**Announcements**

The theme for the month of April is “Citizenship”.

There are 5 pillars to being a good citizen at school and in your community:

1. Be respectful to other people and their property.
2. Always be respectful to school property.
3. Follow school rules.
4. Display good character such as responsibility, honesty, good listening and kindness.
5. Give back to the community.

**The month of April is National Poetry Month** – The countdown is on – please submit your poem to Mrs. Carleton by Monday, April 26th, the poems will be judged and the winner will be announced on April 28th which is “Poetry Reading Day.” The winner will win a $50.00 gift card to Indigo. Good luck and all the best to our creative writers!

**This month is also National Mathematical Education Month**. There will be an afternoon of Math Fun for the entire school on Friday, April 30th.

**April is Autism Awareness Month –**   **Myth:** “Children with an autistic spectrum disorder cannot learn the fundamentals of relating, communicating and thinking, so the best you can do is try to teach them to change their behaviours.” **Fact:** Many children with autism can learn the fundamentals of relating, communicating and thinking.

There is hot lunch available this Friday. Do not forget that the canteen will be open Friday! All items are $1. We are selling popcorn, chocolate milk, sparkling water, fruit roll-ups, and other items.

**Today is Earth Day.**  We are also sending out a challenge to all our staff and students and that is to have a “litter less” lunch! Please pack all your food items in re-usable containers, so that we can work on not having any garbage!

It is a wet day, however that is good for the earth! We do request that everyone please not climb the trees or pull the branches, trees are living things and we want them to grow to help keep our school yard beautiful!

You will also notice that there are two outdoor garbage cans situated in the outdoor classroom – the “Lightning Dome” – please use those garbage cans and do not litter! If you see garbage on the grass or in the yard, please pick it up and put it in the garbage can.

Thank you for helping the EARTH and not only on Earth Day, but everyday.

Breakfast items have been available in the Student Lounge since 8:10 a.m. and will continue to be available until 8:40 a.m.

Any student birthdays…

We are week 7 in the duty schedule.

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This is a very important message for all of grade 6 students – you are going to have the excellent opportunity of a field trip to the Huntsman Marina in Saint Andrews. Everyone received a permission slip! Permission slips must be in tomorrow, **Friday, April 23rd.** You certainly do not want to miss out on this fun and educational adventure.

The following is a very important message to all students and staff –

Students may eat their breakfast in the morning! We do not want anyone to go hungry throughout the day. You have until the end of Foundations to complete your breakfast! Any students who are late are to check in with the office and if you have a food item, you are to complete it in the office, before heading to class.

Students are NOT to eat during instructional times! Everyone has breaks and lunch ~ that is when you are to eat!

During instructional time – you may have a water bottle in order to stay hydrated – there are to be no other drinks or food items during instructional time!

Thank you.