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Message from our Trustee-Loralea Carruthers

We are now halfway through the school year. This is a good time to reflect on all that your child has learned and to look at setting goals for the rest of the school year.

Our Board believes that student well-being and achievement go hand-in-hand. One of our goals set out in the [Board of Trustees' Multi-Year Plan](#) is to "continuously increase student achievement and well-being through a culture of caring and learning."

The Ministry of Education has recently identified [four priorities for well-being](#): positive mental health, safe and accepting schools, healthy schools, and equity and inclusive education. As a Board of Trustees, we will continue to further work in all of these areas to support student well-being in line with these priorities.

There are many resources on the Board website to help support student well-being, including tips for [talking about mental health](#), [managing stress](#), [packing healthy lunches](#) and [addressing incidents of bullying](#).

Creating a healthy, safe and welcoming learning environment is key to helping our students reach their full potential. All of us have an important role to play in creating an environment that enables our students to thrive.

I wish you all the best for a healthy, happy and successful 2017.



Thank you to our EG Fire Department friends who visited us this past week!



Grade 4-5
Art proudly
displayed in
our
hallways.



Great to have our former Park Ave Students from Denison HS return to volunteer with our current students!

Important upcoming dates!

- Winter Electives Day Feb. 1st
- Grade 8 Grad photos Feb. 8th
- Winter Electives Day Feb. 9th
- School Council Mtg. Feb 9th

Sweater Day Thursday Feb. 2nd



ALL STUDENTS AND STAFF ARE ENCOURAGED TO WEAR SWEATERS (PULLOVERS, CARDIGANS, HOODIES, SWEATSHIRTS, SPORTS JERSEYS... anything you'd normally put on *over top* of another shirt or t-shirt to keep warm.)

Link for more info:

http://www.wwf.ca/events/sweater_day/

K - sweater colouring contest!

Gr. 1-3 - Sweater design contest!

→ **Primary contests:** One prize per class winner

Gr. 4-8 - most class participation (by %) wins a hot chocolate party at the end of the day on Sweater Day!

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This week at Park Ave

Mon. Jan. 30th Day 5	Optimism Assembly, 11:30 am Boys and Girls Club after school
Tues. Jan. 31st Day 1	Grade 3 Scientist in the Schools Boys and Girls Club after School SR. Girls BBall tournament @ Denison HS after school
Wed. Feb. 1st Day 2	Glee club, 7:30 am Winter Electives Day Sci in Schools for K classes (am-Jagoe, pm-Jeffers) SR. Boys BBall tournament @ Denison HS after school
Thurs. Feb. 2nd Day 3	National Sweater Day! Boys and Girls Club after School
Fri. Feb. 3rd Day 0	PA Day (no school for students)

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A Walk in the Park

Photos of the Week that was...



With the recent thaw, we've been able to clear most of our icy tarmac areas.



Correction... Our Jr. Coed Volleyball team. Players include, Ella, Aiden, Kyle, Jack, Colin, Steven, Abby, Ryan, MJ, Mackenzie, Lane, Avery, Callum, Luke, Maxie and Nathan. Student coaches include Abby, Paige, Katelyn and Emily.
Our apologies to Aiden for not mentioning his name in last week's post.

Community Corner

Parent / Guardian Survey Request reminder

In order to enhance student learning and support parent/community involvement, your School Council at Park Avenue Public School is attempting to host a series of evening information presentations concerning topics important to you.

Paper copies of this survey were already sent home. A copy has also been attached to this email for your convenience. We invite you to complete this short survey to our main office prior to January 31st, 2017. We thank you in advance for your support.

Thank you to all parents and guardians who have already returned your completed surveys! Much appreciated!

Parent's Night Out



Parents /Guardians-celebrate Valentine's Day early! Our Grade 8s and their teachers are organizing a fundraising event to look after your child(ren) on Feb. 13th (pizza, organized games, crafts, , movie so you can enjoy a 'date' night. Please see the attached for more details.



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