

Fitch St. Public School



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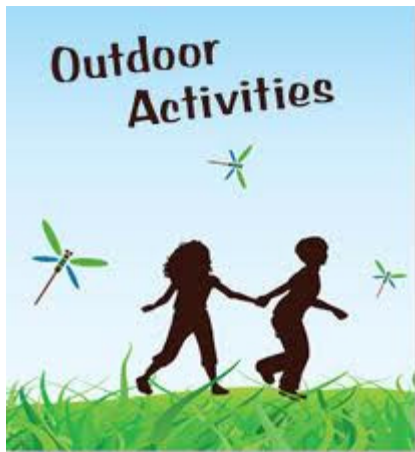
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From the Principal's Desk



Mrs. MacGregor's Kinders

As we enter the home stretch, many significant events will appear on your calendars, including graduation, track and field meets, Fun Fair and *end-of-year* field trips. When schedules get busy, it becomes even more important for students to remain focused and *stay the course* when learning in the classroom. Now is a good time for students to review their goals and make a sincere effort to finish the year strong. It is also a good time to consider what outdoor activities are available to children. As our fields begin to dry out, students will find themselves playing more outdoor sports and activities again.



We will likely see more soccer balls, footballs and baseball gloves brought to school in the near future, and we recommend that these items be labeled with your child's name. The nice weather also brings the temptation for students to leave school during the lunch hour (second break). Please remember that any change in your child's regular lunch plans should be presented to the school in writing. We all want to ensure a safe nutrition/activity break for all students.

B. Hadfield, Principal



School Council's

next meeting is Tuesday, May 22, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.

April Showers brings May flowers (except for that unexpected snow fall on April 23rd !).... The Kinders will be learning all about the growing process by planting their own flower (beans or peas) seeds. We had fun by the way learning about the colours in a rainbow



(mixing primary to get secondary colours) by making RAINBOW JELLO - and the best part of course was eating the RAINBOW. This month the Kinders will become "reporters" and will "write" articles for our **Kinder Press News**. We will learn about objects that "sink and float" (and why they do so) and then they will tell their parents all about what they learned. Parents then will have the opportunity to work with their child and build a boat at home! On a nice, sunny,



warm day at the beginning of June - we will take our boats and launch them in the Chippawa Park Pond and see whether their boat project will "sink or float". So parents - here is your time to show off your boating and creative

skills along with *your child's knowledge about sinking and floating.*

ANCHORS AWAY! In reading - we continue to make connections, discover the elements of a story such as the characters, the setting, what the problem was and how it was solved. This worked extremely well when we read the Fairy Tales and made comparisons and connections from one story to another. We also found some interesting "fractured tales" or as the Kinders called them the "twisted tales". It has been a lot of fun and is still on going as we find more books to read, discuss and enjoy! In math - calculators will be introduced for simple addition and subtraction and learning the parts of the calculator.



Love, Mrs. MacGregor

Mrs. Gordon's Kinders

April showers have brought May flowers and some fine weather. The kids are eager to take off their jackets, and play in shorts and t-shirts. It isn't quite t-shirt weather yet though! Please make sure your Kindergartener dresses appropriately for the weather because we will be doing more outdoor play now that the Spring has arrived.

Last month was a very busy one where we enjoyed our Grand Ball. It was a great ending to our Fairytale Unit. We also enjoyed our unit about Spring and Easter as well. Even the Easter bunny came to visit us! We also enjoyed our Nature walk where we looked for signs of Spring. The castles that the kids created are on display down by the computer lab if you are interested in viewing the wide variety of creative minds in my classroom. Great job!



Elizabeth Morales

This month we will be learning about bugs and other Creepy crawly things! We will be talking about the life cycle of caterpillars and other creatures. We will also go on a "Bug Safari" to observe the creatures that live around Fitch Street School. If you have any treasures or critters to share with the class please feel free to send them in! I would ask that if the treasure is a living creature that it be in a container so that we don't have any escapees!

We will also be talking about our very special Mothers this month. Thanks for all that you do! We love you!

Happy Mother's Day!

