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Dear Laurier Community,

The theme at Laurier this month is RESPECT. Respect is one of the most diverse concepts in SOAR. From personal respect, to respecting others, to even respecting the environment, there are a lot of skills to practice and learn. With any complex concept, sometimes it is best to look for real life examples so that we can show, rather than tell, our learners what respect really means. For this reason this month's challenge is for students to tell us who inspires them to be RESPECTFUL. (See the SOAR update for more information.) I encourage you to discuss the concept of respect at home so that our learners understand that respect isn't just a skill for school but a skill for life.

Please join me in congratulating our girls basketball team for another win! Their win over Quilchena means that they have advanced to the quarter finals later this week. Thanks so much to the coaching staff, Mr. Fisher and Mr. Holdham, for all of their support, and thank you to all the parents who have been at the games to cheer. The next game will be March 2nd at John Oliver at 3:30 P.M.

Student led conferences will begin next week. Your classroom teacher will be in touch with details about the conference. This is such an important opportunity for the student to connect you to their learning journey. Thank you to all the staff and students who have worked hard to organize this event. I look forward to seeing you all there and sharing in your child's learning as well.

Risha Golby

March

Important Dates in March:

Wednesday March 1st: Movie Night - Doors open at 5:30

Wednesday March 1st: Hot Lunch Orders Open

March 8th and 9th: Early dismissal at 2:00 P.M.

Student - Led Conferences 2:30 - 6:00 P.M. (Your teacher will schedule a specific time for you and your child)

Monday, March 13th - Friday, March 24th: **Spring Break**

(School Not in Session)

Monday, March 27th: School restarts

Wednesday, March 29th: Immunization Clinic Kindergarten and Grade 6

Wednesday, March 29th: Parent presentation on SOAR 6:00 P.M. in the library





Up Coming PAC Events:

Wednesday March 1st: Family Movie Night - Moana

Doors open 5:30 pm Movie will start 6 pm.

Pizza and snacks and t-shirts will be sold. (please no large bills for paying)

If you would like to help out please contact laurier.pac@gmail.com

Wednesday March 29th: Evening presentation from Ms Golby about SOAR

Tuesday May 9th: Family Potluck and PAC AGM

If there is an event you would like to see, or help organize please contact PAC at

laurier.pac@gmail.com or send a note to the PAC box in the school office

Hot Lunch: Time to order for Term 3 (April - June 2017). Munch-a-lunch will be open for orders Feb 28 - March 2. We are offering Subway on Thursdays and C'est Mon Cafe for the rest of the week.

Please note: C'est Mon Cafe offers free refills while supplies last. Students will need to keep their bowl for the refill and we'd like to remind our students to NOT share their used bowls due to hygienic reasons. We would ask our students to Respect our hot lunch supplier. The provider wants to ensure a student who buys hot lunch gets a satisfying portion, so offers refills. It is not respectful for students who have not bought hot lunch to take refills.

As always, a huge thank you to our hot lunch team of volunteers. If you would like to help distribute lunches to the classrooms please contact laurier.pac@gmail.com

Thank you for your support!

T-shirts: Thank you to all who purchased t-shirts! Don't they look great? If you would like one we have some extras \$10 for youth sizes, \$15 for adult sizes

S.O.A.R. Update

THE RESPECT CHALLENGE:

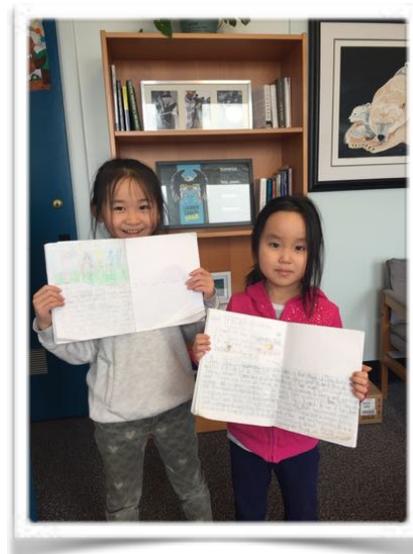
This month the Laurier community has been focussing on the concept of Respect. For the month of March we are having the students nominate people they think are role models in the area of respect. They can nominate fellow students, staff members, parents or anyone who is a part of the Laurier Community. Three nominations are randomly pulled each day and read over the P.A. The other forms will be displayed on our wall of respect. Who would you nominate? Feel free to join in on our challenge fill out a nomination form outside the office.

P.A.T.H.S.

Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies:

As a part of our SOAR and our School Goal of promoting and enhancing social and emotional learning for our students, Laurier is piloting PATHS in Div 7 -12.

PATHS is a Social and Emotional Curriculum that teaches students skills to promote enhanced self regulation, social skills, and problem solving abilities. We are Piloting this program for the Vancouver School District with support from Learning Services and The Centre of Ability. We will be assessing its effectiveness and offer suggestions for other schools in the District who are interested in running this program. Thanks so much to our Teachers in Div 12-7, as well as our resource teachers, librarian and counsellor for offering support. As the students below report, PATHS has taught them about how to give compliments. Other students report that PATHS is teaching them how to SOAR!



February at Laurier

