



WHERE GREAT THINGS HAPPEN...

The Plymouth Press

From the Office...

Dear Plymouth Panther Families,

It is hard to believe that we are already looking at the month of February, it feels like we just got back from the winter break!

February is exciting for so many reasons, one of the biggest ones being that Report Cards come home! On **Friday, February 9th**, please check your child's backpack for their report card. Each student in JK through Grade 8 should have received their Term One Report on this day. It is important that parents recognize that there are **two distinct portions of the report card**. One is their growth and achievement in the Academic areas (the subjects such as Language, Arts, etc.) and the other is their achievement in the Learning Skills and work habits (Collaboration, Responsibility, etc.). Your child's Learning Skills achievement often has a great impact on their academic success. These skills are the ones that our students take with them throughout life and are often a great indicator of future success in both high school and beyond. We highly recommend that you read the Learning Skills comments and have a discussion with your child around the suggestions and observations made by the teacher.

Some questions you may ask your child are:

- How do you think you demonstrate responsibility/collaboration/initiative/etc?
- Why do you think your teacher wrote the comment "_____ "?
- How does your initiative impact your marks in Language?
- How can you be a more consistent collaborator?
- What are you most proud of?
- What do you think you can do to increase your ability in _____ ?

In addition to report cards, there are a number of events and activities coming up in February for our students- skating (again) at Welland Arena, Valentine's Day, a PD Day, Family Day Holiday, dental screenings and Pink Shirt Day, just to name a few. We encourage everyone to make sure that they are checking their child's agenda, bags and the school calendar each day to ensure that nothing gets overlooked.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns. We hope you have a fantastic February!

Thanks so much

Mrs. Kosh and Mr. Watson

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Congratulations Panthers!

Congratulations to the Intermediate Basketball Teams on a fantastic season. The teams showed their dedication by attending the twice weekly 8:00am practices and second break shoot-arounds.



Intermediate Girls: Keyonna, Hannah, Brie, Tessa, Chloe, Skye, Emma, Teighan, Dani



Intermediate Boys: Trevor, Uho, Michael, Eathan, Rylee Preston, Damen, Damien, Cameron,

Score Keeper: Katie

Special THANK YOU from the team goes out to the coaches, Mr. McNaughton and Mr. Crowe, for their patience, guidance and support. As well, thank you to Ms. Demers and Ms. Arndt for being our drivers along with the parents!

Parent Council Update

At the most recent Parent Council meeting, it was determined that there was a need for a "reset" and as such, all parents are invited and welcome to join us on:

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27th

6:00pm

PLYMOUTH LIBRARY

This meeting will be held to serve the purpose of:

1. Vote on Parent Council Executive Positions of Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer
2. Determine Sub-Committee groups and members

If you have an interest in supporting Plymouth School and our students, we ask that you please consider joining us for these monthly meetings!

Thank you to those who have been involved up to this point and we look forward to a great spring of working together for the better of our kids!

Questions can be directed to Mrs. Kosh or Mr. Watson by calling the school at 905-732-4110.

January's Perseverance Winners

***Perseverance:** continued effort to do or achieve something despite difficulties, failure, or opposition*

Congratulations to all the students who were recognized for their fantastic displays of perseverance throughout the month of January!

Kindergarten:

Theresa B.
Eli S.
Aaliyah J.
Andrew M.

Primary:

Carson J.
Michael N.
Diego O.
Drake J.
Kali P.
Jahwante W.
Hannah C.
Serena B.
Jayden M.
Jessica B.
Athena N.
Liam G.
Marvin B.
Roger L.
Tommy B.

Junior:

Alexis F.
Murray B.
Jordan A.
Savannah S.
Phelan G.
Damien B.

Intermediate:

Damien C.
Damen G.
Matthew C.
Kiya B.



Skating Successes!

Wow! Congratulations to a group of over 200 students in Grade 1-8 who either conquered their fears or fine-tuned their skills on the ice!

Our grade 1-8 classes walked over to Jack Ballantyne Arena for our first of three skating trips this winter. For some, it was their first time on the ice. For others, it was a chance to show off their skills and help their friends. Either way, there were smiles everywhere and a lot of laughs were shared amongst friends.

The staff is extremely proud of all those who took a risk and persevered through their fears to get on the ice. Even though there were many falls, there were just as many second attempts.

Thank you to Ms. Lamothe for organizing our trip and for making sure we all had skates and helmets. We are sure that this will be a day locked in the happy memory bank of many students.

Our next skating day is Feb. 15th and we would love to see parents join us!!

