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We have had a busy start to Term 2 at Nobleton PS! There are so many activities that students have been involved in both inside and outside the classroom. We have a number of Junior and Intermediate Sports Teams, Intramurals and Clubs up and running. At our February Good News Assembly we celebrated our Academic and Learning Skills Honour Roll Recipients for Grades 4-8. Over 60 students were recognized for these awards which demonstrates our students dedication to their learning.

Our students are busy preparing for Arts Night on Thursday, April 27th. Each student will have a piece of visual art displayed and there will be a number of performances. Please make sure you save the date in your calendar.

We are already looking ahead to next year. Should you have any relevant information you would like to provide to the school about your child’s placement for next year, please refer to the article in this newsletter for more information.

WHAT’S BEEN HAPPENING AT NOBLETON PS

Ms Isit and Mrs Cuccia’s Skating

Ms Isit’s Grade 23A and Mrs. Cuccia’s Grade 3A class enjoyed some time at the arena this month.
On January 26th and February 2nd, the grade 4 – 8 students travelled to Horseshoe Valley resort for an elective program. 179 students participated in skiing, boarding and tubing activities. The weather was good, and we had excellent powder conditions on the slopes for the second day. The electives were a huge success. I would like to thank the staff for their help and support at Horseshoe, to the many parents who came along to enjoy the day, and to the community at large for continuing to support this important winter program. It is days like these that make winter a little more bearable and provide many of our students with a wonderful opportunity to learn a new winter activity. For those students who stayed back, they had 2 great days enjoying baking classes and arts and crafts. Thank you to those teachers that organized the program and provided a fun learning experience for our students.

Mr. John Tovey

Jump Rope for Heart Update

Nobleton PS learned about why it is important to take care of our health and how to do so. Each class participated in Jump Rope for Heart activities during the week of Valentine's Day. Nobleton PS also learned how we can help babies and kids take care of their health through the Heart&Stroke Foundation.

"Every seven minutes in Canada, heart disease or stroke takes another life. And another 1.6 million survivors are living with the effects of these devastating diseases. With your help, we’re that much closer to living lives free of heart disease and stroke."
Together, we raised over $2000 online! A Heart&Stroke Foundation representative will come to the school on February 28th to collect all the pledge forms; she will deliver all the prizes as soon as possible - we will let you know when they arrive and distribute them accordingly. The representative will also let us know which class raised the most money; the class who raised the most money will be given healthy snacks to eat while they watch a movie for one afternoon. You are all heart heroes Nobleton! Together, we have helped make tomorrow healthier.

**Please Keep Bringing in Milk Bags!**

Colton in Grade 4 and Jaden in Grade 3 are so excited to begin making milk beds soon! The milk beds will go to those in third world countries who do not have a bed. We will let you know when we will be making them; all families are welcome to join in and help! For now, please continue to bring in as many milk bags as you can. Help us reduce the waste and reuse the milk bags for a great cause! The more bags you bring in means we can make more milk beds, which means we will have more opportunities to help others. Let’s continue to work together to help make a difference Nobleton! Thank you!

**National Sweater Day**

Nobleton PS turned down the heat on Feb 1st in recognition of National Sweater Day.
Chess Tournament

Nobleton Public School Chess Team – 2017

Grade 1: Catalina C., Matteo L.
Grade 2: Deea B., Jordyn P., Mateo R.
Grade 3: Ethan B., William B., Aaron L.
Grade 4: Arsh B., Amy P., Avery T., Mariah T.
Grade 5: Olivia C., Amey K., Maureen S.
Grade 6: Jaiveer A., Alex C., Kenny D., Justin P.,
Grade 7: Kyle F., Katelin M., Justin O.
Grade 8: Matt H., Cameron R., Jayden T.

Congratulations to all members of the chess team who participated in the area tournament on Thursday February 23rd in Aurora. Everyone participated in some well fought matches. Matteo L., Catalina, Deea, Avery, Amey, Jaiveer, Justin P., Justin O., Kyle, Katelin, Jayden, and Matt. had top 10 finishes and Ethan placed 3rd in grade 3 and Kenny placed 3rd in grade 6. Congratulations!

Thank you to Mrs. Basic, Mrs. Bopari, Mr. Boyd, Mrs. Boyd, Mrs. Champion, Mr. Dihn, Mrs. Fogarty, Mr. Laconte, Mrs. Cindy Peelar, Mrs. Anne Peelar, Mrs. Rojas, Mrs. Templeman, Mrs. Tortolo and Noah Tortolo for driving and supporting the team throughout the tournament.

It was a great day.

Well done team!

Mr. Tovey

Arts Night April 27 2017

Nobleton Public School’s annual Arts Night will be held on Thursday, April 27, 2017. The doors will open at 5:30 p.m. for viewing of student art work, which will be on display in the halls. At 6:00 p.m. there will be performances by some of our classes on stage in the gym. Snacks will be on sale, with proceeds going towards the Grade 8 graduation and Grade 6 Lake St. George trip. Details about timing and performing groups will be shared closer to the performance day.
ARE YOU MOVING?

It's hard to believe but we are already planning for September 2017! If you are moving out of the area, it would be very helpful if you let the office know at 905-859-4590. This will assist us in appropriately predicting our class size and staffing requirements for the new academic year. Thank-you.

STUDENT PLACEMENT PROCESS 2017-2018

Our primary goal at Nobleton Public School is to develop balanced classes. A balanced class reflects the diversity of our community and allows the variety of interests and talents of our learners to emerge and be appreciated. Like your family, the class unit provides a balance of opportunities for a range of learners to succeed through appropriate challenges. The learner develops the feeling of belonging and the feeling that in a variety of ways he/she makes a noticed contribution. The family, the school and the community provide opportunities for children to socialize. Each new year brings opportunities to meet new friends and expand our circle of acquaintances. School becomes more comfortable and familiar and accordingly our potentials have great possibilities of realization. The following are the criteria we use to guide our placements:

**Balance of Ability, Interests and Talents**

All children are unique and different. The teacher’s task of providing meaningful learning programs is enhanced when classes are created to accommodate instructional groupings.

**Balanced According to Gender**

We attempt to balance the number of boys and girls to ensure many friendship opportunities.

**Learning Style**

How does the learner go about the process of learning? What kind of environment allows that style to be utilized effectively?

**Teaching Style**

How does a teacher go about the teaching/learning process? What type of learners might best flourish with this teacher?

**Social Blending**

What is the best cluster of individuals to effectively and efficiently learn? This should not be viewed as a grouping of friends. At particular stages, some close friends learn best in separate classes.
Parent Requests

A number of additional considerations are included in our decision making when creating classes. Regrettably, we are unable to accept specific teacher requests for the 2017-2018 year. Rather than suggesting a teacher, please indicate the learning style or classroom structure which would be most appropriate for your child. When teachers get together to create new class lists, we will use this information to help make our final decisions. **Should you have information to share with us, please send a letter to Mrs. Lue-Kim by May 1st.** The staff at Nobleton care deeply about student needs. Years of meeting the learning needs of children give them the unique qualifications to recommend placement decisions. It takes hours of discussion, reflection, revision and consideration of alternatives to arrive at the best organization for our school. Rest assured that the organization will include our best opportunities for student achievement.