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## Principal's News

The month of September has been a busy month with the classes in full swing as they get ready for parent/teacher conferences. Our TOSA, Madame Bon has met several times with the staff to initiate new curriculum ideas. The faculty agreed to make this school year's theme: Gardens. The Garden Theme will drive instruction and our special events and field trips. Already the classes have begun field trips to the Luther Burbank gardens and there are plans for the Pumpkin Patch as well. Science activities have started in the classroom with the focus on plants. Classes have been visiting our garden and learning beginning botany from Carla, our master gardener.

The Kindergarten classes are busy planning their gardens in the front of the school. Coming soon will be more plants and garden space.

Ms. Spita and the Girl Scouts will continue to manage our small wildlife garden near the cafeteria.

During the past two weeks Grades 1-6 have completed the Let's Go Learn assessments in Reading and Mathematics. These test scores provide baseline data on how your child is doing and also allow us to compare to their last year's scores. We will test the students again in January to measure their progress. These scores help us evaluate the areas where your child may need more support in the classroom.

Elections have occurred for Student Council Representatives. Madame Bon will be meeting with the student council to establish their goals for the school year.

Please have a look at the last page of the newsletter that highlights a very special 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip.

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## Dear Parents

This month there will be many after school opportunities for your children. In addition to the on-going Day Care program, we will continue to provide enrichment. Our French and English teachers will be providing tutoring in English and French for students identified as needing after school support. The Foundation has initiated the new French Enrichment program run by EFBA. Please see the foundation website for more details. There will be 3 sessions offered this year.

On Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, The SAB will meet in Room 14 at 5:30 PM for a Strategic Planning Meeting. The public is welcome to attend. We will be discussing goals for our new SAB board. The PAF meeting will follow at 6:30 PM. Our 1st ELAC meeting will be held on October 12<sup>th</sup> in the Library at 8:45 AM.

Finally, I am pleased to welcome back Aude Paret to SRFACS as she begins teaching our TK students.

All the best,

Mr. Johnstone

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Parent/Teacher Conferences 10/2-10/6
- ◆ Tasting Week 10/9-10/15
- ◆ Halloween 10/31



SRFACS WOLVES

*“The secret to education lies in respecting the student.”*

*Ralph Waldo Emerson*

## Traffic

As SRFACS continues to grow and have more families commuting to our site, we will have occasional traffic issues. We want to thank the parents for being understanding. The drop off in the morning is working smoothly and our volunteers continue to do a great job of keeping the traffic flowing. We are still experiencing some congestion in the afternoon. We now have a regular

traffic official to help our crossing guards with traffic flow and safety.

Please refrain from parking in the unloading zone. We have had some unattended parked vehicles in the zone during our peak drop-off and pick up times.

We are looking at increasing one more teacher in our Grade 2/3 pick-up area to help monitor the students.

## Enrichment

After much anticipation, we are happy to announce the return of the SRFACS After School Enrichment Program. The first 8-week session will be Tue - Fridays starting in mid-October. One week before the session begins we will be setting out the instructor contact/payment info and class descriptions in the hallway. Flyers will also come home with students or be posted online, but we will no longer be using the SRFACS Enrichment Enrollment website.

This year SRFACS is letting the instructors collect payments and promote and organize their own classes. The program has also been paired down to make room for our new French Immersion after school enrichment run by EFBA so there are many options for after school enrichment.

We will notify parents when enrollment and information for these classes is available.

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## Lost and Found

Our parent volunteers who manage our lost and found items will be placing those items in the front of the school during Parent/Teacher Conferences. Please look and reclaim your lost items.

This year the lost and found rack is located in the main hallway. Please check with your child if they have lost clothing or lunch boxes. This will help us keep the lost and found area

manageable. Any unclaimed items will be sorted and donated after this week.

Students are looking sharp in their uniforms and there may be times when we have free-dress days. Those days are on the last Friday of the month. There will be times when certain Grade levels or classes will be permitted to wear alternative clothing associated with a field trip or special class event.

## Uniforms

## Wolf Paw Drawing

On Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, we had our first paw drawing. Students earn paws during the month by being safe, responsible, and respectful. They may receive paws from our whole staff including Mr. Johnstone.

We choose one name from each class per month and the child comes to the office to choose a prize. We will continue this program all year. Go Wolves!

## Tool Box/Best Plus

We will continue to promote Year 2 of our Tool Box Program. We will be having some assemblies featuring two tools per assembly. Students will watch presentations and videos to learn how to use their tools to communicate with their peers and adults.

This program will also be supported by our Best Plus Team that includes French and English teachers, our counselor, noon duty supervisor and our principal. The Best Plus team is receiving training and the team coordinator is Ms. Brie Clark.