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In the month of february, we had 2 theme days to raise money for charitable organizations. ms. morgan’s grade 5 class have held theme days throughout the year to support the john wood foundation. So far, they have raised $686.05!

Ms. davidson’s class raised money for the spca on the last day before march break and raised $260.90. amazing efforts, stars!

**PLANNING FOR 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR:**

It is difficult to believe but planning for the next school year is already well underway. A “Letter of Intent” is coming home asking where you anticipate your child will be attending school in September. Please complete the bottom and return it to the school by April 16. Even if you are not sure you may be moving but think you might, please indicate this on the form and return it. All information received helps with classroom planning for the upcoming year.

**STUDENT SURVEY RESULTS**

This year, we asked students two times this year to complete a very short survey to find out how they are feeling about school. The survey was administered in November and again in early February. Staff wants to ensure that the goals in our Positive Working and Learning Environment goal are being met. Our PLWEP goal is about safety and ensuring that we are following practices in our school that support our 3 STARS (Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful).

Asking students questions through surveys is one way we can get data and understand more about how our students are doing socially and emotionally at school.

Results are shared with the PSSC and with staff. When we look at the data, we investigate how we can do better. Teachers have also taken the time to speak to students who indicated that they may have not been feeling safe or who have ideas on how we can improve.

Here is a summary of our results:

1. Most days I am happy coming to school:

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| Nov. | Agree 45% | Sometimes  47.6% | Disagree  7.6% |
| Feb. | Agree  42% | Sometimes  50% | Disagree  7.2% |

1. I feel safe in my bubble on the playground:

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| Nov. | Agree 67% | Sometimes  25.3% | Disagree  7.6% |
| Feb. | Agree  65% | Sometimes  27% | Disagree  8% |

1. I have friends I can play with and talk to on the playground:

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| Nov. | Agree 75.8% | Sometimes  20.5% | Disagree  3.3% |
| Feb. | Agree  76.3% | Sometimes  20.6% | Disagree  4% |

1. I have an adult I can talk to at school if I feel upset:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Nov. | Agree 64.8% | Sometimes  24.8% | Disagree  9.9% |
| Feb. | Agree  66.3% | Sometimes  24% | Disagree  9.6% |

BUBBLE/CLASS INTERACTIONS

We recognize that students have been in the same class bubble since September. In the past few weeks, there has been increase in negative interactions among our students. We understand that students are spending more time together in the same bubble. The ways in which we would handle issues in the past (ie. separating students on the playground or offering alternatives to work with students in other classes) are not available for us this year due to our safety protocols. Although we recognize these challenges, we do not want to communicate to students that there is an excuse for not treating each other with respect.

During the month of February, we focused on how to care for ourselves and others. We had amazing lessons and leadership shown from our students. We expect this to continue and we would like students to focus on treating people with respect and kindness every day.

At Summerhill Elementary School, students are encouraged to use their WITS.

**We are hoping you can speak to your child at home to encourage this as well.** It is not okay to lash out at others verbally or physically. Neither is it okay to “get revenge” or retaliate when someone is bothering you. Consequences for this behaviour include: missing recess, having to walk with an adult outside, phone calls home or could result in a suspension from school.



As you can see from the surveys, we are making it a priority to know how students are feeling at school. If we are unaware of something that your child is only sharing with you at home, please reach out to your child’s teacher.

Together, we can make this the best year ever – even while working through the challenges that this year has brought us!

**PSSC**

The PSSC will be meeting at 6:30pm the evening of April 13th. All are welcome to attend. We will be reviewing results of surveys (parent survey and Our School survey). There is always great discussion on how we can be the BEST we can be at Summerhill!

**FRENCH IMMERSION REGISTRATION:**

**Registration is open for LATE ENTRY Grade 6 French Immersion (FOR THOSE WHO ARE NOT CURRENTLY IN FRENCH IMMERSION). You can**

**register online on the Anglophone West School District website**

**WE’RE STILL COLLECTING!**

We are still collecting pop tabs for Muscular Dystrophy so please keep sending them in.   It is great to see our families helping to support such a worthwhile cause.

**MUSIC NEWS FROM MR. MAKHOT**

**March Music Madness**

**Mr. Makhot is organizing a bracket style tournament of songs mimicking the NCAA March Madness Basketball tournament.**

**There will be 16 songs selected (8 songs from the last few year and 8 other songs that are considered “classics” as recommended by staff).  Each of these songs will be paired up with another song.**

**Teachers will play the two songs during the day (can be used as a transition time, a brain break, during an indoor recess, as a writing prompt, etc.) The class will then vote on their favorite song.**

**Once the votes are in from the entire school, Mr. Makhot will post the winning song.  Winning songs will then move on to the next round, against a new opponent.**

**This will continue until two songs are left (the finalists. Students can then vote live in a virual assembly and the winner can be announced. Which song will be the “SUMMERHILL STAR’S favorite song of 2021?”**

**VIRTUAL ASSEMBLIES**

Although we are unable to assemble in the gym together this year, we have been able to access educational school-wide events virtually. Roland Bibeau will be offering his virtual concert in French on Thursday, **March 18.** We will also be looking forward to a show called, “The History Detectives” from a local acting group, “The Calituhumpians” on **March 31.**

**YELLOW LEVEL – Mask use**

* Please continue to send your child with 1 – 2 clean masks daily. Although students are no longer required to wear their mask within their bubble, we are still encouraging them to wear them in hallways and common areas.

\*\*\*\*Please be mindful that students should be wearing a community face mask (cloth face covering) or a single use disposable mask. Face gaiters, bandanas’ scarves, etc. must not be worn.

* We are still encouraging physical distancing, hand hygiene and proper cough/sneeze etiquette.

Thank you for your cooperation!

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| **DATES TO REMEMBER: Mark Your Calendar** | |
| Mar 15 | Presentation from Ms. Morgan’s class about the John Wood Foundation |
| Mar 15 | Hot Lunch Orders for April online. Paper copy available on request. |
| Mar 16 | Yearbook orders Due |
| Mar 17 | Happy St. Patrick’s Day  C:\Users\crys.myrie\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\T5CCIRBE\125714282[1].jpg |
| Mar 17 | Picture Retakes |
| Mar 18 | Roland Bibeau concert at 1:15 |
| Mar 19 | NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS – PL DAY |
| Mar 26 | April Hot Lunch Orders due |
| Mar 22-April 30 | OUR SCHOOL SURVEY FOR GRADES 4 AND 5 IS ADMINISTERED |
| Mar 31 | Report Cards go Home |
| Mar 31 | Calithumpians “The History Detectives” Virtual Play |
| April 2 | Good Friday |
| April 5 | Easter Monday |
| April 9 | Parent Surveys Due |
| April 13 | PSSC – 6:30 PM |
| April 14 | Parent-teacher Interviews a.m. /PL day – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS |
| April 15 | Evening Parent-Teacher Interviews 4:00-7:00 PM |
| May 7 | NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS – NBTA Council Day |
| May 17 | NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS – NBTA Branch Meeting Day |
| May 18-28 | GRADE 4 PROVINCIAL ASSESSMENT FOR READING |
| May 24 | NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS – Victoria Day |