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March – May Newsletter – 2024

Upcoming School Events/Dates:

Student-Led Conferences (Early Dismissal @ 1:48)March 14th & 15th
Spring BreakMarch 18th – April 1st
Easter Monday (School Closed).....April 1st
Report Cards Go Home (Week of).....April 2nd
Professional Development Day (Classes not in session).....April 29th

Updates from the Principal

Despite some earlier cooler weather, it looks like spring is finally here. The school has been very busy with classroom and school-wide activities. We finished up our whole school trips to Tumble City as well as class field trips to the Fraser River Discovery Center. We had a guest author visit as well as “Let’s Talk Science” in our small gym for some primary classes. Spring Break marks the start of the final term, we are hoping that our students come back refreshed and ready to learn. A big thanks to the staff and wonderful Edmonds community.

Kind Regards,

Mr. Hamilton

A few reminders...

- **We are a Scent Aware School** - Exposure to perfumes, colognes and other scented products can trigger adverse health reactions in some individuals with asthma, allergies, and other conditions. Let’s work together and avoid the use of scented products in our school.
- **Reminder - March 14 and 15th, we will be having an early dismissal at 1:48** to accommodate our student-led conferences. Parents and caregivers please make arrangements to pick your child(ren) up early. There was a notice specific to this event.
- **Summer Session Information** will be coming out shortly. We will gather pre-registration information for all our Edmonds students. Keep an eye out

for that information sheet coming home. If translation or help is needed please let us know.

Edmonds Art Club

The Edmonds Community School Art Club is having an art competition! Students from all divisions are welcome to bring art that they make over spring break to Rebecca in the Community Room by April 4th. The art will be presented in the hallway the week of April 15th, and the school will have an opportunity to vote on the pieces they enjoy! Prizes will be announced on April 19th. More information will be in the posters in the hallway. If you have any questions, you can contact Rebecca through Mr. Hamilton.

Technology at School and Home

At Edmonds and other schools, we have been noticing an **increase in concerns around the use of technology**. Often problems originate from outside of school but end up impacting **student learning and well-being**. As parents/caregivers, supervising children in a digital world it is very challenging as more and more interactions are happening online. Traditional views of supervision change when children are online or on social media.

Here are some basic tips on understanding and supervising what is happening in the online world.

- **Create rules** for media and technology that are in line with your family's values. Discuss these rules with your child(ren) in a way that is open and receptive to their needs and interests. For example, set time aside each day when there are "no screens". Rules may change as children get older.
- **Have devices where they can be supervised**. This can look like moving the laptop to the main room or putting cell phones in the drawer after a certain time.
- **You can't always control exactly *what your kids will see or experience***, but you can help them learn how to process situations and manage emotions around what comes up. Use the mistakes as a chance for children to learn about the world around them in age-appropriate ways – build trust!
- **Learn about what your child knows** and ask them to be a "teacher". Your children may know more than you about social media. Ask them the networks they use, why they like it, who they connect with, etc.
- **Know your child's passwords and sites they are on**.
- **Children often do not have the same understanding of safety, privacy, and security** that adults have – this is the same as on social media. Consider others' privacy and rules around taking pictures of others and uploading them.
- **Understand how your child(ren) behaves online and encourage digital citizenship**. Calling people names, pretending to someone else, sending hurtful messages are all potentially forms of bullying. You want to know who your child is online.

For additional resources, these sites can be useful:

<https://safesocialmedia.co/parents/>

<https://www.healthychildren.org/English/family-life/Media/Pages/How-to-Make-a-Family-Media-Use-Plan.aspx>

Sports at Edmonds

We have finished basketball season and are looking forward to our last school sport for the year with Track. A big thanks to Ms. Doyle, Ms. Edwards, and Mr. Jeffrey Fletcher for their dedication and time spent coaching our Edmonds Basketball teams. Our teams participated in the district league as well as the final tournaments. It's now Track Season and Edmonds Community School has both a grade 4/5 and Grade 6/7 track team that practices and participates in the district meets

