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Cosburn Home and School Needs You!

Our Cosburn Home and School Association is in need of new leadership and volunteers or it is at risk of permanently discontinuing. Currently there are no members that have expressed interest in leading this important and supportive association at Cosburn. The Home and School Association helps fundraise for enrichment opportunities for our kids, plans and organizes the Grade 8 Graduation, supports our amazing teaching staff and more. If you are interested in getting involved, or just being a member, you need to join the Home and School Association and attend the next School Council meeting on February 24. Interested parents are also asked to contact Mr. Finkelstein (david.finkelstein@tdsb.on.ca). Please help us to spread the word!

For more information, please review the other attachments on this email or check the school website.

Upcoming Events

- Feb 3rd—Intensive Extended French Program Information Night (for incoming Gr 6s)
 - Feb 3rd—Winter Walk Day
- Feb. 9th—Term 1 Report Cards sent home
- Feb. 11th—Parent Teacher Interviews (Evening)
- Feb. 12th—PA Day & Parent Teacher Interviews (Morning)
 - Feb. 15—Family Day—No School
 - Feb. 16—Grade 8 Grad Photos
- March 3rd—Winter Activity Day (Parent Volunteers Needed!)

Greetings from the Library,

Thanks to all students who continue to volunteer in the library in your free time, your efforts are much appreciated.

We shared a fantastic potluck celebration during the month of December, the food was outstanding. Thank you to both students and parents who contributed.

This month, the Grade 6's and some 7's were entertained by author Jeff Norton. He is responsible for The Metawars series and the Memoirs of A Neurotic Zombie series. He shared his story of being a reluctant reader during middle school which was both entertaining and encouraging.

Reminder:

Red Maple and Silver Birch Readers need to have completed 5/10 books in a category in order to vote on April 01, and to attend the trip in May. Keep reading, you can do it!

A big thank you to Heather Van Herk and Heidi Deschenes, two dedicated parent volunteers who help to keep our library running!

Sincerely,

Kate Tuff

From the Phys. Ed. Dept.

House League continues at 12:50 in the old gym.

Boys 7/8 basketball and Girls Gr. 8 Volleyball has started with tournaments in many schools!

Don't forget your indoor shoes!



It's your move!

On Tuesdays and Thursdays at lunch, students can come to Room 207 to learn and practise their Chess Skills. This is an excellent game to help develop logical and strategic thinking. This club is for students of any skill level in any grade. We will be learning from one another. Please meet at cafeteria doors at 12 noon for Mr. Ryan to bring you up to his room.

Eco Conference by Scarlett, Stephanie & Madison

On January 15th, Cosburn Eco Club representatives went to an Eco conference to find out how we can do more in our school and to maintain our platinum status.

We had to come up with issues that affect the environment in our school community.

1. many people bring plastic water bottles to school and buy from the vending machine. We want to make something out of them so there will be less waste in our school community.
2. Replacing the Styrofoam plates in the cafeteria with paper and biodegradable plates. Paper plates are biodegradable but Styrofoam takes many, many years to break down.

We learned about composting, food waste and “ugly food”. One activity we had to measure the trunks of 19 trees and then had to identify the different types of trees and plants.

When we finished our team building activities, it was time to wrap it up. The ECO club won a plant growing kit for Cosburn. It was a long day but we learned so many things that we can do to make our great school, more ecological. We thank Mme. Sezer for her hard work and dedication to make our eco team the best it can be!

The first of our two audits by Eco schools will take place on February 3rd! We hope to maintain our Platinum status but we all have to do our part each day.

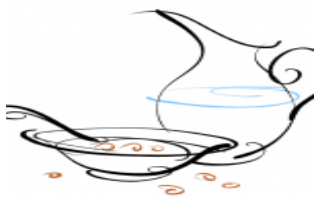
Let's reduce waste, bring a litterless lunch

And don't forget to bring a reusable water bottle!



Free Webinars from Canadian Parents for French

Canadian Parents for French is offering free Webinars. Sessions on French apps and online resources will be held Thurs. Feb 18 at 7:30 pm .To register, [click here](#). Another will be held on Thurs. Mar 3 at 7:30 pm on Discovering French Experiential Learning Opportunities. [Click here](#) to register.



Breakfast Club News

Starting in February, the Cosburn Breakfast Club will be on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays @ 8:20 am. Students have been enjoying samosas, muffins, breakfast pitas, milk and cereal, yogurt tubes & fresh fruit every day!

We are looking for parent volunteers to assist once a month in preparing and serving a special treat for the students. If you are interested in helping out, please come to a meeting February 3rd @ 6:00pm in the Staff Room.

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Daily Announcements

Announcements that are made regarding clubs, sport tryouts, practices, etc. can be found on our school website:

<http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/cosburn>

Winter Walk Day February 3rd

Bundle up, walk to school, and enjoy the winter season! It's good for you and good for the environment! Breakfast Club will be serving Hot Samosas when you get here!

From The Board

All TDSB schools will have a newly designated P.A. Day on Friday, April 15, 2016. This additional P.A. Day has been mandated by the Ministry of Education as a result of provincial labour negotiations.

All TDSB schools will be closed to students on Friday, April 15, 2016. On this day, teachers will be taking part in professional development on provincial education priorities identified by the Minister of Education.

Most Before-and-After School Programs will offer full-day care for children currently registered in their program on the P.A. Day. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to speak to their local child care provider for further details.

The remainder of the 2015-2016 school year calendar remains unaffected. As always, details on the school year calendar can be found on the TDSB website at:

www.tdsb.on.ca/AboutUs/Calendar

Thank you.

John Malloy Robin Pilkey
