

Mount Pleasant Public School

February 2017

From the Principal's Desk



Hello MPs community... 2017 is off to a great start! We are in the middle of a solid block of time to delve deeply into curriculum and big ideas. And everybody seems to be managing the long dreary winter quite well!

February will bring a focus of Caring, as we continue to explore the Social Justice Begins with Me program. We will be talking about 20 things we should say more often, that show kindness and make the world a better place to be. In addition, our Safe School team is organizing a whole school project for Pink Shirt Day on February 22nd. Stay tuned for more information!!

This month's newsletter has an incredible amount of information. Our School Council meeting will be a week early, on Tuesday, Feb 7, so that we can enjoy our Valentine's Day with our significant others!

There is information regarding report cards and our month end skating/skiing/snowboarding/tubing trip. The annual After School program survey is now accessible and will help us make decisions for after school programming for the next school year.

We continue to accept orders for the Spaghetti Dinner on February 10. Ben Rogers has agreed

to attend to entertain us with his music so it promises to be a fantastic evening. Orders are due on February 3. ...eat in or take out is available!

Please note that our Mustang Rodeo Assembly has been changed to Monday, February 27th, rather than the last Friday of the month, due to scheduling conflicts.

As always, give a call if you have any questions or concerns!

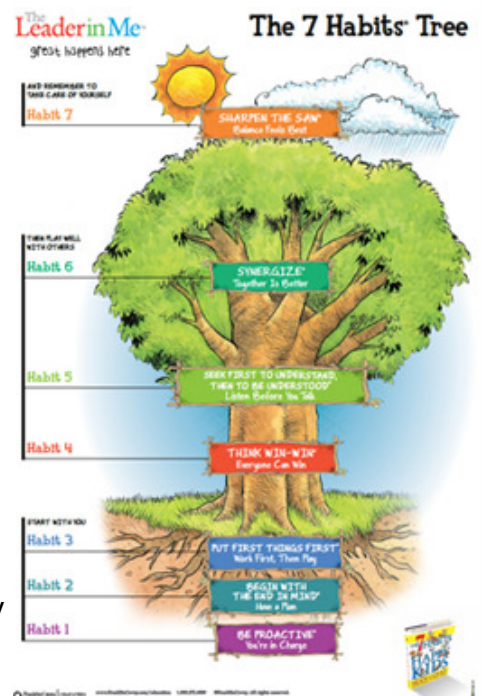
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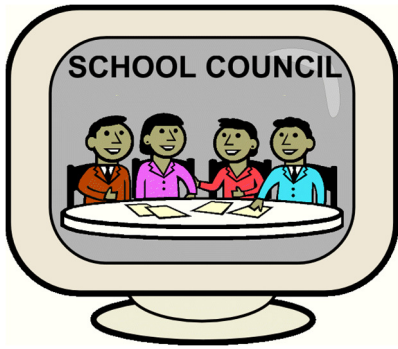
Dates to Remember

- Feb 2: Sweater Day
- Jr & Int. Girls basketball tournament
- Feb 3: Int. Boys basketball tourn.
- Feb 6: Soup Day (bring your own bowl and spoon)
- Tue. Feb 7: School Council Meeting
- Fri. Feb 10: Public Speaking Contest Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 pm
- Feb 17: Report Cards go home
- Feb 20: Family Day...no school
- Feb 22: Pink Shirt Day
- Feb 23: Gr 6s to Apps Mill
- Feb 24: Science in School visiting
- Feb 27: Mustang Rodeo Assembly
Mardi Gras Monday pancake lunch
- Feb 28: Skating, tubing, skiing
- Pizza Days: Feb 3, 10, 17, 24



Our Student Council have chosen to support the SPCA as their leadership project. They will be selling Candygrams for Valentines Day with proceeds going to the SPCA. Be kind to our furry friends and buy a Candygram!





Mt. Pleasant School Council

Our next meeting will be held on
Tuesday, February 7..... 6:30 PM
 (This is changed from Feb 14....which is Valentines Day!)

Babysitting is available.
 Feel free to come out and join the fun!!

