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School newsletter

Principal's Message

The past few weeks we have been focusing on Random Acts of Kindness. Being Kind is one of our school virtues. On February 28th we had an assembly in the morning celebrating being kind and we spoke about what kindness looks like. We recited a Pledge of Kindness: I pledge to myself, on this very day, to try to be kind, in every way. To every person, Big or small, I will help them, if they fall. When I love myself, and others, too, that is the best that I can do. In the hallway there is a RAK box and mini paper t-shirts. As a school we are encouraging students to do an act of kindness and to write it down on the paper shirt, which is displayed on the kindness bulletin board.



TOGETHER

We LEARN

We ACHIEVE

We GROW

Baldonnel Framework for enhancing student learning

In our February edition, we looked at our second goal of Intellectual Development. In this edition we will focus on our third school goal, which is to implement strategies and lessons about Career Development and Applied Design, Skills and technology. These skills are to help assist students in reaching their potential and are key factors for achieving success in the workforce of the future. See page 3 to learn more.

Save the Date!

Early Dismissal

March 14th + 15th

School will be out on both days at 1:50 pm.

Spring Break

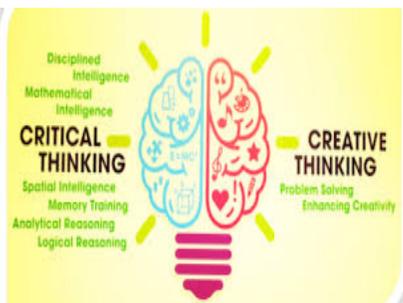
March 19th-April 2

Enjoy the break with your family.

School reopens

Tues. April 3rd

Welcome back for the final few months of the school year.



Baldonnel School Goal #3 Career and Applied Design, Skills and Tech. Development

Goal #1: To implement strategies and lessons about Career and Applied Design, Skills and Technology.

Rationale: The skills in the Career and ADST sections of the new curriculum are key to assisting students in reaching their potential as learners, developing the core competencies, and creating an innovation mindset. These skills will be key factors for achieving success in the workforce of the future and creating

Strategies:

- Exploring mindful learning, multiple intelligences, careers and interests, genius hour, as well as various district

ADST/Career Activities.

- **Maker Spaces/ Art Room/Creativity Room:** We have started to build up our resources/materials and tools to develop more of a maker space.
- **ADST Events:** students can sign up for an area of interest and spend time exploring during an ADST event (May 25th, 2018 will be our first event)
- **Introducing and building on coding skills.** The intermediate students have worked with little buddies on coding.
- **Rotation between Science Fair and Entrepreneur Fair.**



BC's New Curriculum

Applied Design Skills Technology

The ability to design and make, acquire skills as needed, and apply technologies is important in the world today and a key aspect of educating citizens for the future. The Applied Design, Skills and Technologies (ADST) curriculum builds on students' natural curiosity, inventiveness and desire to create and work in practical ways. As part of the current work of transforming the BC provincial curriculum, the intention is to bring applied learning to all curricula. Learn more here: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/curriculum/adst>

Student Corner

Here are some Energy Saving Tips from Mrs. Todd's Grade 4 and 5 Science. The class is taking part in the Canadian Geographic Energy Diet Challenge and must complete 25 Energy Literacy Activities. One of the activities involves reading energy saving tips over the announcements. To date students have: made a radio commercial (and we are hoping this will be played on the radio), made recycled art and had a display of what they made as well as Energy Saving posters. Currently they are working on making a 1 minute video commercial which will be posted on-line.

Here are a few of the Energy Saving Tips:

- * Turn off the lights when you leave the room
- * Turn off the tap and leave it running when you brush your teeth
- * Use Solar Panels
- * Use Natural Light when you can instead of Electrical Light
- * Unplug your electronics when they are done charging
- * Limit your hot showers, the number and how long
- * Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Repurpose
- * Don't leave the outside door open in colder weather
- * When your device has finished charging, unplug the charger and device

* Turn down the furnace

* Make the dishwasher is full before you use it

Energy Saving Tips Continued

- * Unplug any electrical appliance you are not using
- * Don't waste food
- * Wash Laundry in Cold water
- * Use the energy saving cycle on your dishwasher
- * Use no heat dry feature or hang clothes to dry
- * Use a power bar for multiple items and then you only have to switch off one switch.
- * Buy energy saving electronics or appliances
- * Insulate
- * Weather strip
- * Do your best to learn how to save energy
- * Don't let your car warm up for long periods of time
- * Don't speed
- * Walk or take the bus
- * Car pool
- * Try to reduce your energy footprint
- * Eat food grown locally
- * Participate in the Energy Diet Challenge to learn more

The more activities that are completed the greater the chance the class has to win! Other activities will be posted on the Baldonnel Facebook page. Please try some of these energy saving tips at home.



Enjoy your Break

Have a fun and safe spring break. We hope you enjoy some family time together. We will see you back to school on April 3rd, 2018.

Together we are
better!

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