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SCHOOL REPORT MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2023

ARTZPALOOZA - Mme Broughton and Mme Tessa are pleased to announce that Artspalooza 2023 is approaching for all our grade 7 students. This annual event of music and art making will take place January 27th and 28th and will feature guest artists, clinicians, workshops, and fun!

PE AT EVA HAS MOVED OUTDOORS Double periods in Physical Education have been added to the schedule to allow programming for outdoor winter activities such as skating, hockey, skiing, snowshoeing, and tobogganing. In addition to reducing time indoors and improving safety, this is to encourage active living as well as physical and mental wellbeing during the winter months and during this phase of the pandemic. The PE teachers sent a schedule weekly to let families know in advance what your child will be doing each day in PE so that they may dress for the weather and bring any extra equipment, as necessary. Equipment must be taken home each evening as there is no room to store it in classrooms over night.

In order to make this plan work, we need parent volunteers, please! If you'd like to help supervise students while they skate or go snowshoeing on a predetermined route, please let us know. The more the merrier. You will never be put in charge of an activity or asked to organize anything. It's simply making sure everyone stays together and stays safe. If this works for you, please email me at lduhamel@pembinatrails.ca.

Continued Professional Learning: Our next professional learning date is scheduled for Friday February 3. This time is dedicated to professional learning that centers student assessment.

Cohort Connections and Monthly Assemblies: Students continue to participate in monthly cohort connection activities to build community and a sense of belonging, even as we are apart. Our fourth experience was a school wide tin-can curling event! The next date for *Connexion en cohort* is Monday, January 23. This is aligned with our school plan goal of engaging students in their learning both inside and outside the classroom. Student-led monthly assemblies are held on TEAMS each month and allow students in all different spaces to share broadly with the whole school community.

PTEC: Pembina Trails Early College (PTEC) is excited to once again present to all Grade 8 students as an option for High School. Like most events and presentations, they will not be attending our school in person, but we will be streaming in virtually. In collaboration with the school team, they are excited to share how they do school differently. PTEC prides itself on an accelerated programming in high-level technology courses. They work closely with well-established and respected Pembina Trails High Schools to support in the delivery of students' core courses. In association with Tech Manitoba and MITT, they have created an ecosystem of innovators, highly technical influencers and bold leaders to guide programming. Located at Pembina Trails Collegiate, the newest high school in Pembina Trails, the environment supports a sense of independence, professionalism and collaboration. To learn more about how to apply to PTEC, they will be holding an Information Session on February 6 at 10:15 am at EVA for all grade 8 students. Mme Landon and Mme Leclercq-Rekken are the lead teachers connected to PTEC and who will be facilitating this meeting.

ICVMC: M. Riffel, the principal of Vincent Massey Collegiate will be visiting grade 8 students the afternoon of January 30. Students will be receiving registration packages and working with Mme Landon and Mme Leclercq-Rekken to work through the process. Students and families are invited to the Massey Open House on February 16 at 6:30pm.

EVA Open House for New Students: The École Viscount Alexander Open House for 2023-2024 will be in person on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at 6:00 pm. The purpose of this event is to introduce our vibrant school community to new families and share information about the registration process. More information on this evening, and how to attend will follow shortly.

Emergency Planning: Throughout the school year, we practice our fire drill procedures and will have the first of two school-wide lockdown practices the week of January 30. Additional emergency procedure drills will be conducted throughout the school year. Our objective, through teaching and learning, is to ensure our students will be prepared to handle such situations knowing the confident adults are in the lead.

Festigre: Festigre is an important part of EVA's school culture as we mark Winnipeg's annual Festival du Voyageur in February and Manitoba's strong Franco-Manitoban and Indigenous culture. This year, teachers will choose from a menu of programming options and classrooms will engage in a creative day of learning. We thank Mme Duhamel for her leadership, and all staff members for their planning for student success.

Communication: Our school website continues to transform each month to highlight our various learning initiatives within the school. We will continue to send out weekly emails (**EVA News and Information**) with updated information that is not included on the website. Visual communication can be found on our Twitter feed @ecoleVA and our new Instagram feed @ecole_va.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Thursday, February 2 nd	Tri-conferences (evening)
Friday, February 3 rd	PD Day – No classes Tri-conferences (AM only)
Tuesday, February 7 th	Tri- conferences (evening)
Monday, February 20 st	Louis Riel Day – No Classes
Tuesday, February 21 st	Open House
Thursday, March 2 nd &	Grade 7 & 8 Ski Trip to Assissippi
Friday, March 3 rd	
Friday, March 17 th	PD Day – No Classes
Friday, March 24 th	Last day of classes
Monday, March 27 th to	Spring Break
Friday, March 31 st	