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Principal's Message

It's hard to believe that we only have a few weeks remaining in 2018 - the years just seem to go faster and faster! The students and staff at Byron Somerset continue to be busy in the classrooms, as there is still a great deal of work to 'wrap up' ☺ before the holiday season begins! As well, congratulations to both the boys' and girls' Volleyball teams as they recently completed their season! Thank you to our coaches Mr. Thomson and Mrs. Fleming for all their enthusiasm and time. The Grade 7&8 Basketball season will begin in January!

On Tuesday, December 18th, Byron Somerset students, led by Mr. Lee, will be hosting our Holiday concert at 1:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Please be sure to come out for this special performance of holiday music!! As always, you will not be disappointed!!

Has your child lost an article of clothing these past several months?? If so, our custodians will be putting ALL 'Lost & Found' articles on display across from the lunch room during the week of December 10th. Please check out the display and claim what's yours. All remaining clothing will be shipped to Goodwill before the holidays begin.

If you or an adult you know, is interested in becoming a paid Noon Hour Supervisor for our students, please contact the school office for details. All applicants must have a recent Criminal Background Check (obtained within the last 4 months) and meet the requirements provided within the TVDSB application package. Names of all interested individuals will be considered and kept on file for future opportunities, both for regular and alternate positions.

Once again, I would like to wish each of you a wonderful holiday season with friends and loved ones. All the best in 2019!

J. Pratt
Principal

November Award Winners

Grade	Somerset Star	Mathematicians
Mrs. Brosnan's Gr K2/G1 Class	Aya S.	Charlotte B. Madden P.
Mrs. Singer's Gr ½ Class	Reid L.	Olivia B. Eric H.
Mrs. Fleming's Gr ½ Class	Taylor D.	Cole B. Luciana I.
Mrs. Heyland's Gr 2 Class	Eva K.	Kirk H. Ally K.
Mrs. Varey's Gr 3 Class	Daniel F.	Nesya R. Knoxten S.
Mrs. Armeniakov Gr ¾ Class	Ericka J.	Laura N. Lukas T.
Mr. Bogart's / Mr. Thomson's Gr 4 Class	Nico I.	Connie H. Tristan M.
Ms. Pasko's Gr 5 Class	Matthew Z.	Aiden H. Luke L.
Ms. Kieken's Grade 5/6 Class	Evelyn J.	Mason F. Maya S.
Mr. Dawson's Grade 6 Class	Jack C.	Marcus B. Aidan H.
Miss Desrochers' Grade 7 Class	Morganna Y.	McKenna G. Mitchell Z.
Mrs. Russell's Grade 8 Class	Ali O.	Malcolm G. Olivia P.



United Way

Through hat day, staff events, etc., we were able to raise \$699.65 to donate to the United Way. Thank you for your support!



Christmas Toy Drive

Many thanks to all the families who contributed to our Toy Drive this year. The toys are being donated to the Salvation Army's Christmas Hamper Program. Thank you for your generosity and kindness at this special time of year!

Mrs. Singer and Ms. Kiekens

Parent Council

Parent council would like to remind you of our donation campaign to raise funds for classroom technology and equipment for gym classes.

If you'd rather a 'cut a cheque' than sell 'stuff', now's your chance! 😊 Please send your donation in your child's planner or drop off at the office. Thank you for your continued support!

Let's hit our target of \$5000!

Student Council News

Thank you to all who supported the Hat and Mitten Drive for Anova. We were able to collect and donate 8 boxes of hats and mittens. The people at Anova were so grateful and wanted to say a big Thank You to the Byron Somerset Community. As the festive season is upon us, the Student Council would like to celebrate with festive Fridays. Each Friday in December will have a spirit day. On Friday, December 7th, we will have festive sock day. On Friday, December 14, it will be red/green day or Christmas sweater day and on Friday, December 21, it will be festive hat day. Come on Somerset and show your holiday spirit!



Boys' Volleyball Team Wins!

The Grade 7/8 Boys' Volleyball Team had a very successful year! After finishing the regular season with only two losses, the boys started their playoff run on November 21 with the West Regional pool play. The boys tied for first in their pool, and then qualified for the regional final after defeating Mountsfield in the semi-final. On November 27, the boys played a terrific final against Sherwood Fox, and settled for the silver medal. They then qualified for the Thames Valley Championships by defeating Kensal Park in the regional wild card game.

