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## PAC Admin Report

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1. Thank you to the community for the warm welcome to the school and the opportunity to meet our students. They have been so friendly and curious and are proud of their school. I am grateful to be able to work in the Homma community and I very much look forward to working with the staff, students, and families. I would like to share a bit about my story.
2. Staffing Updates - We are welcoming Jenny Oliver to Homma. Jenny is an experienced LRT/ELL Teacher who will be covering for Ms. Yong, and we would like to welcome Julie Strong who has accepted our permanent EA position. We are excited to have both on staff. We will also be saying our goodbyes to Ms. Lai, whose temporary contract will end at the end of the month. We will be welcoming Sarah Bird back from maternity leave.
3. Health and Safety Protocols at Homma continue to be our top priority. Thank you again for your patience, flexibility and understanding as we continue to provide a safe learning environment under the health and safety measures as advised by public health
  - We are appreciative of all our Homma families for following the health and safety protocols at the school. It really is a community effort.
  - Parents have been great about keeping children at home when they are sick and following the daily health checks. We know that it is sometimes hard to keep children home on short notice, but it is important for the safety of our staff and students so we will continue to ask all parents to complete the daily health check in the morning with their child.
  - Within the school we have reviewed health and safety procedures with our students using a district provided PowerPoint. This included going over hand and respiratory hygiene, wearing masks and spacing out when possible. We also looked at entry and exit points into the building and attempted to mitigate crowding. We also revisited and updated our washroom protocols to make sure that students could safely enter and exit, and we placed occupancy limits on all washrooms (video)
  - We have continued to encourage students to move in one direction in hallways so that they are not passing other classes.
  - Many classrooms re-orientated desks so that children were not sitting across from each other and during lunchtime staff continue to supervise students while eating making sure that students stay seated and put their masks back on when they are done.
  - Staff have prepared for functional closures by putting together learning activities that can be done on-line as well as the creation of links to help families connect. If your child needs access to technology from the school, please let Mr. Vines or I know.
  - For absences, when calling early warning please leave the reason for the absence and the duration that your child will be away. We have been asked to follow up when children are absent as part of the tracking of school absence trends to inform district and school planning. This will also help Ms. Chan and Ms. Buchsbaum.
4. Professional Development Day – Just want to apologize for the last-minute change to the school calendar, but there was a professional development day that was not put in for January 31<sup>st</sup>. Staff will be participating in virtual professional development from the assortment of offerings district-wide and beyond.
5. We are pleased to share that student will be taking part in a virtual performance from Oopsie Theatre during the week of February 7-11<sup>th</sup>. The theme guided by the character; Dr. Professor is on a quest for an answer- Are mistakes even necessary? When taking their research to the young experts of the classroom, more than a few foibles cause the Doctor to continuously fail. With help from the audience, together they uncover how mistakes can help us learn and make new discoveries. Award winning inter-arts maestro Candice Roberts performs this fun and clever story about growth mindset and the creative process through a seamless weaving of shadow puppetry, original music, tap dance and physical comedy in this fun and interactive 60-minute theatrical experience.
6. Grade 7 Parent Information Night at McMath is scheduled for February 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm on Teams. A link will be provided later.