the process to confirm that the system has recorded your information.

This must be done by 9:00 am otherwise the system will do an automatic call out to ALL of your contact numbers until they reach you. Call ID will say Sheridan School calling, but it is School Connects doing the callout.

Open House -Save the Date

We are planning an Open House for Tuesday September 26th from 5:30-7:00. Come and meet the teacher and view the classroom. Please remember this is a meet and greet, If you feel you need an interview or longer conversation, then you can book a mutually convenient time with the teacher.

Cross Country

Cross Country for students in grades 3-5 has begun. Children practice during lunch breaks. The Cross Country meet will be Wednesday October 4th in the morning. Parent Volunteers requested.

Terry Fox Walk

Our Terry Fox walk will be Thursday September 28th at 1:45 pm parents are invited to walk with us. Our goal will be for each child to bring a **Toonie for Terry**. To make this meaningful the children might earn that money by doing a chore, or donating money that they may have spent on a treat. We thank all families for their support of this event.

Pizza Days- Every Wednesday we order pizza to be served for the second lunch break. Please ensure that your child has snacks and drinks for the balance of the day. The prepaid form is the easiest way to order and the least likely for us to mess up. Children can bring \$2 on a Wednesday if they have not preordered. Orders are placed with the Pizza company at 9:30 am, we cannot add orders after that time.

Picture Day – Our school photographer will be here on Thursday October 19th at 9:00 a.m. Please mark your calendar. Students will have an individual and a class picture taken on that day. **Picture Retake Day** is November 9th, you must indicate in writing if you want a retake on that day. We will ensure we take pictures for all students who were away on the first picture day.

Fundraising Plan

We would like to be upfront with our fundraising plan for the year to help you to choose what you would like to participate in: (Tentative based on participation of new Council members)

QSP Magazines and gift item campaign Sept-Oct
Terra Cotta Cookies- Nov-Dec
Dance A Thon- Feb-March
Basket Raffle- June

Money from these items will be used to directly benefit the children at Sheridan in Technology, Literacy, Numeracy, Sports and Games, and Cultural presentations.

Services provided - optional participation	Special events- may include
Pizza lunches	Cookie Day
Sub Lunches	Ice Dawgs Day
Milk	Freezie Day

QSP Magazine Fundraiser

We know that Sheridan families look forward to renewing subscriptions of their favourite magazines and occasionally trying out new ones. We are running this popular fundraiser again at Sheridan. The event begins with an assembly for students on Thursday September 28th. Students will take home information packages that day. Thanksgiving weekend is a convenient time to share this opportunity with family, friends and relatives. Please note that there is a user friendly online ordering option as well as our regular ordering process. All orders are due to be handed in to the office by **Friday October 13th**.

Kiss & Ride

Parents are asked **not to get out of their cars in the Kiss & Ride Lanes**. Students are to be dropped off on the RIGHT curbside after 8:30 a.m. From there, they cross via the crosswalk to the playground. **Adults who wish to leave their vehicles** are asked to **please park in proper parking spaces in the parking lot or nearby using street parking**. In this way, we can keep the Kiss & Ride area clear and moving safely through the parking lot and will avoid unnecessary and potentially serious accidents. **Also, never drive past a bus while it is loading or unloading students**. Thank you for your co-operation.

Learning is a Hungry Business!!

At Sheridan we have two breaks each day, the first is 40 minutes long, the children go out for 20 minutes then come in and eat for 20 minutes. During this time students are encouraged to have a healthy snack, and a drink to refresh their tummies and minds. During the second break the children are out for 25 minutes and then eat for 25 minutes, most children will eat the larger portion of their lunch at this time. Please remember healthy snacks that are low in added sugar help to maintain blood sugar and balance throughout the day. Fruits, vegetables, cheese, and meats are all excellent choices. Juice and milk are great but we also encourage the children to have a water bottle to refill during the day at our **Water Filling Station**

Classroom food basket program.

Some days kids are really hungry so each classroom has a healthy foods basket where students are able to choose an additional item once they have finished all of their food sent from home. Our bins include: Unsweetened apple sauce
Fruit cups (**in juice**)
Individually packaged crackers: (Melba Toast;
Goldfish)
These are popular items and our donation from Halton Food for Thought only goes so far in keeping the bins filled. We would be happy to receive any monetary or product donations to help us through the year. Keep in mind that any of these items are great additions to your child's lunch too!

Allergy Reminder

Parents please remember when packing your child's lunch that there are some members of our school community who have a **LIFE-THREATENING ALLERGY to ALL NUTS/TREE NUTS INCLUDING PEANUTS AND PEANUT BUTTER**. Please help us to ensure a safe environment for all children by not sending these items to school. **PLEASE NOTE:** We cannot accept any food treats for birthdays and special occasions. If sent to school they will be returned home to you.

School Council Meeting Invitation

Just a reminder that all Sheridan families are invited to Sheridan School Council meetings. School Council meets every month from 7PM to 9PM. Come and find out what goes on at the school, help plan fun activities and have your say in the allocation of School Council fundraising dollars. Don't be shy - it's a casual atmosphere! Our first meeting is Tuesday October 10th . Hope to see you there. At this point we have very few parents that have indicated a willingness to be on school council this year.