

**Happy Friday, Phillips,**

**The sun is shining and we are getting glimpses of the promise of spring. This does give us excitement about outdoor activities and warmer weather!**

**Kindergarten:**

- **Registration - please do remind anyone in the community who has JK aged kids to register as soon as possible for school!**
- **Great Beginnings - This will take place on May 15, 2025. From 5:00 - 5:30 pm, student leaders will give tours of classrooms and school spaces. This will be especially helpful to families new to our building. At 5:30 pm, the formal part of the evening will begin in the gym. Information will be given and opportunities for kids to participate in activities and parents/caregivers to ask questions and meet staff. The evening will end at 6:30 pm.**

**Food Drive: The SCC (Phillips Cares) are sponsoring a food drive starting next week. Please see the flyer for details:**[1000011776.png](#)

**Also remember that our school has a food pantry and any families who are in need of food can stop by for a bag of groceries!** [1000011785.png](#)

**We need your help: Today, a local teen (who is clearly not emotionally well) was walking on the sidewalk (off property) by our field area during afternoon recess. This is the same teen who was around before, so he was recognized. As a precaution, Mr. Demmerling asked all our students to move away from the field and to the pavement area, but many did not listen and tried to engage with the young man, moving right up against the fence and making comments. The teen had, at this point, been doing nothing wrong. The teen showed signs of agitation so Mr. Demmerling had the bell rung 2 minutes early to clear the yard and get our students to leave the area in case of any further escalation. Several students argued with Mr. D about why they needed to leave the area. This is not typical of our students, so we ask for your help: if you have children in grades 4-8, please remind them of the dangers of engaging with those they do not know and to follow directions for safety. Our school yard, especially the field area, has strangers that walk by. Sometimes they are not well. This teen is known by some of our students, and still there was no sensitivity shown by a few of our students. The teen did leave when asked by Mr. D (he did nothing to harm anyone), and a call was made to police to follow up and ask him to stay away. Mr. D then went to speak with specific students and classes. We can also do our part to keep ourselves safe and to not engage with people through the fence. Thanks for your help and conversations with your kids.**

**Entering the building - please remember that the only parents who are permitted to enter the building before school (and before 8:35am) are parents dropping off their children at childcare. Please do not enter to hang up your child's belongings. Your children can put their bags near their door while they wait for the bell. Thanks for your help with this.**

**Indoor shoes and water bottles - please make sure your kids have both of these every day. With all the mud outside, we have a whole lot being tracked in. A change of shoes is a must.**

**Our SCC will be meeting at 6:30 pm in the library on Monday. All are welcome!**

**April:**

**7 Staff Meeting; SCC 6:30 pm**

**14 Centenary Meeting 6:00 pm**

**17 Grade 4s to Duffin's Creek**

**18 - 21 Easter weekend (no school Friday or Monday)**

**22 - SK and Grade 8 Graduation photo retakes; School Climate Survey opens for families**

**29-30 Wrestling 9-3**

**30 Tuck Shop**

**May:**

**8 Spring Concert 6:30 pm**

**15 Great Beginnings (Kindergarten orientation)**

**26 Band to Wonderland (changed from the 16th)**

**27-29 Grade 3 EQAO**

**31 Centenary celebration at Phillips 1-5pm**

**June:**

**3-5 Grade 6 EQAO**

**19 Grade 8 Graduation**

**Have a wonderful weekend!**

**C. Mackey and J. Demmerling**