SOUTH MARCH PUBLIC SCHOOL

HOME OF THE PROUD, POSITIVE, POWERFUL PENGUINS

FAMILY UPDATE - MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2022

Welcome to another great week at South March!

**********A reminder that it is important to continue following recommendations from Ottawa Public Health to reduce the spread of COVID-19. This includes daily screening for symptoms of COVID-19, staying home when sick, using Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) as needed, and ensuring children and youth are up to date with their COVID-19 vaccines. In addition, wearing a mask continues to be recommended when in indoor spaces.**

Hello SMPS Families,

Thank you for your diligence with following the OPH public health measures. At sSMPS, we are promoting regular handwashing (soap and water and/or hand sanitizer that are available throughout the school), increased cleaning in classrooms, and continue to promote the use of the provincial "screening tool" . Please continue the following:

- **Screening:** Complete the provincial screening tool every day before school and childcare
- **Staying home when ill:** Report absences to school and stay home if you are sick. Follow directions in the screening tool. Consider using a COVID-19 rapid antigen test if applicable. Children and staff with symptoms of respiratory illness must be fever free and with symptoms improving for 24 hours before returning to school.
- **Masking:** Schools are a mask-friendly environment, consider wearing a mask when physical distancing is difficult or impossible. It is recommended to wear a mask when in public for 10 days following the start of respiratory symptoms or 10 days from the last contact with someone that has tested positive for COVID-19.
- **Vaccination:** Get vaccinated once you are eligible; including getting COVID-19 booster doses and the flu shot, to help to reduce the risk of severe illness and infection.
- **Hand hygiene:** Wash your hands often with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

PD DAY: A reminder to families that Friday, November 25th there is no school for students.

Spirit Day: Thursday, November 24th will be a Spirit Day at SMPS - Students and staff are encouraged to wear their PJ's or the school colours Blue, Yellow and Orange

Global Explorers' Club: South March students vicariously travelled to Pakistan this week at our Global Explorers' Club meeting, through an incredible presentation by Mahgul Agha. Getting to see such stunning handcrafted and artful artifacts provided such a rich opportunity for the children! We value the time taken to develop an extensive slideshow and bring in artifacts to share with our students. With warmest thanks,T. Piché, M. Venner, & the Global Explorer Students

SMPS - School Clothing

This year we are offering **school spirit wear** and **Gr 6 "grad" wear** in the same store. Shop for your student up **until 28 November** and you'll get your items before the holidays.

SOUTH MARCH SPIRITWEAR – Tuck gear

SOUTH MARCH GRADWEAR – Tuck gear

Don't forget your Grad wear; this is the time to buy!
DEADLINE FOR ORDERS 28 NOVEMBER 2022
If you have questions please contact: Eleanor Thompson at eleanorathompson@icloud.com

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FAMILY UPDATE - MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2022

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Parent-Teacher Interviews

Your child's Progress Report will be emailed to you on **Thursday, November 17 late afternoon**. The purpose of the Progress Report is to show a student's development of learning skills and work habits during the fall of the school year, as well as general progress in working towards the achievement of the curriculum expectations. Parent-teacher-student interviews are being scheduled for the **evening of Thursday, November 24** and **morning Friday, November 25, 2022** and will be in-person.

- ★ Your child's teacher may have already reached out to you requesting a meeting. If not, we would like to provide families an opportunity to book an in-person meeting. Please note that there are limited openings available and we are not able to meet with all families. If you have a specific concern you would like to discuss, and there are no remaining spots available, please reach out to your child's teacher by email.
- ★ Please go to https://www.schoolinterviews.ca/code/umqb3 to schedule a google meet interview.
- ★ **The Interview booking website went live on FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18 at 4:00pm**
- ★ When you book an interview you will receive a n automatic response from bookings@schoolintervie.ws.Please check your SPAM/JUNK folder if you do not receive a confirmation.