Love, Mrs. Gordon



Spirit Days

There are no Spirit Days in May

Mrs. MacDonald's Grade 1's

Welcome to May! This month in language we are working on identifying the points of views of various characters from our stories. We will also learn how to write short stories from the point of view of a character as well. Please make sure take home books are returned and you continue to read with your child every night. In math we will begin our unit on measurement and also review adding and subtracting strategies. In Science, we will start our new unit on materials and everyday objects. There will be some fun end of the year projects to go along with this unit. I would also like to say thank-you to all the friends and family who came to our 'Young Author's Day'. The children had a wonderful time and it was great to see such support! Please keep your calendar handy as there are some trips and events this month.

Mrs. MacDonald

Mrs. Leblanc's Grade Two's

Math- We are finishing our work on measuring length, area, mass and capacity. We will begin our next unit on 3-D geometry and applications. We continue to practice telling time on a daily basis, quarter after, quarter to are our challenges!!

Language Arts- We are talking about synthesizing. This is when we combine our previous learning with our new learning. We are discussing Point of View and we continue to infer using evidence from the text. We are now also learning about Persuasive text. The children will be trying to persuade me to decide their own bedtimes!!! We are also continuing with the author's Big Idea, what is this author trying to teach me? What am I meant to be learning from this story? We are continuing our home run sentences that include who, what, where, how and when details.

Spelling tests are continuing every Friday this month also. All words are now review words and the children need to have these well into their schemas. Our Life words are also practised on a daily basis since we see them everywhere in Life!! I will be sending lists home to practice over the summer!!



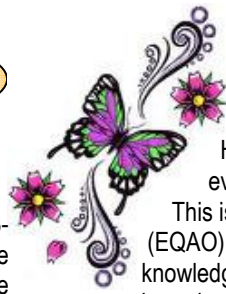
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Social Skill for April was **Co-operation**- our "Student of the Month" kids from Room 5 are **Bruce Kitchen** and **Lucvens Jean-Baptiste**. Wishing all of my families a very Happy Victoria Day!

Love Mrs. Leblanc

Grade 2/3 with Mrs. Stadnyk

What's Happening in Rm. 6 (Gr. 3)



Hurray, Hurray, the first of May! Grade threes learn more every day!

Math: We are currently studying addition and subtraction of 2- and 3-digit numbers to 100 and 1000. We are discovering how to use various strategies to solve number problems with these large numbers. We are finding that friendly numbers (numbers that we know a lot about like 10, 25, 50, 100) help us to solve these complex problems. We are also looking at using a standard method for addition and subtraction this month -- an algorithm where we are trading in and out of the place value 'houses'. Parents may remember this as borrowing and carrying—we call it "trading" now. We will also be exploring linear measurement, area, and perimeter.

Grade 3: We are gearing up and polishing our skills for EQAO next month. (Grade 3's will be writing this provincial test during the first week of June.)

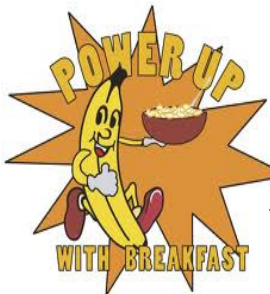
Language: Our focus on reading for meaning during our guided reading sessions is shifting to studying the Point of View presented in text. We will explore how a story might be different if another character were telling it. Fractured fairy tales are perfect examples of stories told from varying points of view. Try reading *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs* by Jon Scieszka.

Health and Physical Education: This is a busy month for us – we will be trying our skills at track and field and cheering on our grade 3 friends who will be competing for the first time! Good luck grade 3's! As well, there are three trips to the YMCA this month for our Grade 3's participating in the Swim to Survive program.

We also have our year-end trip scheduled for the Niagara Falls Butterfly Conservatory, Animals of the Rainforest Program and IMAX theatre.

The students from grade two and three who best demonstrated April's Character Building skill of Co-operation were Reed Boutin and Caleb Upper. Great examples for others! Way to go! Looking forward to another super exciting month at Fitch Street Public School! Enjoy your long weekend!

Love Mrs. Stadnyk



Breakfast Club

The breakfast club is open every morning from 8:15-8:50 in the kitchen.

All children are welcome!

We have many children who visit and start their day with a nutritious breakfast and who rely on our snack cupboard when lunches are forgotten. We do rely on donations from our school community to help support our nutrition program, so items like fruit, yogurt, granola bars, cheese and oatmeal are greatly appreciated.

