

Principal's report Sept 2017

Welcome to the new school year. Welcome to returning families and to new ones. I am very excited to be apart of this great school. It has been a smooth start up with the support of the parent community, our teaching and support staff, custodians and grounds crew who have worked tirelessly to get our school ready for the new year.

Enrolment 231

3 new classrooms, portable site is prepped and awaiting delivery

Classroom in former computer lab will move into portable and then become Learning Services room

56 kindergarteners

Learning spaces – Atrium

One small room for 5 Itinerant district staff during the week (counsellor, psychologist, ELL, OT/PT, Speech)

Very tight on space and storage but making it work

Staffing

- **Summer Prod Aug 31** -A productive day meeting new staff, planning for school writing goal and collaboration around Prospect Lake Beliefs – Look after ourselves, Look after each other, Look after this place
- **VP posting**
Our School Board approved a Vice -Principal and will announce the appointment this Thursday following the board meeting.
- **New staff** : Return of Ms. Rashleigh(Gr. 4), Mrs. Daniel (Gr1/2, Prep, VP back fill), Mrs. George (Gr1/2, Music), Mrs. Mara Fedrigo our counsellor for our school

Technology

With the change in rooms, we are working towards a mobile computer lab that moves into classrooms or atrium space. Currently we have 30 Chrome books for inquiry/research/google apps for education. (15 were donated for the pilot project Mrs. Evans participate) . School spent \$4,002 on 15 chrome books last year and \$2,000 on a tech tub. We need to plan to stay current on technology as it is a great tool for learning. Students have guided support on how to analyze info and use on-line programs safely and effectively.

Ratio for student population would include 70 chrome books and 25 IPAD. Both have separate benefits from each other.

District Pricing:

I pad \$429 + licence fee and taxes= \$500

tech tub \$2,000

Chrome books \$207.00 + 35.00 for the licence and taxes = \$266.84

School is prioritizing money to purchase 30 more chrome books this year. Waiting for final budget.

Student Learning Grant

Approximately \$7, 586 and will be finalize in October

Consultation regarding spending

Recommending to put this toward class set of I Pads- this could be 15 I Pads

looking at ways to fund additional 10

4/5 Leadership

- Collaboration with teachers and Power to Be- Looking at ways to collaborate throughout the year either on our site or their site to build leadership skills. Their site is on the former Prospect Lake Golf course and could be a great opportunity to build a partnership with a community based outdoor program
- In school leadership opportunities - lunch monitoring, Green Team, kindergarten walkers, bus leaders, equipment sign out monitoring, being positive role models
- End of year 1 day trip to Camp Thunderbird for grade 5 celebration

Thank you for PACsupport: Appreciation for supporting families in need and support for activities and resources for the year. New teachers have appreciated extra \$200 to set up their new classrooms.

- **Goldstream** – would like to continue with this and we are waiting to hear available dates
- **Skating** – Mrs. Lail is looking into booking dates
- **Performance** Gill Chatter for Performance in December
- **Arts Start** Has been requested and waiting for confirmation on dates

Upcoming events

Sept 18 Author Visit

Sept 21 Corn Roast/Open House 5:00- 6:30

Sept 29 Terry Fox Run

Oct 3,4,5 Early Dismissal 1:46 for Parent- teacher interviews

Oct 11 Kindergarten Bus safety

Oct 18 Ready Set Learn – preschooler to visit

Oct 20 Non instructional day

Oct 23 Photo day