

DR. A. R. LORD ELEMENTARY

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PAC Chair: Kathy Mehan

Tuesday, March 8, 2011

Dear Families;

On Monday, March 7, the School Board voted in favour of the proposal for the out building.

The recommendations approved by the Board of Trustees on Monday, March 7 were:

1. Give notice of termination of the lease at 3433 Commercial Street (East Side Program.)
2. Relocate Sunrise East, East Side and District Resource Teachers for Hearing and Vision to Building A on A. R. Lord property.
3. District staff to work with parents and staff of A. R. Lord Elementary and with staff and students of East Side, Sunrise East and District Resource program teachers, to plan for the relocation to Dr. A. R. Lord Building A.

With this decision, the boards on the outside of the outbuilding will be taken down and it will once again be used for educational purposes.

As the administrator of the K-7 program, my highest priority is to maintain the safety of our students. I will always strive to keep the integrity of our program at the forefront of any and all decisions and planning over the coming months so that the transition is as smooth and successful as possible. I believe that with the right planning, the addition of these programs to our school grounds could have a very positive impact on both our students and the secondary students. The possibility of building community with these incoming students could enhance our school.

There were also several recommendations that were forwarded from senior staff to the Board so that the transition is successful for all involved.

The next steps involved in getting ready for the new programs are:

- A group of parents from Lord along with Maureen Ciarniello, Associate Superintendent, Ron Bergeron, District Principal for Alternative Programs and myself will visit the students and teachers of the alternate programs in their current sites on Friday morning, March 11. This will allow us to meet the students, hear their stories and find out about how the classrooms work in context so we are

IMPORTANT DATES

March 16 – 2:00 dismissal for all students
March 16, 17, 18 – Book Fair - Library
March 17 – GREEN Day at Lord – Wear green and help our environment in any way you can (walk to school, litterless lunch...)
March 18 – last day before Spring Break
March 21 - April 1 - School Closed
Monday, April 4 – First Day Back

familiar with them. Any parent or guardian who is interested in joining in on this visit is asked to contact Sarah Gray in the office as there is an open spot left for this trip.

- The staff of all programs will plan together for shared use of the property, including such issues as scheduling, setting behavioural expectations and guidelines, and establishing working relationships.
- A committee of staff and parents from Lord will be formed to gather input and work collaboratively on the plan for the transition. This committee will begin meeting this coming spring and continue to meet through next year. This committee will be the structure needed to maintain an open and proactive discussion to address any and all issues during the implementation year. If you are interested in being part of this committee, please forward your name to Sarah Gray in the office at Lord.
- The committee will work with staff from the alternate programs to plan breaks. For example, recess for K-7 will be at a different time than the secondary students' break time. We will also work out the lunch break times and the possibility of a staggered start and end time. When our students are outside playing at recess, the secondary students will be in their classrooms.
- District staff will be working with parents, school administration and the YMCA to explore options related to before- and after-school care in the activity room at the small building.
- The Board has requested a follow up report next year to review the implementation process.

On another note, we have a school assembly planned for Thursday, March 10 at 9:30 in the gym. Please join us as some of the classes are planning to share highlights and songs with the school.

Sincerely,

Sarah Gray
Vice Principal

SPRING BREAK DAY CAMP

Our Templeton Community School Team is organizing day camp for students during the Spring Break. There is an orange/peach coloured brochure available that gives the details and registration information. There are some fun and exciting activities being planned – games, swimming, laser tag...a great way to spend some time over the break.

CHERRY BLOSSOM BLOCK PARTY!

Join residents of the 3100 Graveley in celebrating the most beautiful display of blossoms in the City. The Hastings Community Centre and residents will be featuring music, Haiku reading, activities for kids and something warm to drink. Be creative, get involved and make this local celebration special. For more information or to get involved, call Paul at 604-718-6227. Saturday, March 19, 1:00 -3:00 pm; date tentative, based on blooming time of cherry blossoms.