



Meezan School

January 2017 Newsletter

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Happy New Year!

The New Year has started and we are ready to jump in. As students come back to school please help them be successful by making sure they are ready to work and play by being in uniform, having proper outdoor wear, and proper school supplies. This month students will be finishing off the first term with report cards heading home next month.

Encourage your child to start a fresh new year by improving work habits and being organized and punctual!

Inclement Weather

As winter is in full force please be sure to check the website at www.meezanschool.com for school closures. School Closing Notices will be posted by 7:00am. Meezan School will follow the same protocol as Upper Grand District School Board. If it is announced that schools in the city of Guelph are closed, then Meezan School will also be closed.

In case of extreme cold weather, outdoor recess will be cancelled and students will stay indoors. Please make sure children are dressed warmly for days that they are able to go out and get some fresh air.

Kindergarten Registration

Meezan School is now starting kindergarten registration for September 2017. Children born in 2013 are now eligible to start Junior Kindergarten. Please drop by and visit us on Thursday, January 26th from 5pm to 7pm, to register your child for Junior Kindergarten. Please help us spread the word and tell your family and friends that registration for junior kindergarten is now open! Registration for returning students will take place in March.

Upcoming Events

January 9

First Day of School

January 13

Police Visit Gr 6-8

January 17

K-2
Little Chefs Cooking Trip

January 26

Kindergarten Registration
Open House 5pm-7pm

January 27

PA Day
School is Closed

January 31

Assembly

Around The School

December was a busy month with students participating in an Author's Fair, Cultural Fair and Winter Carnival. Students worked very hard and to put together some amazing projects and successful events! Check out just a few pictures at the end of the newsletter

Build Character, Build Success

Our latest superpower video taught us about the importance of TEAMWORK which means focusing on the WE instead of on ME. We learned that TEAMWORK can happen on a sports team, in a club or activity group, in the classroom and in the school yard. In fact, TEAMWORK can happen anywhere! Quazar said that the key to TEAMWORK is to always treat people around you like they are your team members. There are four secrets to treating others like teammates all the time: listen to what others say, be open to other's ideas, work together and have fun! Being teammates is that simple, easy and fun. The video also showed us that working as a team to accomplish a task (like untying a jump rope) can save time and help us to spend more time having fun and playing together. As Quazar says, that's the power of TEAMWORK! TEAMWORK is a big hit with the teachers because it involves everyone, just like the All-Inclusive recesses. Parents and guardians might try working on family projects with their children (to get little jobs done around the house, if they're lucky) and to discuss what it means to work together as a team at home as well. It's a win-win for everyone!

Don't forget to check the display board in the front hall to see last months' Super Heroes!

Reducing Our Waste

Students will work towards reducing the amount of waste they throw in the bins at school. Students are encouraged to sort their lunch garbage properly into recycling, compost and waste. The goal is to have a **litterless lunch**, with zero waste and using reusable containers! Students will be encouraged to take waste back home to dispose and reduce the amount of garbage at school. We encourage you to help your children and get them involved in packing lunches so that they can come up with ideas to reduce waste!

Hot Lunches

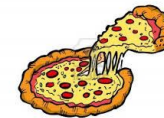
We will continue with Hot Lunches supplied by The Lunch Lady. If you wish to purchase a fresh hot meal for your child(ren), please fill out the

Important Reminders

Just a reminder that Meezan School is a Nut Free School. We ask that children refrain from bringing snacks with nuts, peanut butter, nutella etc for the safety of children and teachers who have allergies.



Every Friday will be Pizza Day. Fresh pizza will be served at lunch to those who have purchased slices.



Lunch Lady Hot Lunches will be served every Wednesday. Be sure to fill out the order form at the beginning of each month for the entire month and pay online. Lunch Lady will also be starting a daily milk program. You can fill out the form and drop payment in the box in the front hall to purchase cold milk for your child daily.



Menu order forms that will be sent home with your child(ren) this week. Lunches will be available every Wednesday this month. You can order and prepay online, cash or cheque, for the month. Please ensure that all the information is completed on the form to avoid confusion and delay. The Lunch Lady will also be continuing the daily milk program. You can purchase fresh cold milk for your child every day. Milk Forms can also be filled and dropped in the front hall box with payment.

Pizza Days will continue every week as well. Please fill out the new forms for pizza order for this term!

Library

Students have been enjoying the new Library space for various activities including reading. Please encourage your children to read at home by creating a quiet, well lit space. Please also help your child to remember to return books on time to avoid overdue fines.

Appropriate Dress

Meezan School Dress Code consists of blue or black pants with a light blue or white long sleeved collared shirt. Girls may layer this with a tunic or sweater and boys with sweater or vest. Students are expected to abide by the school dress code. The uniform is meant to promote an inclusive and safe environment, where students are dressed appropriately and focused on learning. Uniforms must be the specified colors! **Shirts with pictures, team jerseys, and track pants are NOT allowed.** Uniforms should be clean, without holes and tears

Students not conforming to the school dress code policy will not be able to participate in school clubs and will continue losing class points. Parents are responsible for ensuring that their children are dressed appropriately for school.

A separate pair of clean, comfortable running shoes are absolutely **MANDATORY** for indoor wear. For safety and hygiene, children must have shoes on at **ALL** times during the school day!

In The Community

Don't forget to check www.msoufg.org for up to date community announcements.

Important Reminders

As the weather gets cooler and damper, please make sure that students have appropriate outdoor clothing. This includes a warm jacket, hats, mitts and waterproof boots! Please ensure that students have a separate pair of indoor shoes. Shoes **MUST** be worn at all times while in school.



