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MARCH 2018

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

March is here and we are hoping that Spring is around the corner. I know we are all looking forward to sunny days and warm weather. The Silver Birch Book Club started for interested junior students and Blue Spruce Reading Club is ongoing for our students in JK/SK, Grade 1 through Grade 3. Of course, we have our March Break as well this month. The school will be closed March 12th-16th for the break. Enjoy the time with your children. We look forward to our Dance-a-thon event on Friday, March 9th to raise funds for phys-ed equipment and as a fun way to dance our way to March Break. Have a happy St. Patrick's Day on the 17th.

Mrs. Tulloch

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

We are very proud of the following Victoria students who have been recognized as Students of the Month for their outstanding contribution to the positive atmosphere at Victoria School.

For the Month of January:

- Mya G. -for being cooperative, helpful and a strong student
- Anthony P. -for his great enthusiasm and positive attitude

GO WILDCATS !!

- Jayden W. -for being a strong leader who is kind, considerate and helpful to others

For the Month of February:

- Jayce M. -for being a good role model and all around good citizen
- Daniel R. -for being a strong leader, helpful and a good friend
- Cole B. -for being a good citizen and taking initiative with our school wide healthy living initiative
- Eric L. -for being responsible and helpful particularly toward our younger students

GOOD NEWS ASSEMBLY

At our January Good News Assembly, the following students were recognized for their contributions to their classes and the school:

In JK/SK:

- Peyton C.
- Lillian M.
- William N.

In Grade 1/ 2/3

- Lily S.
- Tami R.
- Evan S.
- Grayson. R.
- Kristabella V.
- Molly N.

In Grade 4/5:

Ryan R.	Brandon K.
Makenna S.	Jayden V.
Kendra K.	Kole S.
Jessica B.	Eris. P.

In Grade 5/6:

Brooklyn P.	Mary Jane N.
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At our February Good News Assembly the following students were recognized for their contributions to their classes and the school:

In JK/SK

Julian W.	Peyton C.
Karson S.	Carter N.

In Gr. 1/2/3

Mateo M.	Gabriel R.
Hudson J.	

In Gr. 3/4

Branden K.	Xavier K.
Dillon V.	Ellie S.

In Gr. 5/6

Cole B.	Vanin J.
Souriya Z.	

We will continue to recognize the great work and attitudes of our students at future assemblies. Our next Good News Assembly will be on Thursday, March 29, at 2:30 p.m.

DANCE-A-THON

Victoria is having a Dance-a-Thon on Friday, March 9th, from 12:50 p.m. to 2:50 p.m. Our theme is "Fun in the Sun!". We have a Dance-a-Thon as a fun way to dance our way into the March Break and to raise funds for phys-ed equipment. Let's pledge for our school.

Are Veggie Chips and Fruit Gummies Replacing REAL Vegetables and Fruits in your child's diet?????

Do you like being fooled ... tricked ... taken? Snacks such as Fruit Roll-ups®, Fruit Snacks®, Fruit by the Foot® and Veggie Chips® are candy or chips in disguise. They do not contain any of the goodness of vegetables and fruit and instead are high in sugar, fat, salt, artificial flavours, colours, and preservatives. They are missing important nutrients and fibre that are vital for good health and protection from disease. These snacks are not as satisfying and nutritious as vegetables and fruit, which mean that they are often eaten in greater quantities. Don't be fooled by fancy packaging with pictures of vegetables and fruit and words such as real fruit or a serving of vegetables on the label. Know what you are eating. Enjoy eating whole vegetables and fruits everyday to get all the health benefits they offer.

Source: Brightbites.ca (<https://brightbites.ca/newsletter-inserts-V>)

DREAMBOX UPDATE

Here is a quick and easy way to log in to Dreambox to help with math skill development. Just search "victoriadsbn" on google and our school website will pop up. Then, click on the Dreambox button and you're in!! Just 20 minutes 3 times a week can increase math scores significantly.

JK/SK REGISTRATION

Please remember that you can still register your child for Junior Kindergarten. Forms are available in the office. We require a copy of the Birth Certificate, Health Card and Proof of Immunization. If you know of a child in your neighbourhood who is eligible please inform them. (children must be

4 years old by December 31, 2018 for Junior Kindergarten or 5 years old by December 31, 2018 for Senior Kindergarten).

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our School Council works very hard on your behalf to supplement school resources, co-ordinate extra-curricular events and learn about new initiatives that are happening at the board and school level. The next meeting is on Tuesday, April 19th, at 6:00 p.m. in the staff room. Everyone welcome!

MORNING SUPERVISION

Supervision on the playground begins at 8:30 a.m. each morning. Students are not to arrive before 8:30 a.m. Upon arrival, students should proceed directly to the rear of the school with the permission of the teacher on duty. Thank you for dropping your children off after 8:30 to promote safety. If parents need to enter the school at any time of the day they to use the front entrance and check in the office.

THANK YOU STAPLES!!!

Earlier last month, the General Manager of Staples on Morrison Street, Carmen Sartarelli visited us to let us know that Victoria School was chosen to benefit from their "Staples for Students" Drive.

Through this program, Victoria School received a very generous donation of \$525.00.

A huge "THANK YOU" to the wonderful people at Staples – Mr. Salterelli and his team –for helping to make a difference in the education of our students. We all feel very fortunate to have such a supportive partner in Staples.

STUDENT SAFETY

Please be aware that only students should arrive and depart through our Primary Doors. These doors are locked after students enter and remain locked during the day for the safety of our students. Parents visiting the school should enter through our main front entrance and report to the office upon entry.

At Victoria, our rules are in place to ensure the safety of our students. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

EMERGENCY DRILLS

As part of our school routines, we hold a number of emergency drills throughout the year. These include fire drills and lockdown drills. A lockdown drill has been scheduled for sometime this month. Procedures for the drill will be reviewed with all students.

IMMUNIZATIONS

Immunization begins in early infancy and continues throughout life. Your child will receive the majority of his or her immunizations between the ages of two months and six years of age.

Please take a moment to check your child's Immunization Record (yellow card) to be sure his or her immunizations are up-to-date. Immunizations work best when given on time.

For more information on childhood immunization, including the immunization schedule, speak with your doctor or visit www.health.gov.on.ca.

If you have further questions, please call the Vaccine Preventable Disease Program at Niagara Region Public Health at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6075 ext 7425 to speak to a public health nurse.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Remember to check the batteries in your smoke detectors this weekend as we turn our clocks ahead for Daylight Savings time on Sunday, March 11, 2018.

BINGO

A huge thank you to those parents who have signed up to help at our school's bingos. Bingo raises approximately \$5,000 for our school each year and has paid for or supplemented many school trips, equipment and supplies which in turn, is a cost benefit to parents.

If we don't have at least 2 people to help at each Bingo, we will lose this source of funds for the school. Many schools do not have the benefit of having bingo to assist with their finances. It is a small commitment of your time that makes an invaluable difference to the school life for our students.

Among the items that Bingo has helped pay for our school agendas, playground activity equipment, library books, bussing costs and field trip costs.

A heartfelt thank you to the following parents who are helping out this year: Cindy Poulouski, Nicole Rees, Sarah Bishop, Dino Allegro, Christine Zabal, Karla Oritz, Mary Vachon and Charlotte Powell.

