

Abraham Express Parent Memo

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Thank you to all who contributed to our *Hats on for Haiti* fundraiser last month during which we raised \$394.03. Also, we wish to thank our parents and school community for all the support during **Literacy Week** - book donations for the book sale, Rotary Readers, parent readers, volunteers for the book sale, supporting the book sale, and participating in the various literacy activities throughout the week. The proceeds from the Book Sale, \$402.16, will also be included in our Haiti fund for a total of \$786.19. It is fabulous to have such kindness extended to those in such great need.

February is Anti-bullying Month – Mrs. Martin, our Guidance Counselor, and her Intern, Mr. Loder, have a number of activities planned for each grade throughout the month. A representative from the Coalition Against Violence will attend our Student of the Month Assembly. All students are creating posters around the anti-bullying theme. A child will be randomly selected from both Elementary and Primary to go to lunch with Constable Foley later in the month.

100th Day – the 100th day is fast approaching. Today is the 93rd school day. On the 100th Day, the Primary students will have an afternoon of math activities and be given a booklet of suggested math activities/games to take home. There are many wonderful games families can play together to reinforce what the children are learning in school. Elementary students will participate in in-class activities leading up to and including the 100th Day.

Primary Entrance – We ask that Grades 1 – 3 begin using their entrance again. There will be one day during which new floor tiles will be installed and the entrance will remain locked. We will place a Notice in the Main Entrance as soon as we know when this is scheduled.

Ice Cream – Vanilla Dixie Cups will be sold for \$1.00 on the first Wednesday of March, May, and June. Orders and money must be given to the teachers on Tuesday, the day before.

Healthy Recess Snacks – Please remember to provide a healthy snack for your child/ren's recess each day. A number of children are bringing cookies, bags of chips and other foods that do not meet the *School Food Guidelines*.

Dressing for weather – Some children continue to come to school not dressed appropriately for the winter weather. On days when the weather is cooperative we will be taking the children outside for lunch playtime. Please check in the morning that your child/ren have the necessary outerwear, including hats, mittens and winter boots.

Daily Reading – It is extremely important that you read every day with your child/ren. You can read to them or have them read to you or a family member. The more a child practices reading, the greater improvement she/he will begin to experience.

Late Arrivals – A number of students continue to arrive late for school frequently. Please ensure your child/ren arrive on time for class at 8:40am. Late arrivals can be very disrupting for the class and the child misses important instruction.

Timeline:

- ♥ **Thursday, February 11th** – Grades 2-6 scheduled to go to the Arts & Culture Centre to hear the Newfoundland Youth Symphony.
- ♥ **Monday & Tuesday, February 15th & 16th** – no classes for students because of teacher Professional Development days.
- ♥ **Friday, February 26th** – Pizza Day for lunch, no School Lunch available.
- ♥ **Friday, February 26th** – no classes for Kindergarten because of KinderStart.
- ♥ **Friday, February 26th** – Student of the Month Assembly at 1:00 p.m.