We would like to thank all those who help contribute to our breakfast club ... *Thank you!*

This is our last month to prepare for the provincial assessment (EQAO) and students are growing more confident with the knowledge that EQAO is simply answering questions about what we have learned. A reminder to parents: Your child will reflect your attitude toward the assessment. If you show confidence in your child and discuss EQAO in a nonstressful manner, the assessment will be viewed by the student, as just another activity that we complete in the classroom. Just like every day of school, it is important that on the days that we complete the EQAO assessment, your child is well rested and has had a nutritious breakfast. We all need fuel to do our best thinking!

Congratulations goes out to Malaya Morales and Andun deMoel for showing Cooperation during the month of April. Our character trait for the month of May is Kindness. Ask yourself: Have you been kind today? Make kindness a part of your daily routine and change your world. Remember: "Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless." (Mother Theresa)

May is a month filled with many physical activities. May 3rd is our day that we "Jump Rope for Heart". The grade threes will be participating in their first track and field competition this year! We have been practicing running and high jump (and later, triple jump and long jump), in order to be the best we can be (and at the same time, have lots of fun!) Track Day is at Centennial Secondary School on the 7th and Field Day is at Fitch on the 8th. We will also be involved in the "Swim to Survive" program at the YMCA on the 10th, 15th and 17th. Our kids should be in great shape by the end of May!! We will also recognize Emiley's birthday on the 15th!

In Language, we will continue to look at the author's perspective, through reading for meaning. We will examine graphic, as well as other genres of texts through our guided reading program throughout May, the grade threes will be reviewing test taking strategies and practice how to answer questions (by highlighting specific vocabulary). We will be discussing and scoring sample questions to improve specific writing skills. We will also look closer at research skills, with a focus on how to discover resources. The grade 3's will also practice dictionary skills and continue our grammar exercises (looking at pronouns, conjunctions and parts of speech). Don't forget to have your Star Strategy Folders close by, when your child is reading to you, so that you can ask them questions about what they read. Our writing focus will be "Voice", as we continue to make use of descriptive writing. As always, spelling, capitals, punctuation will remain our focus. In Math we will solve problems involving Patterns in Number and Geometry and Probability. Encouraging daily practice of multiplication facts to 7 will help your child achieve a quicker recall of facts on the "Mad Minute" weekly quizzes. Remind your child to use pictures, numbers or words to explain how they found their answers to the Problem of the Week questions. We will begin our study of the Growth and Changes in Plants during Science class this month. As we start to see warmer and (hopefully!) drier weather, the children will practice their soccer skills in phys. ed. class and traffic safety in health class, as bicycle season begins. I wish all of you hard-working and special moms out there a happy Mother's Day and may you all enjoy a relaxing, fun-filled Victoria Day! *Mrs. Sherwin*

Grade 4 with Mrs. Phillips

Congratulations to **Ali Campigotto** and **Ben Charles** for being our Students of the Month for **April**. Both students have demonstrated **cooperation**.

Medieval Times and **Rocks and Minerals** will continue to be the units of study for students to apply many reading strategies and writing tasks.

In the unit on **Medieval Times** the students will compare many aspects of life in **The Middle Ages** to life today in 2012. Some of the topics include housing, clothing, food, employment, government, law, pollution, and religion.

Our science unit on **Rocks and Minerals** allows the students to learn how the earth's crust is continuously changing due to natural forces such as erosion and to human causes.



The math units of **Fractions** and **decimals** will be followed by a measuring unit. Students will use centimeters and metres to measure **area** and **perimeter**.

Mrs. Phillips

What's up in 5N with Ms. Neff

Congratulations to Hunter Noyes and Nadav Hilu our Character Matters students for the month of April for setting an excellent example of treating others as we wish to be treated (fairness/cooperation). In our Literacy In Action Unit, students will be reading, writing and talking about mystery stories. Students will be learning about the techniques that authors use to keep mystery readers interested and why people enjoy reading fiction and real-life mystery stories. The Star Strategy focus will be making predictions, inferences and connections while reading. They will be creating critical thinking questions, researching strange but real events and having a great time as problem solving detectives.

