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## APRIL 2021



The Easter Bunny was so happy to be able to visit our school before Easter. She left some nut/gluten free Easter treats on everyone's desk at recess and then had a safe social distanced visit through the windows with each class. The Cavan kids were pretty excited to see her! The staff and I hope that everyone had a 'Happy Easter' and a 'Happy Passover'.



We would like to acknowledge Chayse V. and her other grade 6 friends, Lyla W. and Alexis D. who created, and maintained,

'Roaree's Reading Challenge Bulletin Board'. As you can see from the photo it looks just like Roaree and the minutes of reading kept pushing the thermometer higher each day until it broke right before the March break!

Roaree's Reading Challenge went very well. The School Goal was 75,000 minutes of reading by the end of the day on Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. The kids broke the thermometer allowing us to have our school wide pizza party on Friday right before the April break. Are we ever glad we had the party as we ended up going into virtual learning again after the break. We are all glad the kids had some fun at school before the shutdown. When we come back to school they are still owed an extra recess which was the half way goal of the reading challenge. We want to thank our parents who helped by supporting their child(ren)'s reading at home and also the School Council who paid for the Pizza. We also want to acknowledge Pizza Nova (Peterborough) who were willing to cook the pizzas in the morning for us and deliver them to the school right on time – much appreciated!

It is with mixed feelings that I need to inform everyone that I will be retiring at the end of June this year. I am glad I stayed for another year and saw our school work through the challenges of Covid. It allowed me to get to know our little JK students (so fun) and to see all our kids grow a year older. The kids, the staff and our community have been very resilient through a difficult time in our history this past year. Together we will get through this challenge and our children will grow up knowing that they have the strength of character to survive big challenges just like they and their parents did – one day at a time. Thank you for your kindness, hard work and support over the past five years and particularly this year!

Sincerely,

*Martin Twiss*  
Principal





**Kindergarten Registration:**

Kindergarten registration for 2021 – 2022 is ongoing. Please contact the office and leave a message to register your child and please share this news with friends and neighbours who have kindergarten aged children.



**THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS, THANK YOU:**

We are very lucky at North Cavan to have such a strong volunteer base. **Thank you** to all of our volunteers who this year helped with such things as: getting funding for the breakfast program, ordering food supplies weekly for the breakfast program, helping load the breakfast bins weekly after school on Fridays, being a part of School Council, helping make icing for the Holiday Craft Day etc. All of the volunteers help to make North Cavan such an awesome place to learn and be part of a community of caring. **Those who can do...Those who can do more volunteer!**

**School Organization 2021-2022**

Enrolment at North Cavan next year is projected to be about 188 students). We anticipate having 8 classes next year, but, the organization may be a bit different depending on our new registrations. The Board is still staffing the virtual school for next year so **our staffing numbers are not finalized yet**, but we anticipate a similar organization to this year. Below are the expected classes for the **2021 – 2022** school year, however, this organization could change by September should enrolment change:

- 1. JK/SK Mrs. Bate/Ms. Fajt
- 2. JK/SK Mrs. Woollacott/Ms. Moore
- 3. Grade 1 Mr. Heuvel
- 4. Grade 1/2 Mrs. McGrattan
- 5. Grade 2/3 Mrs. Morrallee
- 6. Grade 3/4 Mrs. Moncrieff
- 7. Grade 4/5 Mrs. Caravaggio (Portable)
- 8. Grade 5/6 Mr. Woollacott (Portable)

Special Education and Library - Mrs. Mitchell-  
Agar  
French and Overlay - Mr. Hamel  
Overlay - Mr. MacLeod  
(Support Staff get placed near the end of June.)

Every June, many students put a great deal of thought and sometimes worry into their class placement for the upcoming school year. All but one of the classrooms next year will be split classes, which is not uncommon in small schools. This is often required to meet the Ministry of Education’s class size ratios. When making up the classes for next year, a great deal of thought and consideration goes into the following:

- \* gender balance
- \* special education needs
- \* academic balance
- \* friendships
- \* working relationships

Every effort will be made to at least have one friend move to the same class with each student to help ensure that the next school year is successful and fun. While not likely, it is possible that if there are significant numbers of students who transfer into or out of North Cavan, classes might have to change in September.



