

## **Principals/Vice-Principal's Report: December 2017-January 2018**

Over the past few months, there have been some amazing contributions and happenings taking place at Cody.

### **Co-Curricular:**

Congratulations to the following teams for an outstanding season:

- A. Division 1, 2 and 3 **Girls Basketball Teams** who competed in their regional tournaments during December. Special mention goes to our Division 1 Team for qualifying to the playoff round. All players in Grades 4 and 5 are to be commended for their tremendous sportsmanship, competitive spirit and fair-play. Thank you to Ms. Appel and all players for a job well done!
- B. Our Junior **Boys Volleyball Teams** for a well-played season. The learning curve was very steep but the improvements made by all students were tremendous. They played the games in their regional tournament with great determination and vigor! Thank you to Ms. Stojanovic and the Junior Boys team on a great effort and a great season!
- C. **Dr. Dodgeball** was another huge success. Coordinated by our MCAA, which is comprised of Grade 4 and 5 student ambassadors, our Grade 1 and 2 Dr. Dodgeball players, learned more than playing dodgeball. They learned about the importance of cooperation, teamwork, problem solving and just how to have fun! Well done to all.
- D. Upcoming Teams/Clubs:
  - a. Grade 5: Coding Club
  - b. Junior Co-Ed Ice Hockey
  - c. Junior Boys Basketball
  - d. Junior Girls Volleyball
  - e. Intramural Update-stay tuned
  - f. Primary, Junior and Boys Choir

### **Lunchtime Programming:**

Thank you to those who participated in our fall session of our lunchtime programs. Our next sign up for winter lunchtime programming has already begun. Please check the parent website at [mauricecody.ca](http://mauricecody.ca) for full details.

### **Curricular Programming:**

#### **Teachers' Ongoing Professional Development**

As teachers continue to provide the quality education to your child(ren) each and every day, Ms. Vala and I are working with our staff to provide ongoing and appropriate Professional development to further support the teaching and learning that takes place in the classroom.

Your ongoing support and working in partnership with your child's teacher is essential to ensure a successful year. Your child's next progress update will be in mid-February where they will be receiving their Term 1 Report Card.

**Guest Speaker: Anthony Maclean**

On January 9<sup>th</sup>, Maurice Cody staff and students were excited to bring back Anthony Mclean. In his presentations to the Primary and Junior students, Anthony explained the importance of using your "toolbelt" when trying to resolve conflicts. The acronym WITS (Walk way, Ignore it, Talk it out, Seek help) and the "Don't go there!" zones as ways to help students work together, be better advocates for themselves and celebrate everyone's uniqueness. For more information, please check out his website at: <https://www.anthonymclean.org/>

**Toy Drive: Cody Gives Back in a Big Way**

Thank you to all who participated in our annual Toy Drive. In a 2 week span, Cody students and families were able to collect 500 Toys. These Toys were donated to a local shelter over the holiday season as part of the Toronto Police Service Toy Drive. Thank you to all parents and students for your participation and helping put a smile on a child's face over the holidays.

**Upcoming January 2018 Dates:**

January 18: Lice Check

January 19: PA Day

January 22: Lice Check

January 22 (Week of): X-Power Workshops

January 23: Ward Forum Meeting @ Deer Park PS (7-9 pm)

January 25: Pizza Lunch

January 26: FSA event: Skating Party @ Hodgson outdoor rink (evening) \*Details TBA soon