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**Principal's Message June 2020:**

It continues to be a challenging year for all of us, but I would like to take a moment to praise and thank everyone for their patience, hard work and resilience through this pandemic. Teachers have had to work hard developing new skills finding ways to support learning and to help their pupils feel connected and secure. Parents have had to take on the role of teacher, and, for many, it had to be done while still working! We know this has not been easy. For our kids it has meant missing school, missing friends, missing teachers and not always being able to visit loved ones. We have all had to find ways to manage isolation and stress and, hopefully, we will come out of this a little stronger. It has certainly taught me to appreciate all the little things that I sometimes just take for granted like being able to talk to someone face to face.

As a staff we are doing our best to maintain as much normalcy as possible. We are continuing with a 'virtual' graduation ceremony for our grade 6 students and we created a 'Welcome to Kindergarten' website for our new Year 1 Kindergarten families to answer many of the questions we would normally cover at the Open House. The website introduced them to our staff and School Council and we hope it made them feel welcome!

The official last day of school for this year is June 25<sup>th</sup> and we expect report cards to be sent to you that day. We hope everyone has a safe, healthy summer and hopefully we can return to a bit more normal routine over the next few months and into the next school year.

Sincerely,

*Martin Twiss*

**Report Cards :**

The June report cards will be sent home electronically on Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020. This is the last official school day before the summer vacation. In elementary schools, we anticipate that the KPR Board will be using school messenger to send parents the reports with a password to keep the reports secure. The school board will be sending out a message to all parents to explain how to access your child(ren's) report card(s).

This year the report card may not be as detailed as you are used to seeing it in June. This is because teachers were instructed by the government to include marks up until the school closure period (basically 5 weeks between February 7<sup>th</sup> to March 13<sup>th</sup>). For students in grades 1 to 6, some strands of mathematics and some of the other subject areas might show a mark "I" (insufficient evidence) which means that the teacher did not feel that they had enough information to provide an accurate evaluation of your child's learning in that subject or strand. This is not a reflection of your child's effort so please don't be concerned. With distance learning it was difficult for teachers to evaluate what students could do independently, but they were allowed to use some of the data they collected during this time if they felt it would improve a student's mark. If you have any questions after you receive your child(ren's) report card, please feel free to email their teacher.

**2019-2020 Yearbooks :**

Our School Council Chair, Mary Benson, is working hard to organize a yearbook for 2019-2020. **Yearbooks are \$15.00 each and are now available through 'School Cash Online'.** We felt that we had a lot of photos up until March break and we also had some significant events that we wanted to capture. We thought it was important to capture the events of this year as it will certainly will be one that all of us will remember. To this end, we will be sending all parents an email request for something from their family that captures life at

home during Covid. It might be a photo of the kids working, doing something outside, a poem or a statement written by your child. We hope to include these entries in the yearbook. All entries should be emailed to: [ncpsphotos6@gmail.com](mailto:ncpsphotos6@gmail.com)

### **Pedal for Hope:**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to Pedal for Hope and/or sent in photos of the kids riding their bikes. We hope to have the slide show ready soon to share with everyone. This year, our school raised about \$2,500.00. Special recognition goes to Braylen E. who asked his family to make donations to Cops for Cancer this year rather than give him gifts for his birthday and Christmas. He raised over \$2,000.00 on his own! Way to go Braylen!! Altogether, \$63,000.95 was raised through Pedal for Hope to help fight pediatric cancer.



### **Congratulations to the OPHEA Committee:**

Our OPHEA (Ontario Physical and Health Educators Association) committee can be proud again this year. We were able to complete five of our planned six events this year before the school closure changed our plans. We decided to upload all the data and results we had up to that point including our visit from the Peterborough Petes, Our Petes Night, Intramural sports, the Dance-A-Thon and our fundraising for 'Kids Help Phone'. It was close, however, OPHEA granted us **gold certification** again this year! Most schools were not able to fulfill the certification requirements so we are very proud of our team. Our school will be sent another banner for the gym in the fall when school reopens. Congratulations especially to Adelaide C. and Dylan D. our two co-chairs of the committee. Way to go!

### **Grade 6 Leaving Ceremony (Graduation):**

The grade 6 Leaving Ceremony will be virtual this year. A link to the graduation ceremony will be sent to all parents via School Messenger and will take place in the evening of **Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020**. The link will be sent close to that time so that everyone receives it at the same time. The ceremony follows the same format as last year to be as true to our graduation as possible. The ceremony will begin at approximately 7:00 p.m.



### **School Council:**

All of the School Council members wish to share an enormous **thank you** to all of the North Cavan families, their friends and relatives for their support throughout this school year. We are pleased that new wall mats are being installed in our Gym this summer and we are also pleased that we will be giving a small graduation present to each of our grade 6 students as they finish their year. This is in lieu of the traditional end of year school trip that we normally subsidize for our grade 6 students.



### **Kindergarten Registration:**

Kindergarten registration for the 2020 – 2021 school year is well under way. If your child will be four years old by December 31, 2020 they are eligible for Year 1 Kindergarten. If they are five years old by December 31, 2020, they are eligible for Year 2 Kindergarten. Please contact the office to register your child and share this news with friends and neighbours who have kindergarten school aged children.



### **Good Character Makes a Difference:**

This month's character trait is **OPTIMISM**.

***I HAVE A POSITIVE ATTITUDE. I SEE CHALLENGES AS OPPORTUNITIES. I THINK, SPEAK AND ACT TO MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE. I HAVE HOPE FOR THE FUTURE. A busy final 4 weeks of the year:***

The last month of every school year is always the busiest and most exciting. We will do our best to keep you well informed of all events and deadlines.

### **Collection of Student Belongings:**

Thank you to everyone who came in on June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> to collect their child's shoes and belongings. If you were unable to attend on those days, the school is open on Monday mornings until the end of June if you want

to come in to collect your child's things. They are bagged with their name on the bag and are located close to your child's teacher's classroom. Mr. Woollacott's grade 5/6 student's bags are closest to the office. Please know that the bags will be kept until the end of June. After that, we will donate and/or dispose of any remaining items since we will be starting summer cleaning. Thank you.

### **Reminders / Important Dates / Information**

#### **June 2020:**

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| June 24 | -Gr. 6 'Virtual' Leaving Ceremony<br>7:00 p.m.                        |
| June 25 | -All Report Cards go home via School<br>Messenger (electronic format) |
| June 25 | -Last day of School   |
| June 26 | -P.A. Day (No School for Students)                                    |



**Roaree says...**  
**“Have a fun Summer!”**