

DICKENS ANNEX NEWSLETTER

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Hello families,

It's hard to believe that we are already at *that* time of year and this will be my last newsletter for this school year!

Looking at the Important Dates, June is filled with lots of fun activities and opportunities for learning and leadership. As we transition from rain to sunshine and heat, please make sure your child has weather appropriate clothing and a water bottle at school.

Please join me in congratulating Mrs. Anne Miller on her retirement! Mrs. Miller has been at Dickens Annex for many years and we will miss her dedication and commitment to education. We wish her the best as she endeavours on her new adventures of well deserved rest, relaxation and travel.

Happy Pride and Indigenous History Month! While the featured books in this newsletter focus on transitional titles, the Library is sharing titles about and by LGBTQIA2S+ authors as well as books on Indigenous histories and titles by Indigenous authors. It is a fun and exciting month for reading!

It's been such a wonderful year for me as I got to know each and every one of you. I wish you all a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing returning families next year. For those moving on from the Annex, we will miss you but we will not forget you. Thank you for being part of our community and we hope to see you again soon.

Take care,
Atsuko Ishihara

Important Dates:

- June 2- Welcome to Kindergarten
- June 3- Somebody Loves you, Mr. Hatch (Performance)
- June 15- Grade 3 Celebration
- June 16- PAC Meeting
- June 20- Talent Show
- June 21- Indigenous People's Day
- June 24- Sports Day
- June 27- Grade 3 Farewell Assembly
- June 28- Camp Read & Book Swap
- June 29- Last Day of School

Health and Safety Updates

The health and safety of our students is a priority at Dickens Annex. We will continue to follow and update Health and Safety protocols.

Please continue to monitor your child's symptoms. Children should stay home if they are sick.



MASK FRIENDLY SCHOOL

Wearing a mask is a personal choice.

Every individual's choice is to be supported and respected by everyone else.

VSB COMMUNICABLE DISEASE PREVENTION PLAN



LOST AND FOUND



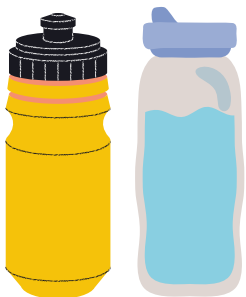
**Have you been looking for your child's jacket?
Are you missing water bottles?**



The Annex Lost and Found is full of found treasures. Please take a moment before/after drop off to go through the items and take your belongings.

All unclaimed items will be donated at the end of the school year.

Lost and Found is located through the left set of doors, when facing the school, in the undercover area.



If your child is away from school, please let Ms. Patti know via email.

NOTICE OF LATE RETURN

If students are not going to be at school on Sept. 6th, 2022
a Notice of Late Return Form needs to be submitted.
Forms are available in the office if needed.



MONDAYS - DIV. 5

TUESDAYS - DIV. 4

WEDNESDAYS - DIV. 3

THURSDAYS - DIV. 2

FRIDAYS - DIV. 1



A big shout out to the kids' perseverance and stamina, combined with the generous support of the Dickens Annex community, we raised a grand total of \$6063.60 this year!

The funds raised will help support extra activities, performances, and workshops for the students at the Annex.

We are excited to welcome Axis Theatre to the Annex to perform:
Somebody loves you, Mr. Hatch!

Talent Show

The Talent Show will be on June 20th.

Students are currently finalizing their acts. Once we have the final number of performances confirmed, we will send out information and a formal invitation for you to come and join the audience.

Stay tuned!

Students have been asked to practice outside of school time to preserve the element of surprise as well as avoid social conflicts amongst those not involved in the performance.

We thank you in advance for your support.



Sports Day

Sports Day is one of the most anticipated events of the year!

**Friday, June 24th
9:00-11:45am**

We are excited to welcome back families to spectate this fun and active event. We look forward to seeing you on the field to help cheer on the kiddos!



Camp Read & Book Swap

Get cozy and get ready to read!

Tuesday, June 28th

Do you have any gently used books that are looking for a new home?

