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Kindergarten October Newsletter

Welcome to November!

This week your child's Initial Observation of Learning will be coming home in an envelope. Please do not send back the form which asks if you received the report card and there is no need to return the envelope at this time. An email will be coming out shortly asking you for a half hour window of preferred time to have your 10 minute video meeting with Mrs. White and myself. We will do our best to accommodate you on the time you prefer. If you would prefer a phone call instead of a video meeting, please indicate that when you respond to the email.

Looking forward to our video meeting!

Personal Inquiry

The students have been involved in an inquiry project all about themselves! They have talked about what makes them happy, what they like to wear, and something they really like. We are continuing our journey and talking about our families. They may come home and ask for information about a special family tradition you have. We will try to send you an email so they can discuss this tradition with you before sharing with us at school.

Cooler Weather Clothing

Please continue to have practice sessions with your child on how to manage zippers. Especially with winter coat and snow pants season around the corner! Many of our friends are wanting to crawl on the ground and play during outdoor time. We are encouraging them to wear snow pants or splash pants to do this in an effort to prevent nasty grass stains on their clothes. Please ask your child to let us know if they have splash pants or snow pants in their backpacks as they like to hide them from us. It is a great idea to send in some extra socks and mittens for this time of year. We know they are expensive, but you may want to consider the waterproof mittens as opposed to the knit ones on especially wet days. Please write your child's name inside with sharpie or add a label so we can help lost mittens find their partners.



MICKEY WEEK IS COMING!

As many of you know, Mrs. Consoli is a HUGE Disney fan. In honour of Mickey and Minnie Mouse's birthdays, we annually have Mickey Week where we complete literacy and math activities based around Mickey, Minnie and all things Disney. (And if Mrs. Consoli can stretch it to 2 weeks, she will!) Beginning November 23rd friends are welcome to wear Disney clothing to school. If parents want to email in pictures of friends with Disney stuffies or costumes, we will make sure to share with the class. If your child does not have anything Disney, never fear! They will not even miss it as we have so many fun things planned.

Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week 2020

("People of Transformation: Living as Joyful Disciples")

November is the month where attention is on Bullying Awareness across Ontario. The Brant Haldimand Catholic District School Board is committed to ensuring and promoting safe and accepting schools. In the spirit of the month (remembrance and peace), the Church is preparing our hearts for Advent, and our Board theme (Hearts on Fire: Transform). Our hope is to continue to foster and deepen the culture of belonging, hospitality and welcoming that which is present within our schools. This year, the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board's theme for Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week is "People of Transformation: Living as Joyful Disciples".

During the week of **November 15 – 21, 2020**, our school will be focusing on what it means to 'Transform' and to live as Joyful Disciples in a peaceful community; an inclusive community; a respectful community; and a community of kindness where **ALL** students feel welcome, accepted, and belong to the school community. Students will participate in Scripture, prayer and class activities that draw attention to the actions and consequences of bullying and highlight how we can choose to put our Board theme into action and Keep our 'Hearts on Fire'. Students will be challenged to leave butterflies of love and kindness as we journey together in faith to promote safe schools and a positive learning environment.

Peanut and Tree Nut Free Snacks

We ask that you please carefully read the labels on all snacks that come to school, especially after Hallowe'en. Any label that says:

May Contain Peanuts or May Contain Tree Nuts

CANNOT be eaten at Notre Dame as they pose a serious health risk to other students and staff.

Thank you for your cooperation.