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Dear Families

We are pleased to let you know about an event happening in the near future. Please see the attached flyer. Thanks to Miss Macken for organizing this event and running our MLPS Yoga Club. This event is a fundraising event that will bring yoga mats to MLPS. We hope you might check it out and maybe even find a new family activity.

Here is our **February Math News**

Using games to support your child at home to reinforce math concepts they are learning in class can be fun for the whole family! Games provide children with opportunities to explore mathematical concepts such as number concepts, patterns and relationships. It also allows them to use models and strategies they are familiar with (e.g., arrays, ten frames, skip counting). Some math games are commercially available but most can be played with common household objects. In fact, most games that are not considered "math" games have many math concepts already in them. Try highlighting some of those concepts as you are playing. For some game suggestions, you can go to the math page on the YRDSB website: <http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/Math/Pages/default.aspx>

Our next **School Council Meeting** is on **February 19th** at 6-7 p.m.. All are welcome. We also have a **Funniversary Committee Meeting** on the same day starting at 5:30 p.m. and folks are welcome to join us for this planning meeting.

Safety around the community. Safety of our students is our priority. **Safe driving** is a concern we have highlighted this year in partnership with York Regional Police. Recently we have had concern raised about safe driving in the drop off loop at the main entrance of the school. We strongly encourage all families to walk their children to and from school; it's great exercise. **Students need to be entering and exiting** through the rear entry doors or assigned Kindergarten doors with their class. In extenuating circumstances families could discuss with their child/ren's teacher the need for entry through the main doors; we do have families who need this accommodation for very good reasons. But for the most part, all students would enter and leave with their classmates. This means, car drop off at the front of the school is not optimal for students. If you are driving into the front loop, it is of paramount importance that you **drive with caution and clear focus on students** who are walking to and from school. Speed should be very slow and drivers must be alert. No vehicles may park in the front loop in the bus drop off lane. Please be aware that we have asked for support from the Town of Newmarket to monitor safe driving and ensure vehicles are parked only in permitted spaces.

Attendance You may have seen recent news reports about the impact of poor attendance. We know that regular attendance is important for all students. Children learn early on whether their parents or caregivers value regular attendance and punctuality. All students need to attend school every day. They need to have regular bedtime, sleep and morning routines so that they are well rested and ready to learn when the school day begins. Irregular attendance impacts student achievement, social connections and well-being. **Our school day begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 3:30 p.m.. Students need to be in class for the full day.** Medical appointments should be scheduled, as much as possible, outside of the school day. Please do NOT ask for your child to be called out of class 10 minutes early unless there is a good reason. While you may think this is not much time, we have many parents asking every day and this increases workload for Mrs. Agostino and Ms. Williams, and disrupts the routines in the classroom which is not good for the whole class. If you are having challenges, please do come in and partner with us. We really appreciate you doing everything you can to support strong attendance and punctuality habits for our students.

We wish all MLPS families a wonderful Family Day weekend.

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