In math, we will be working on a unit on transformational geometry. Working with transformational geometry helps students develop special visualization skills. Many everyday activities, such as map reading, giving directions and following assembly instructions, rely on these skills. In this unit students will describe position on a grid, apply translations, reflections and rotations, pose and solve problems with transformations and construct figures with one line of symmetry. As students explore the activities, they will be encouraged to visualize and predict outcomes. **Grade 5 continued top of page right.....**



Grade 5 with Ms. Neff continued



On Monday May 28th, we will be having a Scientists In School workshop called "What In The World Is Matter?." Students will explore solids, liquids gases and changes in state as detectives seeking clues to the mysteries of matter. They will discover the difference between physical and chemical changes by investigating whether all plastics are created equal, participate in an amazing evaporation race and carry out some cool chemistry in a Ziploc bag. They will also determine the identity of the mystery compound using their chemical intuition, some crafty experimentation gathered during through this chemical adventure.

Ms. Neff

Mr. Scozzafava 's Grade 6 Class

In Math: we'll continue to study geometry and understand its meaning in the real world. We will understand how to find perimeter and area of triangles, parallelograms, quadrilaterals, as well as irregular shapes. We will also understand and find ways to develop strategies dealing different types of word problems (all strands). On a daily basis, we will work together through these word problems while developing the necessary skills to figure new strategies and retrieve necessary practice. We will understand that finding the answer is not the only important part with word problems; we need to show our work. Showing our work, especially in math, helps us find out where any difficulties lie. It's truly an important skill to maintain; show your work always.

Literacy: This month, we will continue with strategies when making connections to all types of texts. We will also discuss what we think the author's intent is, and ways for us to support our views appropriately. We will also identify the facets of various text forms and use them effectively in our writing pieces. We will develop our skills in writing and reading comprehension when we write to express our opinions and thoughts. When we write we must show our ability to express an idea with facts about a topic as well as incorporating our own background knowledge to make insights.

Reminders

- Organizerslet's have them used appropriately..quiz your kids with math or read with them
- Ensure your kids come to school prepared for learning (enough sleep, a good breakfast, and proper supplies); it is most appreciated
- EQAO is around the corner. Ask your kids; what's it all about? More information will follow.

Character Education

Congratulations to Zoe Lerner, Kailey deMoel, and Will Goodfellow! They all receive the certificate for cooperation this month. They truly represent this trait consistently! They always speak their minds in positive and understanding ways! Great job!

Thanks for your support as always Mr. Scozzafava



COOPERATION

ME CLASS



It is hard to believe that it is May and the end of the school year is in sight. We continue to follow all routines and rules right up to the last day of school in the ME room. It is best if we stay highly structured as this keeps kids calm and on track. Now having said that the weather is getting nice and the kids actually want to be outside playing so when ever we have the chance we take the opportunity to practise our social skills in a different way. We are just about finished units on Fractions and Decimals in Math, and will wrap up in a week or so. In Language and Social Studies we will continue to read and complete activities about Medieval Times, we will be building castles and small medieval villages and comparing these to how our community is structured. In Science we are finished our unit on Light and will complete Sound in about a week. Our next Science unit will focus on Pulleys and Gears. During Social Skills we continue to focus on Conflict Resolution and Social Thinking Skills. The character trait for the month of April was COOPERATION and our winner was Alex Richer. The character trait for May is HONESTY. Swimming will continue in the month of May as the students are having a great time and are constantly practicing their Social Skills.



ME TEAM

Grade 7 with Mr. Purdie

The Grade 7 class continues to move towards the end of year. Socially, the students are being asked to put their developing leadership skills to use everyday, in all their group work and social situations. On the whole, they are trying to make good decisions--I am pleased with the progress many of them are making in this area.

In Language, we have begun a unit on Fears and Phobias, which provides a lot of good material for creative writing work, as well as reading and writing involving mysteries and topics which are both fun yet uncomfortable at the same time. Our classroom has a good collection of student chosen phobias up for all to see.

In French, we are progressing through the "Veux-tu aller au Carnaval?" play, and the students are practicing reading through the play with their partners, with proper emotions, pronunciation and actions. We are also working on the future tense, and the class is practicing writing and converting sentences from present, to passe compose and to the future tense.

