



# BYRON SOMERSET PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## Newsletter #5

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### Principal's Message

February has certainly flown by, despite Provincial Covid-19 restrictions and lock down measures. Despite **March Break, being moved to the week of April 12<sup>th</sup>**, I always look forward to March, knowing that better weather is on the way. This year, even more so!!

Thank you to all our families and your amazing children for continuing to do such a good job adhering to safety protocols. Covid protocol fatigue is no doubt becoming more of a challenge for all of us as we near the end of our first year living with this new reality, but it is so important to stay the course. Wearing a mask remains the best defense against this virus as well as the variants that are now among us. Your kids are doing a great job! Additionally, thank you to all of our parents who wear a mask on our playground when dropping off, or picking up your child(ren). This practice is certainly noticed and encouraged by TVDSB Senior Administration and the MLHU. Your example not only serves as a great model for your children, but also adds another layer of protection to our school community. Seeing ALL adults on our school yard wearing a mask, makes everyone feel that much safer. Thank you!

On a personal note, if you have noticed my absence in the morning at drop off time in the parking lot, it's because I had a wee bit of a fall a couple weeks ago on some ice. My ankle took the worst of it and I have some work limitations to now adhere to, including staying off the school yard until it heals. In the interim, please continue to follow our parking lot courtesies of NOT stopping by the dumpsters to park or let out your kids. When one vehicle does this, others are sure to follow and then I have an issue that impacts everyone. Please keep your vehicle moving and ONLY drop off your child(ren) at our designated 'kiss and ride' zone, by the green turtles. It is greatly appreciated by everyone.

I hope this new month finds you all well!

Kindest regards,  
J. Pratt



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:

- **Cash Donations:** If you're still interested, send a cheque (made out to Byron Somerset) with your child 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](mailto:sc-byronsomerset@tvpic.ca).

Kindest regards,  
School Council