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From the Principal...

Welcome back!
Hello everyone!

Thank you very much to our custodial staff Mrs. Ingrid Helmerich and Mr. Stephen for their tireless work over the summer as they cleaned and scrubbed our school. It looks beautiful and we all appreciate their hard work.

Please welcome our new staff members to our school.
Mrs. Kelly in our JK/SK class & Mrs. Brightman – E.A.

We hope to see you at our Open House on Tuesday, September 25th, Pizza and drinks will be served from 5:00 to 6:00. Classrooms will be open from 6:00 to 7:00. Please take this opportunity to meet your child’s teacher and myself.

Students in grades 1 to 8 have received an agenda on the first day of school. This is an important tool to promote communication between home and school and is a useful organizational device that is used all the way through to the end of high school.

Along with the teaching of knowledge and skills a strong emphasis is placed on good citizenship. Good citizens are known for their manners, their cooperative nature, their willingness to take responsibility, their enthusiasm and their effort to participate constructively. We are very proud of our students here and enjoy our reputation as a school with integrity.

I am sincerely looking forward to working with you!
Madeleine Temmer

FROM YOUR SCHOOL COUNCIL CHAIR
Welcome back everyone! We hope you had a safe and enjoyable summer. The school year will be another exciting one for everyone.
The Open House is scheduled for September 25th, you will be able to sign forms to be a member of Parent Council that evening. Our first meeting is scheduled for Wednesday October 3rd at 7pm.
Don’t forget if you need labels for backpacks, lunch bags/containers you can order from Mabel’s Labels. We are also collecting Campbell’s soup labels and Zehrs tapes. All of this collecting and ordering helps our school.
Have a great school year!
Leanne Power - Chair

LEAVING SCHOOL DURING LUNCH
Only students in grades 7 & 8 with the lunch permission form signed will be permitted to leave school property to purchase lunch. ALL students who go home for lunch are still able to do so.
Thank you for supporting student safety.
(Lunch forms attached)

MEET THE TEACHER/OPEN HOUSE
TUESDAY, SEPT. 25th
5:00 – 7:00 P.M.
PIZZA – 5:00 – 6:00 P.M.
Classroom visits – 6:00p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
No need to cook this evening! Pizza & drinks will be available to buy. It is an opportunity to meet our newest staff members as well as our newest family members.

PICTURE DAYS – Wed., Oct. 17th - KA to 3 and Thurs. Oct. 18th - KB, 4 to 8
Class and individual photos will be taken by Lifetouch Studios. Picture Day requires a great deal of organization so please try to avoid scheduling appointments on these days as late arrivals or early leaves really complicate the scheduling of 300+ individual photos as well as class pictures. (Unavoidable absences are accommodated by retakes on a later date.) Two weeks after the photo is taken proofs are sent home, you choose your favorite, order the package desired and send in the money.

HELP NEEDED
During our Open House there will be an opportunity to sign up to volunteer for a variety of jobs needed in the school.
Some jobs available immediately are:
- If you feel you can offer a few minutes one day a week in the morning to assist with our Safe Arrival program
- QSP organization
- Sorting pizza on pizza day
Volunteering allows you to see what is involved in your child(ren) school.
Do not hesitate to call the school office for any further questions or concerns you may have regarding volunteering.
Thank you for any time you can offer.
REMINDERS
We would like to remind you of a few ways you can help us:

- If your child is late or absent from school, a phone call is required before 8:45 a.m. 728-9251
- SAFE ARRIVAL LINE! Please note you do NOT need to call the main office line for student absence’s – just follow the message & leave the details on the “Safe Arrival Line”. Thank you!
- Students who are being picked up during the day (e.g. for an appointment) must be picked up from the school office. This is for the student’s protection.
- Please advise the office as soon as possible when you have a change of telephone number, address, employment, caregiver or medical information.
- Requests for school personnel to administer medication to students must be made through the school office and an authorization signed by the doctor must be submitted.

School Council
Our first School Council meeting is Wednesday, Oct.3rd, 2012. The nomination forms are in the office if you are interested in joining in. We will also have a School Council table during the “Open House”. All interested parents are invited to attend. The meeting starts at 7:00 PM in the library.

TERRY FOX RUN/TWOONIE FOR TERRY
The annual Terry Fox Run will take place on Friday, September 14th. Details are attached.

Criminal Records Checks Required for Volunteers
All new volunteers will be required to provide an original copy of a Criminal Records Check which includes a Vulnerable Sector Screening executed within the last six months, prior to beginning to volunteer.
- Current volunteers must complete an Offence Declaration annually after providing the original Criminal Records Check.

NOTE: This includes regular class involvement, field trip supervision, food program helpers, driving to sporting events, etc.

REDUCE THE RISK
As we continue the 2012/2013 school year we would like to remind our Johnson Street School community of our “Reduce the Risk” program. Please continue your efforts to leave peanut/nut products at home. We appreciate your consideration and thank you for making our school a safer place for everyone. Check the Front Foyer bulletin board for new peanut -free snack ideas.
- We have a schoolwide ban on peanut and tree nut products. Please respect this necessary precaution to reduce risk to several students who have a life-threatening allergy!

Student Accident Insurance
Student accident insurance is valuable coverage, particularly for dental injuries. The School Board does not provide accident insurance for students, but does distribute the Insurance application forms. Families of students who are involved in extracurricular sports or go on overnight field trips must have purchased this insurance or have Extended Health and Dental coverage through employer group plans or sign a waiver declining this coverage.

The FAMILY READING MAGAZINE FUNDRAISER IS RETURNING SOON!
Each year, we hold our QSP magazine subscription fundraiser to raise money to benefit our students while also encouraging more at home reading. The success of the program depends on your participation.

Please save your magazine subscription renewals for our sale. It is only when you renew directly through our program that our school receives any profit from your order. QSP will honour publisher price discount coupons, so save them too.

If you are anxious to renew before the official campaign begins, you can support us today by shopping online! It’s easy . . . visit www.QSP.ca! All early orders will count towards your child’s rewards.

LUNCH and MILK PROGRAM
Our special lunch days will begin in October. Pizza, subs, milk etc. will once again be available. Order forms are sent home in advance with a due date for return. If you are interested in helping with our pizza day hand-out as well running the Milk program, please contact the School Office at 705-728-9251.

Garbage-Free Lunch
We continue to demonstrate a great recycling track record and great enthusiasm for responsible environmental practices. We bring our lunches and snacks to school in reusable containers and take all of our garbage home for recycling and composting. Way to go Jets!!

SCHOOL FORMS DUE
You will be receiving several forms that require parent/guardian signatures. Please be sure to have all of these forms sent into your child’s teacher as soon as possible.