In Math, the class has just written their test on Fractions and Decimals, and I will be extending their work on Algebra and evaluating mathematical equations through the end of the month.

Mrs. Lizotti returns to the class from her maternity leave in the middle of May. It has been a real pleasure to work with the class. They are a wonderful group of students, with a high level of intelligence and good senses of humour. I have enjoyed my time with the Grade 7s at Fitch Street School, and I hope that I will be back with them and at Fitch Street School in the near future. I appreciate all the positive support and encouragement I have received from the parent community at the school--thanks for all you have done for myself, and most of all for your children!!

Mr. Purdie

Grade 7/8 with Mr. Ilskens

With the year quickly coming to an end we have a busy couple of months ahead of us. Students and parents need to be aware of what is going on at school and what to look forward to. Please check the school calendar, your agenda's, or ask me if you need to know what is happening. There are a lot of exciting things that students have coming up (music man, track, camp, etc.) and I am looking forward to enjoying them with you. Keep working hard!!

The Grade 7/8's will continue to work through our Nelson Literacy and focus on point of view. In writing, we will continue to focus on organizing our thoughts using a graphic organizer and getting our thoughts on paper. We will also be starting to work on summarizing various article and stories. As always, we will continue to write a variety of pieces, including book reviews, on demand writing (current events) and opinion pieces (persuasive letters). Students are encouraged to explore some of the current issues that are happening around the world and in our community. I am encouraging students to bring in any newspaper or magazine articles that they find interesting so that we can take a closer look and practice our summarizing skills. Parents, it is always nice to guide/lead some of these discussions with your child. Just a reminder that students are responsible for their spelling activity each week, along with their literature reviews each month.

In Math, the grade 7/8's have completed their unit in Number Sense and Numeration, Integers. Overall, the students did a nice job when working their way through this unit. Good work gang!! For the past couple weeks we have been working our way through Algebra. I know that this can be a difficult concept for some kids, so I am encouraging those that may be having difficulty to come see me for some extra help. Our next unit of study will be working with fractions, another tough concept, but nothing we can't handle. Right grade 7/8's!!

Each month our school focuses on a new character trait, this month was cooperation. I think that each one of these traits will play a key role in their lives. Cooperation is displayed by demonstrating the ability to work with others and to give assistance. This is one of the most important traits because we need to learn to work with different people every day of our lives. This month's recipients of the cooperation award were; Sydney McLellan, Ashley Brouwer, and Gloria Schidowka, congrats!!

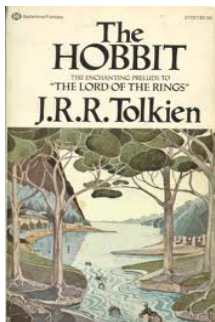
I would like to say great job to all those that have taken the initiative by selling chocolate bars to try and cut their cost for the year end trip to camp. Great work to everyone, especially Alysha Parfitt who sold 8 boxes!!



Lastly, I would like to give a shout out once again to Mrs. Waters and her baking crew!! We look forward to buying your delicious baked goods.

Mr. Ilskens

Grade 8 with Mr. Frank



The Grade 8's are part of the way through their Literature Circle unit on the Hobbit. Students have a template with their roles in their binders. They should be reading and working on their role at home at least 3 times a week so they can contribute to their small group discussions in class. Ask your son/daughter how they are enjoying the book so far!

In Math, algebra is now complete. Strands for May and June include Geometry (transformations, Cartesian Coordinate plane, Pythagorean theorem) and Probability.

Unit 2 in Geography will be starting the first week of May with Economic Patterns. Students will be working on the different types of economy (market, mixed, supply and demand) as well as completing a project on the different types of industry (primary, secondary, tertiary).

Congratulations also goes out to the members of the school Badminton team. Our tournament at E.L. Crossley was on April 27th. Track and Field will happen in early May. After that, we will be working through a short unit on baseball.

Final balance owing information for camp will be out before the second full week of May. All camp deposits and chocolate bar fundraiser profits will be subtracted from the camp total (\$350 per student) and a final balance owing will be at the bottom of the sheet.



