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Principal's Message

WE'RE BACK!!!

We are super excited to see your kids again – finally!

So, I'm thinking that Groundhog Day should take on a whole new concept this year . . . perhaps, instead of an early Spring if the groundhog doesn't see his shadow, maybe we can substitute that for a quicker end to Covid! I'm sure I speak for all of us when I say, I'm done with Covid!! I'm sick of it, my staff is sick of it and my family is sick of it. However, the light is beginning to shine brighter on what will hopefully be the end of it – or at least enough of an end of it, to resume some normal activities, like attending in-person school!

Speaking of which – away we go on Monday! Wow, did I ever miss your kids this past month. I tried my best to jump into a few virtual classrooms each day, just to see their faces, but nothing beats the real thing!!

Hopefully, if we ALL do our part, we will finally be done with any future prolonged school interruptions. However, in saying that I want to personally thank both you our parents, for all your assistance during FRL (Full Remote Learning) and my incredible staff, for the amazing job they did this past month. As I'm sure you are aware and can appreciate, it was no easy feat to switch from IPL to FRL and do it so well!!!

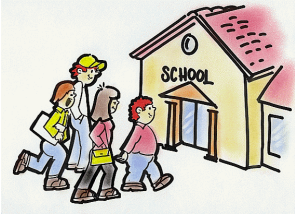
With our return to school, we have a few reminders and updates to share. First off...Masks. As you are well aware, mask protocols are a critical layer of protection in the fight against Covid. To that end students and staff will need to continue to wear masks at all times when inside the school and will now be required to wear masks outside as well when physical distancing cannot be maintained. With the weather being what it is today I believe it would be wise to send your child to school with multiple masks in the event that one of theirs becomes soiled, wet or frozen LOL. Parents are an incredibly important role model for their children, so I am also asking that you help our efforts to keep everyone safe by also wearing a mask when you are dropping off or picking up your child. Further, I ask that you avoid congregating as much as possible during drop off and pick-up times, so that we can better maintain social distancing.

In the event that you borrowed technology from the school we are **not** looking for you to return these devices at this time. However, we are encouraging students to bring this device to school, each day for In-Person Learning so that this device can be used by the student while in class. It is not be shared with other students.

Lastly, we would just like to remind families to please send their children with indoor shoes (to help our hard-working custodial staff) and a water bottle - gotta stay hydrated!

Report Cards will be sent home, Friday February 12th.

Kindest regards,
J. Pratt



EARLY YEARS REGISTRATION FOR IN-AREA STUDENTS

2021/2022

To establish enrolment numbers and facilitate class organization and staffing allocations, it is very important that parents register JK or SK age children by **February 5th**. Parents/Guardians may pre-register their child online via TVDSB's website **prior** to emailing the school to show their proof of address and

their child's proof of birthdate **TVDSB – Parents – Kindergarten Program**

Eligibility Requirements for September 2021:

- Your child must be four years old by December 31, 2021, for Junior Kindergarten enrolment.
- Your child must be five years old by December 31, 2021, for Senior Kindergarten enrolment.

When registering your child, you must produce proof of age (birth or baptismal certificate, registration of birth, or passport) as well as proof of address.



A sincere thank you to all the families who have participated in the recent school council fundraising initiatives. You are helping provide vital technology and classroom/schoolyard needs. The below programs will continue as our usual in-school activities are on-hold:

- Mark your calendar for a **Pizza Night on Wednesday, February 24th**. Byron Pizza Adopt-a-School night - Order a family meal and part of your purchase goes to Somerset.
- **Cash Donations:** If you're still interested, send a cheque (made out to Byron Somerset) via mail or drop at the main office (ring the doorbell during school hours), in a sealed envelope labelled 'Attention: Parent Donations'
- **Earn cash-back** when you shop online and purchase e-gift cards - Just [click here](#) and start shopping at **Sobeys, Loblaws, Walmart, Etsy, Amazon, Indigo, Esso, Gap etc**, (if prompted for a join code, enter this **WGRL2T**).

Thank you for your support, and please don't hesitate to share your thoughts with us here, sc-byronsomerset@tvpic.ca.

Kindest regards,
School Council