

1 October 2019

Dear Parents;

As we end the first month of school, it can be said that things have begun fairly smoothly. The students are all working hard to learn in their classes and the teachers and staff have created a positive environment for learning.

This newsletter will be a short one, as my technical skills are limited and the usual format is beyond me.

Of course, as you may have heard through the news, there is a labour dispute between the Government and CUPE (Canadian Union of Public Employees). As such, the secretary, caretakers and all EAs (Educational Assistants) are currently in a work-to-rule situation. We hope the dispute will be resolved positively soon, but in the meantime, there will be some minor disruptions. Please remember that all those on work-to-rule are still the same caring people who look after and provide a safe environment for your children. They will continue to make sure your children remain safe and positive during this time.

On Thursday, October 3, the Gr (Grade) 7 students will be receiving their immunizations. As well, on that day, the Gr 2-4 students are at the farm. Cross Country happens on October 10. We wish success to our team. Don't forget that Thanksgiving day is Monday, October 14. Enjoy the family gathering around that turkey. Our Kindergartens go to the farm on the 17<sup>th</sup> and Picture Day is scheduled for Wednesday, October 23. Please make sure your child(ren) is/are ready to get that great shot. Near the end of the month our Gr 1-3 group is going to Safety Village. And of course, Hallowe'en is on the 31<sup>st</sup>.

In our Feedback Forms, there were some very nice comments and a couple of suggestions. We are still trying to fund raise for a new playground. It is a work in progress. Our Fall Fair/Meet the Teacher night was well received and commented on. To the person who asked about acronyms, please note the explanations above. Point taken.

One serious matter raised, concerning the safety of your children, was on the issue around parking on the road behind the school. As you may be aware, last year we had specific signs put up to clearly delineate where you can legally park. That area DOES NOT extend to the vicinity around the crosswalk. Last year a number of people received parking tickets and we will be once again requesting the city to do a check to cite those breaking the law. This is very much about the safety of your children. Please respect the signs.

Regards,

Tom Smith - Principal

### **Addendum – School Council**

Fall Mum orders due this Thursday Oct. 3rd - pick up from the school on Oct. 10th

Pumpkin Fundraiser launch Oct. 3

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