Camp Wahanowin

Mr. Frank

Newsletter Draw

*The winner for April's newsletter draw is:
Madison Page ... Congratulations you win a free hot lunch.
Don't forget to enter this month's newsletter draw found on your calendar or send an email to fst@dsbn.org*

Student Recognition Assemblies

We will be gathering in the gymnasium each month to recognize student achievement with a particular emphasis on character development this year. This will be an opportunity to congratulate students for their efforts and achievements, while promoting school spirit and a sense of unity among our student body. The assemblies will take place on the last Friday of each month and will feature individual as well as group presentations. Parents are always welcome to join us for these celebrations.

March's Students of the Month for **Cooperation** are as follows:

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- Kinders – AM JK – Kenya Gillis
AM SK – Noah Praskey
PM JK – Jaidyn Nease
PM SK – Addison Thornton
AM JK – Mila Bolgar, Taylor Cruise
 - Gr. 1 - Emily Goodfellow
Elliot Depagter
 - Gr. 2 - Bruce Kitchen
Lucvens Jean Baptiste
 - Gr. 2/3 - Caleb Upper
Reed Boutin
 - Gr. 3 - Andun deMoel
Malaya Morales
 - Gr. 4 - Ali Campigotto
Ben Charles
 - Gr. 5 - Hunter Noyes
Nadav Hilu
 - Gr. 6 - Zoe Lerner
Kaily deMoel
Will Goodfellow
 - Gr. 7 - Emma Larabie
Alex Wilsher
 - Gr. 7/8 - Sydney McLellan
Gloria Schidowka
Ashley Brouwer
 - Gr. 8 – Edvin Levitt
Sydney Sherry
Brandon Simpson
 - ME Class–Alex Richer
 - ESL - Valentina Munoz
 - French - Gr. 4: Josh Goodfellow, Taylor Allen
Gr. 5: Hunter Noyes, Joel Jardine
Gr. 6: Sydney Doucet, Jerrey Farago



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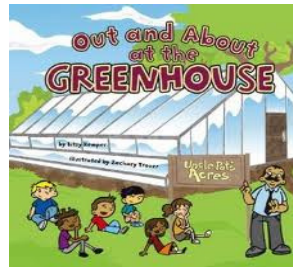


April seemed like a whirlwind; the year is going by so quickly! We would like to welcome a new student, Juan Pablo Argon from Colombia to Fitch Street School. He is a grade 6 student and only began living in Canada a few weeks ago.

Welcome, Juan! Another member of our Spanish speaking community, Valentina Munoz is to be congratulated on becoming student of the month for April. I have noticed her increasing cooperation with others as she becomes a mature Junior student at our school.

It was a pleasure to have a good turnout for our Parent Information session about Student Assessment and Evaluation. Thank you so much for your interest in your child's education. If you could not attend, and would like some of the resources, I will send them home with your child, on request.

Our students have built up their vocabulary with Spring words and are beginning to write longer sentences with more confidence. Next month, our students will be visiting a greenhouse and using some of these words to talk about their field trip. We will be learning about Mother's Day customs in Canada and using the fabulous fiction and non-fiction audio-books that we recently purchased to improve their pronunciation and fluency (Thank you Mr. Hadfield!). As the weather gets warmer, we are looking forward to enjoying Track and Field and special school trips with our various classes. If you have any questions about these activities, please feel free to contact myself, or a member of the Settlement Workers in Schools team to help. Hooray for May!



Mrs. Yabelo

FRENCH



Spring has sprung in the French classroom. Last month, the students learned new vocabulary relating to spring and Easter.

We had fun being the Easter bunny (Lily Lapin) who hides eggs in Claire and Luc's house.

Each class is now well into their respective unit plays.

Written and oral questions pertaining to the plays are intermixed with grammar lessons accompanied by singing raps to help students remember the grammar rules.

Some may think singing about grammar is corny, but I have had former students return to tell me that the raps helped them immensely with their high school French!

In May, we will start to brainstorm ideas about what happens after the story. This will be the major summative evaluation piece for second term's writing strand.

- all their knowledge of writing in French.
- Repeating and memorizing their lines in the play will be French homework in May.
- We are hopeful to have traveling theatrical productions to various classrooms at the end of this month.
- Bonne fête des mères (Happy Mother's Day) on May, 13.

