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**Welcome to a New Year at JLM.** This is a great time to look back over the first four months of the year, consider the highlights and some of the challenges students may be having. With this information, students can choose an area to focus on for the next six months of the year.

What about setting some goals to “go deeper” in an area that is interesting or easily learned for the student, and also, another goal to strengthen skills in an area that doesn't come as easily?

The best way to achieve a goal is to make it Manageable, Specific and have Check in Times along the way. For example:

“I’d like to be better at math, so I will read the question twice and not let others distract me for three minutes while I think and work. I hope to be able to stay focused for 10 minutes by the end of May.”

**JLM has a great Staff!**

Welcome back to a very healthy Mrs. Cowley, we have missed you! Our most sincere thanks to Ms. Joslings for the wonderful job she did filling in and being a foundational member of the Christmas Concert Committee. These two teachers are just another example of great professionals working together for JLM students.

Thank you too to the classrooms, parents, students and staff who donated wreathes and basket items for the JLM Raffle. Mrs. Sullivan and her select committee were able to transform these delightful decorations into a **$1081.65**

**Donation to the Cayuga Food Bank before Christmas**. Wonderful job, Folks!

**Cold Weather Alerts:** Students need to be dressed warmly for school. Walking to school, two 20 minute recesses and then walking home can be very difficult in cold weather. Fingers take a long time to thaw out well enough to hold a pen or pencil or to work with math manipulatives with the class. Children need warm mitts, boots and even snowpants to be able to be safe and enjoy their time outside.

Remember to check **granderie.ca** for information about Board or Transportation information.

**Kindergarten Registration Begins**

Please help us spread the news to friends and families to register students new to Kindergarten Sept 2018.

**Call Mrs. Murphy at 905 772-5071** for an appointment time and to know what documents are needed to register.

Families who register are included in our **Welcome To Kindergarten Activities** in June.

**January 18th, 2018 from 6:30 – 7:30,** in the JLM Gym

JLM SAC is hosting an information session for parents:

**“What Do Haldimand Parents Need to Know About Fentanyl and Opiods?”**

Do you know:

* Brantford has one of the highest number of reported fentynal cases in Ontario. How does this impact your child(ren) and our community?
* What is being done within local schools and communities?

This engaging presentation, by Pharmacist Allison Tario, is guaranteed to be informative and timely. Parents will leave with a lot of knowledge and information!

You can’t afford to be uninformed.

Bring a friend.

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Each January, Grand Erie District School Board invites parents to complete a survey that informs care requirements and satisfaction with the child related services in our buildings. Please watch for surveys for:

-**The Before and After School Program**, and

-**Early Years Childcare** to be posted soon.

Information will be posted through the JLM Website and Remind.

Follow Parent Council for news and updates by Instagram: @jlmitchener

Upcoming events include:

Jan

9 – Kindergarten Registration opens until Feb 9

22 – PD Day for Assessment and Reporting

23 – SAC Meeting 6:00

Feb

15 – Report Cards sent home

20 – SAC Meeting 6:00

27 – Grad Pictures