SPAGHETTI NIGHT

Family Name _____

One Family Ticket
 (2 adults + up to 2 children) x \$35

Single Meal ticket..... x \$12

Total Paid: _____

Eat In Take Out
 (circle one)

dreamstime.com

Mt. Pleasant School Council

Welcomes you to

A Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Fri. Feb 10, 2016

5:00 to 7:00 PM

Eat-in or Take-out



Price includes spaghetti and meatballs,
 salad and bun!

\$35 for a family of 4.....\$12 for a single

All proceeds will be directed to our Learning Commons
 Reconstruction Project



Social Justice Begins With Me February—Caring hands

Children are instinctively caring beings. What can we do to help our world be a more caring, loving place? This theme ties in well with Valentine's Day and creating a more loving, caring world. We will help our student focus on creating a caring MPS community and reaching out beyond our wall to perform "random acts of kindness". The stories we explore will demonstrate the positive differences that are possible when people care for each other.



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Accessing Before- and After-Care

We want to know if you're interested in accessing Before- and After-School care at your school. Here's your chance to tell us if a program would meet the needs of your family!

If enough parents show interest to run a viable program, a third-party provider will coordinate the service at a fee for the 2017-18 school year.

Submit your interest by completing this survey by **February 17, 2017.**

<http://bit.ly/BeforeAfterCare>

Results for schools will be available after March 31, 2017.



Needed.....Volunteers!

There are a number of activities this month that are highly dependent on volunteers!

Soup Day on Mon. Feb 6: we need volunteers to help heat the soup (12:30) and serve it to our classes at 1:30

Mardi Gras Monday (pancake lunch) on Mon. Feb 27: We will need a group of volunteers who are ready and willing to flip over 500 pancakes (this will take much of the morning)!! Pancakes will be served at 1:30

Winter Sports Day on Tue. Feb 28: With the whole school participating in skating, tubing, skiing or boarding, we will need volunteers to come along and help out.

All of these activities are not possible without volunteers. If you are able to assist in any way, please let me know as soon as possible.



There have been a number of people picking up their children, at 3:10, in the area directly across from the school. Please note that this area is a no stopping/no parking zone.

Stopping in this area causes difficulties for the people living across the road as their line of sight is significantly reduced if they are trying to pull out of their driveways. In addition, due to the muddy, wet weather, stopping in this area causes damage to the lawns of our neighbours. While I understand that the traffic at the end of the day can be busy, please remember to abide by the posted signs.

We encourage all to be good neighbours.



First Term Report Cards

Grand Erie District School Board believes that effective educator-parent-child communication is fundamental to growth in learning. If you have questions or concerns about your child's progress at any point during the school year, please contact your child's educator team.

A formal report is one of the many tools that educators use to communicate with parents about a child's learning. On February 17, 2017, all children in Grades 1-8 will receive a formal report card. During this time period, children in **Kindergarten** will **not** receive a formal report card. Parents of kindergarten students in Grand Erie will receive a formal report card for their child in June 2017. This new report card will be called a "Communication of Learning."



Skating....Tubing....Skiing....Snowboarding Tuesday, February 28, 2017

We have a very fun day planned on the last day of February.

Three separate winter events, skating, tubing and skiing/snowboarding are scheduled for our Mustangs.

There are age restrictions on some of these activities.

Skating will be available for all grades...we have 2 one hour sessions at the Brant Sports Complex.

Tubing will be available to students in grades 4 to 8 at the Chicopee Tubing Park

Skiing/Snowboarding will be available to students in grades 7 & 8 at Chicopee Resort.

These activities are considered higher risk sports and, as such, there are specific safety requirements that need to be in place in order to participate.

- **All students participating in skating must have a CSA approved hockey helmet.** We have a collection of approximately 30 helmets coming in that students can borrow. We also have a collection of used skates that students can also borrow. Please let us know in advance if your child needs this equipment.
- **All Students participating in tubing/skiing/snowboarding must have an approved CSA winter sport helmet.** The venue have a limited number of helmets available for use.

Information and permission forms will be coming out this week.