Congratulations to this month's French certificate winners.

They are --Grade 6: Jerrey Farrago, Sydney Doucet; Grade 5: Joel Jardine, Hunter Noyes; Gr. 4: Josh Goodfellow, Taylor Allen

Mme Winkler



The last month of Litter Busters went very well. In just over 1 month we have taken 9 bags of garbage off of the schoolyard. Our attendance has been good as well. We encourage you to try Litter Busters this month. You'll be doing a good thing for your school and the planet.

A while ago we received a \$1000 grant from Metro to buy and install a Water Bottle Filling Station. It's a water fountain and water cooler combined! It will cut down on the amount of plastic bottles that go to waste. Buy a re-usable water bottle and help reduce waste!

Check the calendars posted around the school to see when we meet next!

-Dario S.

The character trait for April is

Honesty

1. Being truthful to others
2. Being truthful to yourself
3. Doing what's right regardless of who's around
4. Being someone others can trust

Library News



The Silver Birch book club members are very excited to attend the **7th Annual DSBN Silver Birch Celebration of Literacy Student Conference** which will be taking place at **The Niagara on the Lake Resource Centre**, home of School Support Services, (formerly Niagara District Secondary School)

on **Friday May 4th, 2012**. The theme this year is **"Gotta' Keep Reading!"**. Our keynote speakers this year are **Kevin Sylvester**, author of *Neil Flambe and the Aztec Abduction*, and **Dez Sargeant**, renowned and extremely enthusiastic storyteller. There will also be a magic show presented by **Coby Elimelech**. Students will join 400 students from the DSBN in workshops ranging from; Bug-i-licious to Cartooning with Kevin, and Survival at Sea to Minute to Winit. It is sure to be an exciting day!

The Pink Ladies Book Club has been meeting weekly. Besides talking books, the Ladies have enjoyed making t-shirts, blending smoothies, and baking brownies. A highlight was a lunchtime trip to Chippawa park to simply get out and enjoy the day. Talk about cold!!! Who would have thought that frost bite would even be in our vocabulary in April!???

As we approach June and the daunting task of doing inventory, I ask that you please check at home to see if there are any library books lurking about!! Start sending in those books that have been on your shelves for months!!

Mrs. Teal

Want to know who to thank for that extra long weekend in the spring? Read up on some lesser known details about Queen Victoria and how she's influenced the world!



Queen Victoria is grandmother to the current Queen Elizabeth, and one of Britain's most well-known monarchs. Her birthday, May 24th, was declared a holiday under the name Victoria Day in 1845. But who was Queen Victoria? Why is she credited with her own holiday? Actually, the practice of commemorating monarchs by declaring their birthday's national holidays

was nothing new in England during Victoria's time. However, Queen Victoria's long reign and her popularity with her subjects was enough to earn her a holiday in her honour. continued top right of page ...

Brief Biography of Queen Victoria:

Victoria was born in London at Kensington Palace to Edward, Duke of Kent, and Victoria, princess of Saxe-Coburg. Victoria ascended to the throne in 1837 and became a well-liked and popular queen. When she was 21, three years after she was crowned, Victoria married her cousin, Prince Albert. The union proved to be a happy and harmonious one. Queen Victoria and Prince Albert loved each other dearly, and had nine children. When Albert died in 1861 of typhoid fever, Victoria fell into despair. She secluded herself for approximately 10 years at Windsor Castle. Though she lost some of the public respect during this time, she regained popularity in her later years and remained much-loved in the hearts of her subjects for the rest of her life. Victoria died at 81 from a cerebral hemorrhage on January 22nd, 1901.

Happy Victoria Day



Parents - Do you know what your kids may be doing?

One out of five youth have reported misusing prescription drugs in the past year!

A lot of them say they are getting them straight from their home medicine cabinet.

We can protect our kids:

1. **Lock up** all prescription medications
2. **Talk to your children** about the dangers of misusing prescription drugs
3. **Take back** all old or unused prescription medications to your local pharmacy or
4. **Drop them off** at various locations around the Niagara region on **Saturday, May 12, 2012 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Check www.niagararegion.ca/health for more information on Niagara's Prescription Drug Drop-off Day and a list of locations near you.