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Ms. K. Kumar, Principal

Friday, February 5, 2021

Good afternoon Sir Samuel B. Steele Families!

Please see the updates below:

Remote Learning and Re-opening of the School

On February 3rd, the Minister of Education announced that in-person learning will resume for schools in Toronto on Tuesday, February 16, 2021. Until that time, schools will remain closed to students and staff and remote learning will continue. Next week, we will be sharing additional information with the families regarding health and safety measures at our school — both those that are already in place and those that will be implemented when students return. We recognize that this extended period of remote learning has been challenging for many of our families, but we remain committed to supporting students during the remaining days of the closure and beyond. We are very excited about welcoming our students and families back for in-person learning.

Term 1 Reports, IEPs, ELL Reports and Parent-Teacher Conferences

Due to the ongoing school closures, all Kindergarten Communication of Learning, Elementary Provincial Report Cards Grades 1-6, Individual Education Plans (IEPs), English Language Learners (ELL) Progress Reports will be delivered electronically. Password protected files will be sent to the parent/guardian email address on file in Trillium during the week of February 8th. The students in grades 4 - 6 will also receive a copy of their Elementary Provincial Report Card in their TDSB student email account. Accuracy of student date of birth (used as the password) and parent/guardian email address in Trillium will ensure successful delivery of electronic report card. If the information in your child's profile needs to be updated, please let us know. The Parent-Teacher Conferences will take place on the evening of Thursday, February 11th and on Friday, February 12th. There will be no school for students on Friday, February 12th as it is a PA day allocated for Parent-Teacher Conferences. Please contact the teacher if you have any questions regarding the report cards and/or the Parent-Teacher Conferences.

Upcoming School Council Meeting

We will be having our virtual School Council Meeting on Monday, February 8th at 5:30 pm. Please see the attached flyer and the agenda for more details.

African Heritage Month- Know Your Worth Conference

Empowerment, Excellence and Resistance

The Toronto District School Board is proud to recognize African Heritage Month during the month of February and many activities are being planned to celebrate and mark this

important and relevant month. This year, our theme is Kujichagulia: Self Determination” and we are excited to share with you one of our initiatives taking place on February 27th from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm, called, **Know Your Worth Conference**. It is a chance for Black students to attend workshops that will empower, educate and create community throughout the day. The theme of the Know Your Worth Conference this year is Black Resistance. We recently sent out a survey to a number of schools across the TDSB and overwhelmingly saw feedback indicating the students needed to feel hope and encouragement right now above anything else. Even though our conference will be held virtually using Zoom, this feeling of hopefulness is precisely what we wanted to achieve with this conference. Speakers and workshops will focus on several different issues including systemic racism, experiences of LGBTQIAP2+ youth, mental health, activism, financial literacy, identity and self-love. Attached to this email is a poster with information about the conference and a registration google form that will be open until registration closes on February 5th, 2021. Students interested in performing in our talent show will need to complete ALL questions from sections 3-7, in order to register their act by February 5th, 2021.

Thank you and have a great weekend 😊

Krishna Kumar