

*Happy New Year*

### **Welcome back everyone!**

We hope that your holiday season was all that you had wished for and more. The second term of the school year is perhaps the most productive being that students have settled into the routines, know expectations and have a solid block of time to make great strides in their learning. We have sprinkled some special events throughout the term to enrich the learning and to add some extra spice and fun to the long winter months. Please drop into the school anytime to talk with staff and to observe your child(ren) engaged in their learning. We look forward to seeing you soon.

*Our school is focusing on Kindness and Respect for self and others  
Kindness is a one size fits all.*

### **Library**

**Exciting News for Don Titus students!** Thanks to our wonderful PAC, our school now has a STEM lab fully equipped with STEM kits, STEM activities for all ages, AND a MAKER SPACE!

Students will now be able to explore the fun side of science and technology with STEM kits that are full of engaging and mind lifting activities. Some of the STEM kits involve building bridges, gears, circuits, robots, coding, magnets, exploring rocks and minerals, biology slides and Lego structures. All these activities promote problem solving, team work, commitment, planning, imagination and never giving up.



A **MAKER SPACE** is an area that is dedicated to exploring your imagination and creating various types of art, building items with wood, exploring different ways to create unique projects. Please come and see our new spaces and our amazing resources!

### **Cold and Flu Season**

During the winter months, we often see an increase in the cold and flu viruses. If your child is sick with a fever, a bad cough, or is vomiting, please keep them at home to recover. If your child shows these symptoms during the school day, we will be contacting you to pick them up. We ask that your telephone contact numbers and emergency contact information are up to date with the office so that we can get in touch with you in a timely manner. **Special Note:** Please ensure your child(ren) have the appropriate clothing: tongues, mittens, snow pants, snow boots. Many students have escaped home without socks and boots – Students are outside for temperatures up to -20°C.



### **Hot Lunches**

Watch for the hot lunch forms that will be sent home soon. Please take a moment to verify your orders and sign up to join our volunteer team if you can. It is also very helpful that payment for hot lunch is sent to the school with these forms in a plastic bag or envelope and exact change is appreciated – unfortunately change cannot be given. This will ensure that mistakes are not made. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office. *Thank you so much!*



### Special Note:

Please ensure you have extra snacks for your child(ren). It is amazing how fast the kids grow, sometimes faster than we think. Packing enough healthy items in the lunches for your child will provide nourishment for those unexpected growth spurts.

### We are here to help!

School staff can do a great deal to mediate student differences and guide students with peer interactions, but they can't do it alone. Parents and students also play an important role in dealing with peer conflicts at school. The best way to address conflict is to deal with it promptly to prevent lingering issues. We invite you to share your questions or comments, with both your child's teacher and the principal (Mrs. Newman) so we can continue to make our school a place that is engaging, and positive place to learn and play. Working together we can keep our children happy and thriving.



### CELL PHONE (I-PAD) FREE ZONE FOR STUDENTS DURING SCHOOL HOURS

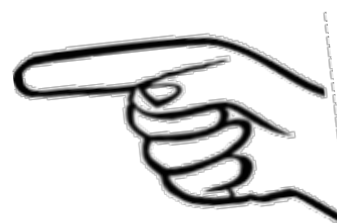
Students are not allowed to use their cell phones during school hours. This is to minimize cyber safety concerns and to optimize learning. Cell phones will not be permitted in the classrooms and if one is seen, it will be brought to the office where parents can pick it up.

Similarly, **toys** are a distraction to the classroom and easily misplaced so, we ask that toys are kept at home.

### IMPORTANT REMINDER

Please Note: Outside supervision begins at 8:20 (this is when the first bus comes) & ends at 3:00)

- School begins promptly at 8:55 am  
(Please have you child(ren) here on time)
- Lunch break (eating time) 12:00 to 12:20
- Lunch break (outside time) 12:20 to 12:45
- Dismissal 2:36 pm



### IMPORTANT DATES TERM II, 2018

Note: Some special events dates may be subject to change due to weather & bussing

- **Monday, Jan. 7** - School Re-opens - Students Return!
- **Friday, Jan. 25** - School Spirit Day
- **Monday, Jan. 28** – NID (Non-instructional Day) Students do not attend
- Keep a watch for upcoming events!

