

Principal's Report - February, 2016

Musical

We have been working on a major Musical production entitled Rats for the last two months. A tremendous amount of time and effort has gone into this endeavor and it has been a wonderful experience for all of the children in our school. I would like to thank our staff and the many parents who are working so hard to make this show possible and a special thank you to Mrs. Hamilton who is coordinating this complex event.

We realize how important attending a performance is for parents, family and friends. However, we are concerned that we will not be able to safely accommodate all of those who wish to attend the evening performance! Therefore, there will be **a limit of two tickets per family for the evening performance.** Fire regulations place a limit on the number of people we can have in the gym at any given time. Students and staff alone number well over two hundred and we estimate that two tickets per family will produce an audience of close to three hundred. This brings the total number of people in the gym to between five and six hundred. Therefore, we ask families to consider attending either the open dress rehearsal that will take place at 1:00 on Tuesday, March 8 or the afternoon performance that will take place on Thursday, March 10 at 1:00.

To allow us to prepare for these performances we ask all families to indicate on the form that was sent home with students on Tuesday, which performance they will be attending, and to return this form to their child's teacher as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, March 4th.

Staffing Changes

I would like to formally welcome four new members to the Prospect staff. Eric Fine joined us earlier in the year and is working as a learning assistance teacher, Heather Afford is co-teaching Mrs. Collett's grade one/two class, Deryck Ball is our new teacher librarian as Mrs. Bourdon is now on maternity leave and Cori Dusmann is a new educational assistant.

New Curriculum Framework

On Friday, February 12, the entire staff of Prospect attended an all day workshop that focused on the the new provincial curriculum framework. Friday is one of four days granted by the Provincial Government for teachers to work together on this task. It was an extremely informative and productive day.

Open House

Our Open House took place on Thursday, February 18th, and was a great success. It was nice to see so many families circulate throughout the school and visit their children's classroom.

School Parking Lot

Please remember to drive slowly and cautiously in our parking lot. Also, pull as far along the Drop Off Lane as possible when dropping off your children in the morning. Stopping just inside the entrance to drop off creates an unnecessary back-up of traffic onto Prospect Lake Road. Children should leave the car by the door closest to the school rather than on the side where traffic is passing by.

Reading Club

A number of children are now participating in the before and after school Reading Club at Prospect Lake Elementary. These sessions involve students in a variety of reading activities prepared by their teachers, and implemented by Mrs. Sundby, one of our Educational Assistants.

Foundation Skills Assessment

Our grade four students recently a series of Provincial Assessments this month. This assessment is a snapshot in time which gives some information about how students are doing in Reading, Writing and Numeracy. It is important to remember that this is just a snapshot and doesn't necessarily give the entire picture of how students are progressing in all portions of their academic program

Pink Shirt Day

On Wednesday, Feb. 25th students and staff are encouraged to dress up in pink to highlight Anti-Bullying Day across the province. At Prospect we think that everyday is an Anti-Bullying Day and staff work together to encourage students to be respectful of each other.

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