

# Sunnyside February 2017 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

This newsletter and the attached calendar are to keep you informed of the important events happening at Sunnyside in the month ahead.

Research says that when your child gets about 9 hours of sleep and isn't in front of a screen for 2 hours before sleeping it has a huge impact on his/her learning.

#### Sunnyside Registration

The Eastern Townships School Board registration period has begun and will continue through February 5<sup>th</sup>. Please let your friends and family know that now is the time to register their children for the upcoming school year! For registration information, please do not hesitate to contact us at **819-876-2469** 

### End of Term, Report Cards and Interviews

With the requirement for two short terms and one long one, the second term ends on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Report cards will be available on the portal on February 15<sup>th</sup>, please contact the office if you require a paper copy of the report card. Student led conferences will take place on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.



Sunnyside Winter Carnival will be held on Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>! Please let your child's teacher know if you would like to volunteer to help out on this day.

#### Indoor and Outdoor clothes

With the variable weather, please make sure your child has proper boots, snow pants, mitts and a hat to go outside and play. On wet days, many students get wet feet and need an extra pair of dry socks to wear inside. Fresh air and exercise gives the brain a natural "recharge" for better learning.

#### Valentine's Day

We will have a special "Wear Red or Pink Day for Valentines" on Tuesday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>.

### Hooked on School Days Feb 13<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup>

There are many advantages to staying in school and getting a Secondary School Diploma. Our guest speakers and special invents will reinforce to the students the importance of staying in school. Parents can help by talking about the many different possibilities for jobs that today's elementary students will be looking for when they grow up. It's never too late to encourage your child to stay in school.

### Home Reading

Reading at home is a wonderful way that every parent can help their child to succeed. You can read to your child, listen to them read, or take turns. All types of reading with children helps them to become better readers.

## Dads in School

The purpose of "Dads in School" is to bring more men into school so they can better understand and support the work schools do to help children learn and grow. The pizza night in October sure worked, because more than 40 Dads and father figures came to find out about our "Dads in School" program! The program also gives us tips on how to make Sunnyside an inviting and comfortable place for fathers, especially knowing that some may have negative feelings about school from the past.

To ensure the safety of everyone at school, all volunteers must have a background check and parent volunteers are always working under the direct supervision of a teacher or other school employee. Already, over 20 men have signed up to spend a day in school with their child. This is a great way to show your child that school is important to dads.

Contact Mr. Weary or Mr. Williams if you want to know more about this program or to sign up for a "Dads in School" day.

Steve Weary & Heather Webster, Principals Emily Grey & Rebecca Mckelvey, Head Teachers Heather Stratton, School Secretary

# PO Activities in February

### **Staff Appreciation**

It is Staff Appreciation week at Sunnyside! To acknowledge our wonderful educators and support staff, the PPO will be organizing a "Staff Appreciation Lunch" on February 9<sup>th</sup> 2017. With your help of a 1\$/student donation, we will be able to provide a nice meal in recognition of all the invaluable people who are a part of our children's daily school lives! Please send donations before February 6<sup>th</sup>. If you would rather make a treat, help is always welcome, please let us know and bring it in on the morning of the lunch.

### **PPO Meeting**

The next PPO meeting will take place on February 6<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

### Valentine's Day Candy-Gram

More information will be sent home soon.

Thank you for your help! Melissa Derrick