**Pedal for Hope / Cops for**

**Cancer:**

We are forging ahead with our Pedal for Hope campaign this week and hope to have it wrapped up on Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. We recognize that many families would like to participate, but may not be able to support the campaign financially. That is okay! If you or a relative can make a donation, please go to:

[www.cancer.ca/pedalforhope](http://www.cancer.ca/pedalforhope)

- 1) Select Team Name: North Cavan PS
- 2) Click on Make a Donation

Any donation, no matter how small, would be gratefully appreciated by Pedal for Hope.

As an alternative, or in addition to a donation, we are encouraging families to take a picture of their kids or the whole family riding their bikes, scooters etc. If you would be comfortable sharing your photos publically we will put them in our yearbook. We thought this would be a fun way to get everyone involved in some healthy exercise and would be great inspiration for the police who are trying hard to make a difference in the lives of kids fighting cancer. Please just email your photo to Mr. Twiss [martin\\_twiss@kprdsb.ca](mailto:martin_twiss@kprdsb.ca) by Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. All support is appreciated.

**EQAO 2020:**

All EQAO testing that had originally been planned for May has been cancelled by the provincial government for this year.

### **School Council:**

The next School Council meeting is on Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:30 p.m. This year our meetings are held virtually using WebEx software. If you would like to attend the next meeting, please email Mr. Twiss so he can send you an invitation.

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

This month's character trait is *Perseverance*. **PERSEVERANCE IS THE WILLINGNESS OR ABILITY TO STICK TO SOMETHING UNTIL IT'S COMPLETED.**

*"Stick with your learning at home and don't give up!  
You can do it!"*

At North Cavan we try to build good character in children by encouraging students to be **responsible, respectful, honest and hard working at home, at school and in the community.**



### **Free Dental Program for Children:**

Eligible children can receive Free Dental care through the Healthy Smiles Ontario Program. To find out more visit [ontario.ca/healthysmiles](http://ontario.ca/healthysmiles).



### **KPR Remote Learning - Tips for Parents:**

**Here are 10 suggestions to help parents support their children's success while learning at home.**

**Be Present.** You know your child best. Some children will require significant support to manage the technology. In the regular classroom some children require reminders to stay focused on their work. Refocusing the child from a distance might not be as effective and having an adult nearby to support would be helpful. Your child will require assistance with focus and attention. A teacher who would like to work one-

on-one with a child will reach out to the parent so that they can be present during this break (e.g., testing).

**Establish routines.** Set regular hours for schoolwork that reflect the needs of family members. A regular routine will support everyone – encourage movement, take breaks and keep normal bedtime routines.

**Identify a work space.** Establish a space where children will learn most of the time - a quiet space where parents can supervise and support their children's learning.

**Communicate with Educators.** Educators will communicate regularly through email, or phone for those who do not have access to the Internet. The frequency of these connections will be based, in part, on your children's needs.

**Regular Check-Ins.** Check-in regularly with your children to help them understand instructions, organize themselves and set priorities. Great questions include: What are the learning goals or big ideas? What resources do you require? What support do you need?

**Help your children own their learning.** Group discussions, asking questions, and collaborating on projects are part of a normal school day. Some of these social interactions are recreated online, but your child will also need to complete their work as independently as possible. If your child is struggling, please contact the teacher.

**Establish time/space for quiet and reflection.** Families with multiple children may have challenges managing their children's learning needs. Siblings may need to work in different rooms to avoid distraction. Consider using headphones if they are available.

**Encourage physical activity.** Movement and exercise are vitally important for health, well-being and learning. Frequent breaks for movement are encouraged.

**Be mindful of your child's stress or worry.** Your continued attention to your children's questions and concerns is important. You can provide reassurance by listening and talking with them.