

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

Millburn West School

Administrative Report

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To: Board of Education Members

From: Jake Jorgenson

Planning is underway for student placement for next year's classes. The teachers will meet in teams over the next couple months as they go through the process of making class lists. This is a long process because each team takes great pride and care in making the best matches for the upcoming school year. The team strives to reach a balance in skill level and gender. The academic, social and emotional make-up of each child is taken into account when making student placements. Also, the team looks at what students are prone to not getting along with one another so mixes like this can be avoided.

The Danny Gardner Blood Drive was a great success. The student council, PTO and parent volunteers along with the 5<sup>th</sup> grade class and teachers made this event special and worthwhile. I previously reported that 115 units of blood were donated but I have been corrected and it is 150 units of blood! The 5<sup>th</sup> grade class held a bake sale and sold shirts that were left over from a previous fundraiser to make 1077 dollars to donate directly to Danny.

Our Band hosted a dinner recital on the 11<sup>th</sup>. It was a delightful evening of entertainment and great food from Olive Garden. The band parents organize and run the dinner. They do a fantastic job. Mrs. Anderson helps prepare the students for their recital. She also played in some of the ensembles. She was honored with a valentine bouquet of flowers for her hard work and dedication to the students.

Lakes High School will be making another visit to our school on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. They will be sending several students to share some math games, activities and strategies with our younger students to promote their annual Math Night.

Our athletic department is busy with games at home and away. All the kids are working hard and learning some great skills. The wrestling team will host a regional tournament at Millburn West on February 27<sup>th</sup>.

Kindergarten registration is fast approaching at the end of March. If you have neighbors, relatives or friends that have kids ready for Kindergarten, the registration date is March 23<sup>rd</sup>.