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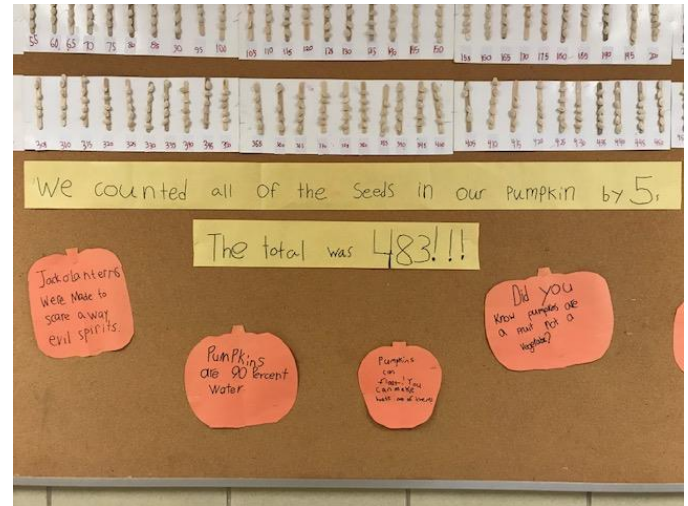
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MAGICAL PUMPKIN PATCH!

The students were so excited when they arrived at school last Wednesday! Each student was able to select their own pumpkin from the pumpkin patch and each classroom had a class pumpkin. Teachers used the pumpkins as a springboard for lessons and the class pumpkin was decorated for a Pumpkin Gallery Walk. It was wonderful to see and feel the excitement and happiness in our school. On Friday, we held a primary and a junior, cohort friendly costume walk. It was a lot of fun and I hope the students enjoyed the events. Thank you so much to our amazing School Council for supporting this the pumpkin patch!



SCHOOL COUNCIL

Thank you to everyone who attended our Council meeting on October 27th. Our next Council meeting will take place on **Tuesday, November 24 at 6:30 p.m.** A Zoom link will be sent closer to the date.

School Council Executive Committee for 2020-2021:

Co-Chairs: Sharyn Abelson and Heidi Pyper

Treasurer: Michelle Coles

Secretary: Yasamine Jacobs and Katherine Jones

Communications: Carol Finlay

Volunteer Coordinator: Marie Wong Takishita

Ward Rep: Gail Klein and Sonja Graci

Garden Rep: Alison Liphardt

Virtual School Liaison: Erin Borgfjord

Special Event Coordinators: Dawne Eisenberg and Melissa Mindell

We greatly appreciate the contributions of all of our parents and look forward to working together this year. I hope that you will join us at the next School Council Meeting.

Please see **Direct Ask Letter** from the School Council attached. Your support and donations will make a big impact on the support and resources we can offer our students and staff this year. Any contribution that you are able to make is gratefully appreciated.

PROGRESS REPORTS CARDS

On Tuesday, November 17, your child will be receiving either their Kindergarten Communication of Learning (KCL) report, or their Progress Report, if they are in Grades One through Six.

If you are a new family to the TDSB, the November reports will contain comments and indicators regarding your child's academic growth and development to this point in the school year but they do not contain grades or marks. The Term 1 Report Cards, which go home in late February, will have letter grades, for students in grades 1-6.

The Kindergarten program is assessed according to the Ministry of Education's Four Frames; Belonging and Contributing, Self-Regulation and Well-Being, Demonstrating Literacy and Mathematics Behaviour, and Problem Solving and Innovating.

For students in grade 1- 6, the first page of the Progress Report examines how the student has demonstrated growth according to the Ministry of Education's six 'Learning Skills,' – Responsibility, Organization, Independent Work, Collaboration, Initiation, and Self-Regulation. The second page will contain the indicators regarding academic progress.

This year has been challenging with COVID-19 protocols in place, a late school year start and a school reorganization in October. The progress report is a snapshot as to how your child is progressing and learning at this point in the year.

Parent/teacher conferences will be scheduled during the week of November 17th. This year, to accommodate COVID-19 protocols, parent/teacher conferences will be conducted either by telephone or virtually. Your child's teacher will be in touch with you to schedule an interview.

STAFF AT OOOPS

As you are likely aware, there have been some staff changes at our school this year. These staff changes are

temporary as we navigate the challenges of this pandemic. Please see information below:

Office Administrator: Libby Pindar is replacing Teresa who is working with the Virtual School. To contact Libby, please email Elizabeth.pindar@tdsb.on.ca or call the school: 416-393-0710

French: We are very happy to welcome Fatima Carneiro to our staff. She has been working diligently to get to know the students and to provide interesting and relevant lessons for our grade 4-6 students. She can be reached at: fatima.carneiro@tdsb.on.ca

Health and Physical Education: Mr. Koumentakis is currently working in the Virtual School. We are so happy to welcome Michelle Sale who has quickly moved into this role, leading engaging Health and Physical Education classes to our students. Michelle is currently teaching students in rooms 20, 21, 11, 12, 301, 16, 19. In Term 2 (February 2021), her timetable will switch and she will teach students in the other classes. Ms. Sale can be reached at: michelle.sale@tdsb.on.ca

FSL – EARLY FRENCH IMMERSION

Early French Immersion (Senior Kindergarten students in Sept. 2021) registrations are now available. On-line applications only: www.tdsb.on.ca/pars

Timelines are as follows:

Early French Immersion application opened November 2, 2020 and the deadline is November 27, 2020.

For more information about this program, please see attachment.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

On Wednesday, November 11th, students and staff will observe Remembrance Day virtually. Because we cannot have a school assembly, arrangements are currently being made to conduct either a virtual assembly or a Remembrance Day service over the Public Address System.

OUTDOOR RECESS

Each day, students spend a portion of their day outside including morning and afternoon recess and a lunch recess. It is critical that students come to school prepared for the weather. We know that being outside in the fresh air is the safest location for our students and we are encouraging outside recesses whenever possible. Some teachers are also moving their lessons and learning activities outside to promote and encourage outdoor learning. This means that students will be outside many times throughout the day. It is important the children

have appropriate clothing (hats, mittens, warm boots, layered clothing etc.) so that they are not uncomfortable or cold during outside play and learning time.

COMING EVENTS (subject to change)

November 11	Remembrance Day Service
November 17	Progress Reports sent home
November 17 - 20	Parent/Teacher Interviews
November 20	P.A. Day – Parent/Teacher Interviews
November 23	Lice Screening
November 24	School Council meeting at 6:30 p.m.

