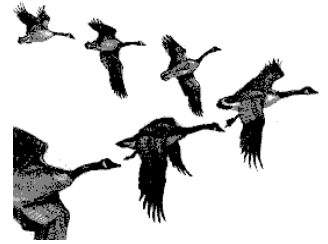


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January 2015

YRDSB

Dates to Remember:

- January 15–School Council Movie Night
- January 16–P.A. Day
- January 22–Grad photos
- January 22–School Council meeting
- January 30–CAS Assembly
- February 2–P.A. Day
- February 3–Term 2 begins

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Administrator Notes

Music to Celebrate the Season

The end of 2014 came with students from our Concert Band playing music to celebrate the season in our foyer before school (see photo). It was a welcome and very pleasant start to the day in the week before the holidays. Thanks to Mrs. Chan and the Concert Band members for putting us all in the holiday spirit!

New Blog

We are working on a new blog to be shared with parents in order to keep you up to date with what is happening in the school. Please stay tuned for more information and how to access the blog.



-FEED THE DEED- MAKING MATS FOR PEOPLE IN THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES

Today, Mrs. K visited our class and taught us how to make “Milk Bag Mats” for people in different countries that don’t have beds and have to sleep on the damp ground! They are made out of milk bags, and nothing at all goes to waste! Most of the bag goes to the mat, while the rest is used as stuffing for the pillows. In our class there were 6 tables, 3 tables folded the bags and cut off the tops and bottoms.



The bag was passed to 2 other tables, while the tops and bottoms of the bags were used as stuffing for the pillow. The next two tables connected the bags, and passed them on to the final station. Finally we used a weaving loom (see

photo) to use the connected bags and connected them all to make a soft and comfortable mat. I learned that you can use recyclable things to make very useful items. For more information visit milkbagslimited.ca.

– Victor Y.

Charlton's School Council

Our first Movie Night will occur this Thursday January 15th at 6 pm. We will be showing Despicable Me 2!! Stay tuned for more information to come from Council through students. We hope you can join us!!



Attendance and Instructional Time

Why does Attendance matter?

Getting to school every day and on time is very important. Learning, both academic and social, happens from the moment students arrive. By being on time and ready to learn, children acquire great habits (punctuality/responsibility) that will serve them throughout their lives.

Other Things to Consider:

Much like when we grab a morning coffee with a co-worker, when kids are late they miss the important social time at the start of their day. The last minute rush can be stressful and can leave your student(s) arriving late to class feeling embarrassed or self-conscious, the wrong frame of mind to be start-

Assisting the office to help you

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their efforts to assist us in helping students deal with every day issues that sometimes come up. For example:

- Remind your child(ren) of an appointment before they leave for school in the

Kindergarten Registration for 2015-16

Kindergarten registration will start on January 16, 2015 for the 2015-16 school year. Children who were born in 2011, live within the school boundary, and whose parents are public school tax supporters will be eligible to register for kindergarten. A kindergarten information session for parents is being planned for this spring. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website:

www.yrdsb.ca.

French Immersion Information Session

The information session for the French Immersion program will take place at L. H. Frechette, 40 New Westminster Dr., on January 15, 2015 at 7pm. French Immersion registration will begin January 16, 2015.

ing their day with. Additionally, for students who miss even 5 or 10 minutes at the beginning of the lesson, learning can become more difficult because important concepts may have been missed. Late arrivals are disruptive to the routine of the classroom and to other students as well. Frequent absenteeism can lead to gaps in a child's skills and knowledge base and can cause the student to fall behind his/her peers. Imagine playing with Lego, you can't complete the tower without the proper base blocks can you? They may also miss important social opportunities increasing feelings of isolation and decreased self esteem.

Tips for Being on Time

Mornings can be hectic so here are some tips for getting your child up and out the door on time.

- Get your child to bed at a reasonable hour.
- Set realistic and consistent schedules at home. Getting ready for school should be a part of the routine.
- Pre-plan to save time; pack lunches, choose and lay out clothes the night before.
- Minimize distractions like TV watching and computer games in the morning.
- If you find you are consistently late, try setting your alarm a few minutes earlier.

When there isn't a legitimate reason for arriving after the morning bell, students receive a warning and then will have a consequence, such as making up the missed time at recess.

morning and send a note so that the student, teacher and office are all aware of the departure time and can prepare accordingly.

- Forgotten lunches/homework/items of clothing can be left on the table in the foyer for pick up at recess or lunch time. Please put your student's name on everything to be picked up!
- If after school dismissal ar-

rangements change from the norm, please send a note with your child in the morning advising us of the change, rather than a phone call towards the end of the day.

This will alleviate a lot of confusion and error for both students and staff and help ensure student safety.

