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School Council Principal Report: September 20, 2023

Infrastructure

The 2023-2024 School Year is off to a great start at Broxton. Although there were a number of changes over the summer to the school infrastructure and the construction continues with the addition of a CFL site, parent feedback after the first week has been generally positive regarding the efficiency of the drop off lanes and supervision out front. We have also increased supervision in key areas around the playground until the portable units are placed which is scheduled for the beginning to mid October.

More parking will be added.

Schools Events

- Meet the Teacher happened on September 13th and was met with positive feedback from parents. Would like to discuss options for the BBQ as a fundraiser next year and potential options for Parent/Teacher conferences.
- Volleyball and Cross Country are in full swing. We were able to offer 2 Sr. girls teams, 1 each of Sr. boys and Jr. boys and girls and one practice/exhibition Jr. girls team. Practice schedules for both sports have been shared with participants. The association has increased some fees by about 10\$ from the spring so we will be updating those on the website.
- Handbells and Concert Band have begun, these activities are running at lunch and are announced on every practice day.
- PSAA invited students to participate in Play to Lead which is an organization that held a weekend event focused on unleashing the power of women through sport. This was a great opportunity for the girls to be spoiled with sport swag and to learn about leadership through sport.

Communication Changes

In June, parents expressed concerns about the communication from the school and needing clarity and advanced notice. We have structured some changes to support this.

- All whole school key dates have been added to the school website calendar until December and will be updated until the end of the year in December.
- One month prior to a large event (Winter concert, large assemblies, PTI's) the event will be posted on the school facebook page and again the week of or prior as a reminder.
- We are working on communicating things to CFL teachers as they are of potential interest or need to be sent home to their parents (ie. fundraisers, building updates, opportunities to be involved)
- Teachers will communicate to their parents on a weekly basis with classroom specific information on learning and upcoming classroom activities by email (older grades may link the classroom website)
- Field Trip intention letters will be sent home for every grade in October
- Marks should be updated on a weekly basis, please be checking your child's Powerschool for up to date reporting information.

Upcoming/Questions

- Truth and Reconciliation Week. Our Indigenous Committee and admin have been hard at work preparing for some events next week. All classes will participate in 3 activities: a cultural activity; a sharing circle lesson; and a whole school art project. We will also have live online events playing in the learning commons that teachers can access if they have not registered their classes for them individually (see attached PDF).
- Quebec Trip. This is being planned by Meridian Heights this year. There will be a second info session happening on September 27th and the proposed dates are April 21-26th (to be confirmed by the tour company).
- Breakfast and Lunch Program. Our breakfast program is in full swing along with snack buckets that have been given out to all our classrooms, a big thank you to Mme Zopf for organizing these. This is possible due to grants from the Breakfast club of Canada and President's Choice Charities. We are hoping to offer some lunch options, parent volunteers to come and make some quick lunches would be really appreciated.