



March 2023 Newsletter



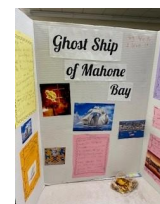
PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Will March come in like a lion or lamb?? The weather has been very unpredictable and we encourage parents to send lots of options for all conditions. Fresh air and play is an important part of the day and we will continue to venture outside for the break. We do remain indoors when the wind chill is severe, but hope that those days are behind us. This newsletter finds us at the brink of the third term and teachers are busy look-

ing over assessment results to ensure that each student's grade represents their level of achievement through the second term. Teachers are currently engaging in math and literacy assessments on a one on one basis with students. Assessment day will be on March 20th this year with students remaining home for one more day of the March Break. Report cards will be going home the last week of March with Parent Teacher interviews on the 30th. This is a great time to connect with teachers and ask questions that may be important to your child's success in the third term.

Heritage Fair

Our third floor students took on a new endeavor this February learning about their own heritage or Canadian content. This was challenging for many; being our first time researching but has been a great learning experience! The students selected many amazing topics and it was fascinating to learn about all of our Canadian Connections. Projects like Heritage Fair teach students important research and presentation skills that will carry them through their learning and work years.



SCHOOL SUCCESS PLANNING

We have taken a shift in focus last term to computational fluency in Math. Teachers have been using new techniques for assessing student's numeric sense and computational thinking in adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing. Parents can continue to practice number sense through games at home. Encourage your child to know many ways to represent numbers (10 is 4 and 6, 2 and 8, 3 and 7 etc). This goes beyond memorization because it enables students to see that there are many ways to represent and solve problems. Talk about ways you might solve problems differently.

Literacy continues to be a priority and students are encouraged to read at home every day (15-30 minutes). Find ways to write things down in lists, notes and messaging to build vocabulary. Reading and speaking are the best ways to build vocabulary that will help your child navigate the ever changing world. Step outside of regular words like 'good' and 'nice' and experiment with more descriptive and animated words when speaking.

Our Well Being goal looks at students' ability to self monitor and regulate themselves so that they can develop safe and helping relationships when at school and out in the community. Our monthly themes and daily circles provide opportunities for students to share in a values system that promotes positive self image and caring towards others. Last month we paused and asked students to complete a well being survey asking about the feeling of safety and friendship when they are at school.

CARING SCHOOLS



The theme for March is **Perseverance**. This value is the ability to have continued effort or achieve something despite difficulties, failure, or opposition. If at first you don't succeed, try and try again. That's showing perseverance!

Here is a short clip from Finding Nemo that teachers might share with students to ignite a conversation... <https://youtube.com/iRQytOBTN8>

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION (PTA)

The PTA has 2 upcoming events to share with families:

PTA Presents ... Candle Canteen

The PTA has extra canteen items from the dance. We will be offering a canteen on Friday, March 10th, 2023, to sell off the extra supplies.

We have chips that are \$1 a bag and fruit gummies and Rice Krispies that are 2/\$1.

Please send exact change.

****Reminder, profits from PTA events go directly to funding school supplies and activities for the students of CPES.****



SPIRIT WEEK

We are building school spirit before the march break. Each day we will have a theme to kick off the break. Let's have some fun and get creative!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sports Spectacular Day Wear your favorite sports attire or jersey	PJ Day Wear your comfy jammies and a favorite stuffy	Favorite Color Day Wear your favorite color or any color combination that makes you happy. It's St Patrick's Day so your color may be Green!	Candle Park Pride Day Wear blue, gray and White or your best Candle Park Swag	Collaborative Class Day Each class will think up their own theme to dress in. Prize goes out to the class with the highest participation!

Chess Club

Thank you to retired principal, Peter Balcom for inspiring our students to play chess. This week we had playoffs and Kyle (Grade 5) and Gracin (Grade 3) competed against each other. Congratulations to both competitors for your thought and excellent game play!



Kyle Wins!

Getting Ready for Fall

Parents and guardians with school age children who will be joining us at Caudle Park in Primary this fall are encouraged to register online to begin the process. The documents needed are a birth certificate, health card and a proof of residence in our catchment area. If you have questions about the process or know someone who is unsure of their home school, please call our office. Families who live outside of the Caudle School boundaries and wish for their child to be enrolled at the school for the upcoming school year must register in their neighborhood school and complete the Out-Of-Area Request form. Parents can choose to deliver the completed Out-of-Area request form to the receiving school or complete the online option. Decisions regarding Out-of-Area requests will be communicated the last week of school in June and are made at the discretion of the receiving principal.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to the Parent Navigator, Natasha Horne, at 902-464-2000 ext. 4361

End of Year trip

We are in the process of planning an end of year day trip to Bayside Camp in Ketch Harbour on June 1st. Students will have outdoor fun with games, archery, wilderness skills and picnicking. Day trips can happen with enough chaperones. If you might be available or interested in joining us, you will need to have your police records and child abuse registry checks. Here are the links that you need to get the process started:



PRC: <http://www.backcheck.net/halifax> or [BackCheck](#)

CAR: [Apply for a Child Abuse Register search - Government of Nova Scotia.](#)