SMPS

Pyjama Day

Spirit Day

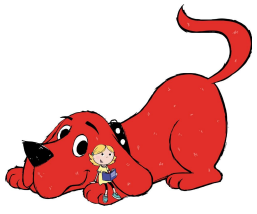
Thursday, November 24

Students, teachers and staff are invited to show their school spirit by wearing pyjamas that are:

- Clean
- Warm
- Appropriate to wear in public
- Appropriate to wear during physical education and outdoor recess

Save The Date!

Scholastic Book Fairs



Dear families,

Mark your calendars! The fun and excitement of a **Scholastic Book Fair** is coming to our school! So save the date! Our **Scholastic Book Fair** will take place on November 23 - 25.

And for parents, friends and family that can't join us in the school, be sure to join us online with our **Virtual Book Fair Extension**! Our online shop will be open on the first day of our Fair, but you can view a selection of the books you'll find here:
https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5195395
Watch for news leading up to our **Scholastic Book Fair!** Happy Reading!

Family Shopping (in-person): Families are welcome to shop in person at the book fair **Wednesday. November 23rd from 9:00 - 9:30 and 3:45 - 4:30, Thursday, November 24th from 9:00 - 9:30 & 3:45 - 8:00 pm** and on **Friday, November 25 (PA day) from 9:00 to 12:00.**

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Being Prepared for Snow, Freezing Rain, and More

As we experience our first few snowfalls of the season, the Ottawa Student Transportation Authority has shared an overview of how they decide whether or not to cancel school bus and van services during inclement weather. Visit their website to learn more, and make sure you are signed up for OSTA's parent portal for notices and updates. Please ensure that students are prepared for inclement weather and please take caution on the roads, especially in school zones and bus areas.

School Council Corner

- **Clothing Drive:** Children's Village (the daycare and before/after school care at the school) has asked for our help. The toddler and preschool programs are up and running and as we all know when dealing with little kiddos there are messes and accidents. They have asked us to help them with a used clothing drive. If you have any outgrown or used clothing (shirts, pants, socks, boots, hats, mitts etc) in size 18 months to 5T at home and are willing to donate - they would be happy to receive them. There will be a box placed under the overhang at door E (daycare entrance) on November 22-25. Please place your donated items into the box. Thank you so much

- **Pizza Update:** I know you are all wondering if we are doing it this year - the answer is yes. We are so close to order time!! Keep your eyes open for details next week!

- **Volunteer Opportunity:** We are looking for a few more parents to help out at the Scholastic book fair happening at the school from the 23rd to the 25th. If interested - here is the link to sign up: CLICK HERE

- If there is ever a question - please reach out to the chair or co-chair of the council
  Chair - Brooke: smpscochair@gmail.com and Co-chair - Christine: smpscouncilchair@gmail.com

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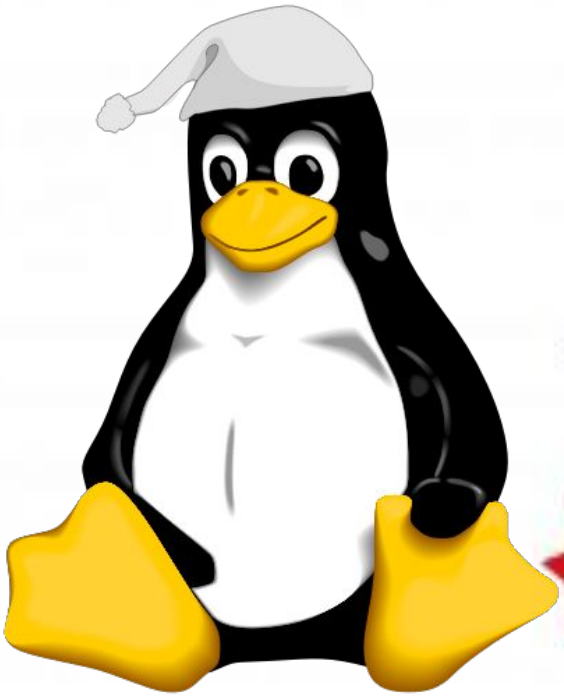
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