On Friday, November 30, then boys played in the TVDSB 'A' Championships at Glen Cairn P.S. The boys faced tough teams and had close games all day. After defeating Adelaide-MacDonald in the semi-final, the boys faced off against a very tall, talented, and undefeated team from Roch Carrier. The boys rose to the challenge, played their best volleyball of the year, and won the TVDSB Championship 25-17, 21-25, 16-14 in a thrilling final that featured spectacular volleyball. Mr. Thomson would like to thank all the boys for their hard work and heart throughout the season, and would also like to thank the parents for driving to games and supporting the team. Way to go boys! Your character and determination made for a great season!

Team Members: Simon B., Grant C., Camden S., Adam, M., Malcolm G., Owen B., Shamim N., Zack M., Mitchell Z., Peter P., Caden S., Ryan R., Tyson S., Colton O., Coaches: Mr. Thomson, Mr. Weber.



Girls' Volleyball Update

The Senior Girls' Volleyball team had a great season. They won all but two of our regular season games. This placed us second in the West Region for playoffs. During the West Regional playoffs, the team won all of their games except for the Finals. The girls were awarded the silver medal for their efforts. The girls also played in a fun and a competitive tournament this season. The players really improved over the two month season and I hope that some will continue to play the sport next year. Thank you, Rowan, Isabelle, Kyenna, Erin, Olivia, Amanda, McKenna, Rachel, Maya, Bella, Jenna, Hillary, Morgana, Shannon and Gaby for a fun season. Mrs. Fleming

Introduction of New Support for Grade 8 Students

We are excited to announce new support for Grade Eight students as they transition to secondary schools. Research indicates that cross panel collaboration around transitions can increase graduation rates by sixteen percent.

The Thames Valley DSB Board of Trustees approved allocation of new staff at the Board meeting on April 24, 2018. This allocation was to ensure that every TVDSB Elementary School was to have at least one Guidance Lead Teacher to help Grade Eight students to make successful transitions to secondary schools. This targeted investment in senior elementary students will support teachers to:


- * prepare students for their academic transition to high school,
- * engage students in experiential learning that provides exposure to role models and positive examples of a diversity of careers, and
- * encourage high expectations for all students and facilitate exploration of all pathways options.

In order to support students' transitions, Elementary Guidance Lead Teachers will create a Student Learning Individual Profile (SLIP) for each grade eight student informed by the student's: academic data, myBlueprint Info, Student Reflections on Experiential Learning, and input from the student's teachers.

As in the past, students will continue to use myBlueprint to complete their Individual Pathways Plan, and to submit courses for TVDSB secondary school registration. Individual Education Plans created in elementary schools will transition electronically to the TVDSB secondary school in which your child registers.

We love having parents/guardians as partners so please ask your child about conversations they have had about transition planning. Should you have any questions about the support we are providing, please contact your child's Elementary Guidance Lead, or Administration.

December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3 Day 1	4 Day 2	5 Day 3 Gr 1/2 & 2 Classes to Lambton Heritage Museum	6 Day 4 Pizza Day 	7 Day 5 Festive Sock Day 	8
9	10 Day 6 School Council 6:30 pm	11 Day 7 Snack Day 	12 Day 8 K1K2 & K2/Gr1 Classes to Fanshawe Pioneer Village 11:15 am – 2:00 pm	13 Day 9	14 Day 10 Festive Sweater Day 	15
16	17 Day 1 Pizza Vera Hot Lunch	18 Day 2 Winter Concert 1:00 pm & 6:30 pm 	19 Day 3 Gr 3 & 3/4 Classes to Museum London Kindergarten Holiday Performance 11:00 am	20 Day 4 Pizza Day 	21 Day 5 Festive Hat Day  Gr 5-8 Skating 11:30 am-2:00 pm	22
23 Christmas Break through to January 4th	24	25 	26	27	28	29
30	31	Upcoming Events in January: 7 th – Return to School 10 th – Pizza Day 17 th – Snack Day 18 th – PA Day 24 th – Pizza Day 31 st – Pizza Vera Hot Lunch				