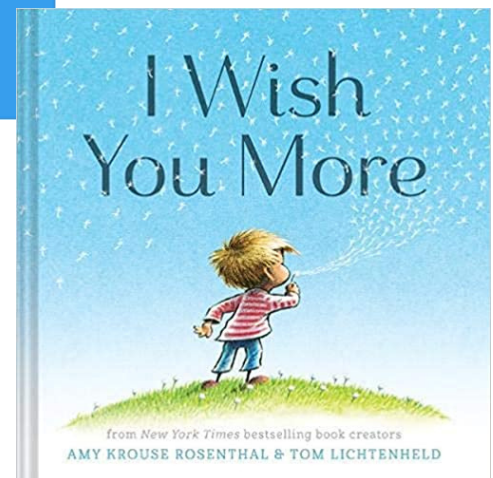
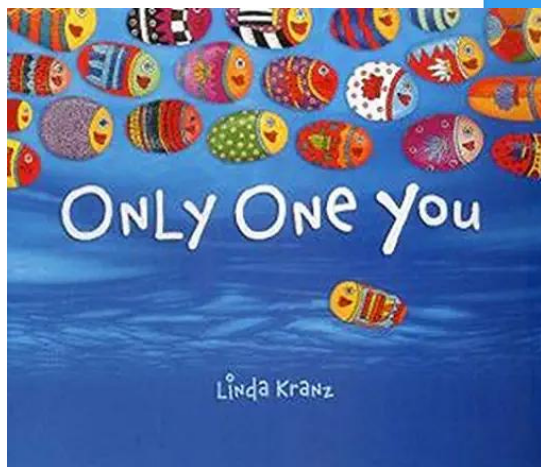
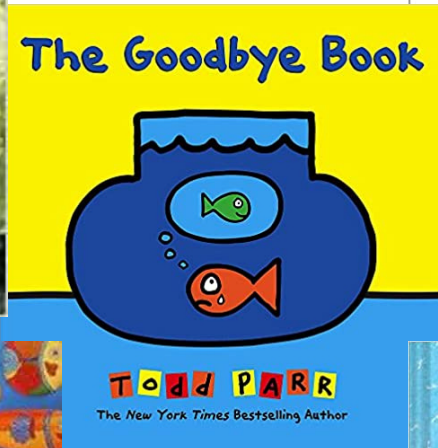
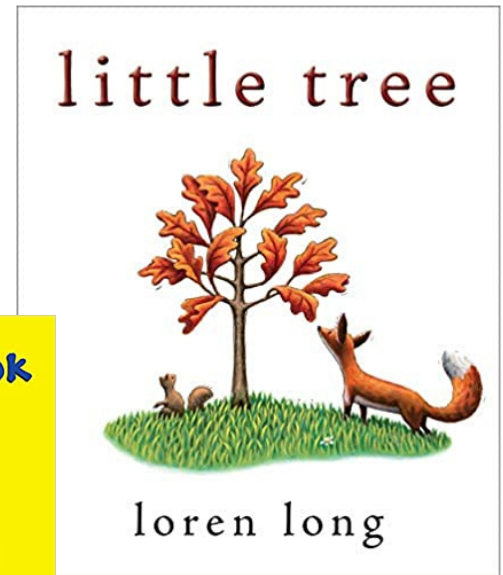
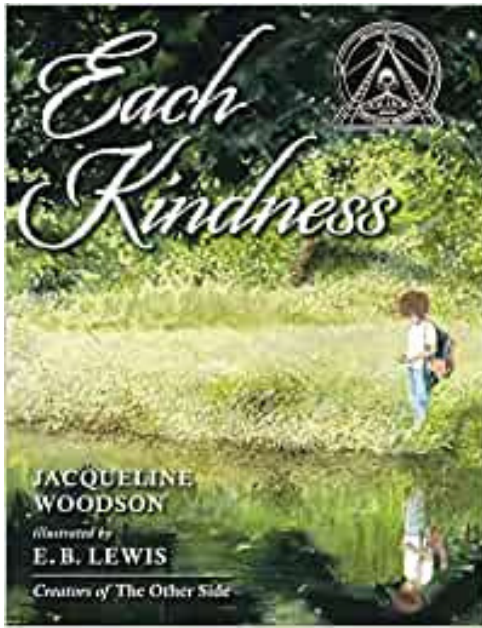
Bring them to the Dickens Annex Book Swap! Students will be invited to browse the donation of books to find a new favourite read to take home.

Please only give books that are in good shape and are age appropriate.

Given the large amount of donations, school staff will not be able to vet the content of books.

What are you reading?

Sharing titles that spark meaningful conversations.



As we wrap up the year, we are looking at titles that reflect messages of transition, mixed emotions, saying good bye, and remembering relationships. With the help of technology, it is much easier to stay connected even when we are physically apart; however, the need for closure still remains. We continue to have conversations around using words to express our feelings and thoughts, as well as reflecting on the impact and memories we will leave in spaces and places we occupied.