Dear Parents,

During this week our first inquiry for 2017 will commence in the Grade Three Learning Community. This inquiry will run for the duration of about six weeks. A focus on the transdisciplinary skill of self-management will be used to facilitate this inquiry. Connections to the learner profile, in regard to extending the understanding of showing commitment and enthusiasm along with the attitudes of being balanced and principled will also be explored throughout this inquiry. Outlined below is some information that should help with discussions at home about this inquiry.

TRANSDISCIPLINARY THEME:
Who We Are

PYP KEY CONCEPTS:
- Form (What is it like?)
- Function (How does it work?)
- Responsibility (What is our responsibility?)

CENTRAL IDEA:
The choices we make have a life long effect on our well-being.

AN INQUIRY INTO:
- What a healthy lifestyle is.
- How we maintain a healthy lifestyle.
- Our responsibility to maintain a healthy lifestyle for ourselves and others

ARTEFACTS:
As part of the inquiry process teachers have been discussing items that encompass healthy living and choices. Artefacts such as: DVDs, photos, newspaper articles, books, pictures, recipes and or nutritional information will be used to as a starting point for gaining an enduring understanding of this inquiry. Through the focus on the key concept of responsibility (what is our responsibility?) artefacts will be continually referred to and used to prompt prior knowledge and aid in the construction of student questions for further personally directed investigations. We ask that students each bring an artefact to school that shows a link to the Central Idea of this inquiry as mentioned above. These artefacts will also be used in the classroom to facilitate students being a communicator, showing a personal understanding of their artefact. We request that this item remain at school for the duration of the inquiry as it will be used for writing and discussion activities related to this inquiry and as a continued relationship and partnership of home and school.

Thank you for your assistance,

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