

School Council Teacher Report

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Outstanding Items for Update:

- a. Mural is being proposed that would represent the fact that this school is on unsundered Algonquin territory. It would be a collaborative work with an artist and the students. Seeking council support.

This project has been put on hold. After further consultation with the proposed artist and the OCDSB FNMI Instructional Coach, the ideas presented did not align with our vision for the school. We will continue to look for a way to recognize and celebrate Indigenous culture at ACES and will keep council posted.

School News

Here are a few general/school items:

Our annual Holiday Sing along will be happening next Thursday. A special thanks to Dawn Pecoskie and Mrs. Goodsell for their work with the choir.

The grade 5 Ski Club currently has 113 students enrolled. All the planning for the days are coming along smoothly. Online payment has made things easier for families. Ms Sarte-Dance is working on the CRAY day activities. More information to come in the new year.

You are invited to stop by outside the library and check out the pizza box challenge creations. Mme Perrault's grade 4 class and Ms Stephen's kindergarten class teamed up in the collaboratory. We think the results are pretty amazing.

Primary Update

1. Mme Vezina is having a DRESS UP PARTY on December 20th. It is called "celebrating success party". They are having a picnic, playing games and watching a movie in French. The children are very excited! They also have a small oral presentations happening this week. Each child read a Tchoupi's book and they are presenting it to the class with 3 small sentences (beginning - middle - end) and it is all in French.
2. Primary students are into the swing of using Raz-Kids at home. Teachers are thankful for the council support with this purchase..

Junior Update

1. The Regional Grade 6 Bordenball Tournament is being held at ACES on December 18 and 19. Mme. Digney is convening both tournaments. We are thankful for her commitment and extra hours of work. Mr. Ross and Mme. McLean have been coaching our teams.
2. Mme Grew organized a Scientist in Schools presentation on Matter for our grade 5 students. It was a huge success! Thank you again for council support, this is just one of many presentations to come.
3. Ms Sarte-Dance is leading 2 recorder groups once a week (beginner soprano and advanced tenor groups) who will be performing at the Singalong next week.
4. Starting on Monday December 10th, ACES will start a Yoga and Tai-Chi 20 minute weekly sessions with our Grade 5 and 6 students for 10 weeks, until the end of February. Our focussed attention will be on Circular Breath work, Breath retention and control, as well as feeling Grounded by building and improving stability, confidence and balance in different planes of motion on our feet. Students are encouraged to bring their own yoga mats to school, as we currently have about 30 yoga mats in our gym supplies.
5. R6A has been going to the collaboratory with Ms. Rhine's class on a weekly basis - we are seeing classes partnering throughout our building as we focus on developing accepting relationships.

Requests for Consideration

NONE! Although everyone appreciates the support from council so far.