

PARNALL PIRATE'S TREASURE

The Newsletter of Parnall Public School



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IT'S WINTER



The cold weather has arrived and all grade 1-6 students are outside for the three recess breaks. Please ensure your child is properly dressed to handle the cold. There will be times that we will keep students indoors for recess when the temperature and wind chill make it uncomfortable outdoors.

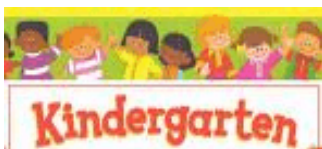
With the snow and wet weather, each child should keep a pair of indoor shoes at school. The floors can get pretty wet and cold. Also, shoes are required for your child's safety in the event of a Fire Emergency.

If you feel that your child is too sick to go outdoors, in consideration of other students, they should be at home.

FAMILY DAY

The Government of Ontario province-wide statutory holiday known as **Family Day** will occur on the third Monday in February of each year - this year landing on **Monday, February 15th**. The purpose of this holiday is to emphasize and celebrate the importance of families taking the time to be together.

KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE



February is Kindergarten Registration month! If you or a neighbor have a child who will be 4 years of age by December 31st, 2010 the child is eligible to attend the kindergarten program.

The Open House will be held on **Thursday February 4th from 4:00 - 6:00**. This is a great opportunity to visit the school and classrooms, meet the staff, learn more about a day in kindergarten and ask questions. You can register your child during the open house - please bring a birth certificate, proof of immunization

and a Health Card. Present JK students need not re-apply for SK.

Please inform anyone in your neighborhood who has a school age child of the Open House. The DSBN has placed reminders in the local newspapers as well. The number of teachers we are assigned for the following year are determined by projected enrollments in the late winter and early spring. It's very important for us to have a fairly accurate idea of how many children will attend school in the fall in order for us to plan well in advance.

EARLY RELEASE DAY

Friday February 12th will be an Early Release Day. Students will be dismissed at 11:35 am. while buses should arrive at school by 12:15. **There are no kindergarten classes on this day.**

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT



The Public Health Department dental staff is scheduled to visit our school on **Thursday, February 18th**, to assess students in grades JK, SK, 2, 4, & 6 and other children as necessary.

During this time a Registered Dental Hygienist will conduct a visual assessment of each child to determine his/her dental needs. Parents will be contacted if their child exhibits any condition requiring immediate attention. In the past, Public Health programs have assisted many children who would otherwise not have had access to required dental care. If your child is not in one of the targeted grades and you would like him/her to take part, please call the Public Health Dental Department at 905-688-3762 or 1-800-263-7248.

CHESS CLUB



The Grades 3 - 6 Chess Tournament is well underway in Room 22 every Tuesday at lunch. Currently, Jay Stefanishyn is in the lead. We are also running a Dragon Chess Tournament at the same time. Leading that tournament is Chris Botts. Well done to all the participants so far!

KINDERGARTEN UPDATE

Mrs. Chiarelli's and Mrs. Black's kindergarten classes will be participating in the Scholastic Reading Challenge. When the children read 100 books, Scholastic will make a donation to help save 100 sq. km of the Canadian Boreal Forest. The classes must read their 100 books by **Earth Day, April 22, 2010**. What a great incentive to **Read, Read, Read!**

SCIENCE FAIR

Parnall held its Science Fair on Thursday, January 21st. Esteemed judges included members of the public, consultants from the Board, MP Rick Dykstra, MPP Jim Bradley and Councillor Len Stack. The 16 participants worked tirelessly at home conducting experiments, researching scientific concepts and creating eye-popping displays of their work. Everyone who attended the evening reception was impressed with the quality of this year's projects. Congratulations to Jacquelyn Campbell (Are Your Hands Clean?), Sammy Broadley (Crystals) and Allie Hunter (Take a Deep Breath) who received gold, silver and bronze awards for their scientific work. Their names have been submitted to go on to the Regional Science Fair and we will find out whether or not they are chosen by the end of February. Special thanks go out to the Parnall Parent Council who sponsored the prizes and refreshments for the reception. Their on-going support is deeply appreciated!



CHEEKY MONKEYS'

Thank you to everyone who attended the "Cheeky Monkeys' Parnall night" on Tuesday, January 19th. We had a record turn out, and everyone had a blast raising money for our school. We hope to have another EXCELLENT turn out on **Tuesday, March 9th!** Make sure to tell your families, friends and neighbours...the night is not just for PIRATES...EVERYONE CAN COME AND HAVE FUN!!!!

INTEGRITY WINNERS FOR JANUARY

<u>JK/SK Mrs. Chiarelli</u>	<u>1-1 Mrs. Penner</u>
Mallory Di Paolo Hunter Sedore	Logan Newbigging Cody Cormier
<u>1/2 Miss Tonnos</u>	<u>2-1 Mr. Pickett</u>
Danny Lewis	Jackson Scholtens
<u>2/3 Mrs. Chuchman</u>	<u>3-1 Mrs. Cosby</u>
Dane Sedore	Gage Doucette
<u>3-2 Mrs. Cogswell</u>	<u>4-1 Ms. Snider</u>
Josiah Esau Paige Di Paolo	Duncan Woods Madelynn McClelland
<u>4/5 Mr. White</u>	<u>5-1 Mrs. Tallman</u>
Hanna Kelly Mackenzie Morningstar	Brooke Hedden Zach Irwin
<u>5/6 Mr. Chubb</u>	<u>6-1 Mrs. Coveney</u>
Christopher Anderson Haley Esau	Carter Andres Dana Stevens
<u>SESN Mrs. Unger</u>	
Clayton Hirniak	



FUNDSCRIP UPDATE

Thank you to all of the Families who have participated in the FundScrip program. As of February 1st, we have earned approximately **\$1,344** this year just by doing our day of shopping. Every order really does make a difference, and it is very much appreciated!

Orders will be available to be picked up starting **February 9th**.

There will be three more chances for you to order CASH CARDS this year on the following dates:

March 1st, April 26th, and May 31st.

We look forward to your participation.

Happy Shopping!



JANUARY SUPERSTARS

- JSP1** Jamie Addy, Tommy Mitchinson, Rowan Sibbald, Gavin Bogusat, Connor Wilson
- 1-1** Tyler Gearing, Kyle MacLean
- 1/2** Chloe Meloen
- 2-1** Tyler Snure, Devon Kopeschny
- 2/3** Robbie Williamson, William Couroux
- 3-1** Noah Jeffery, Ryan Seinen, Evan Watton
- 3-2** Keith MacLean, Jackson Wyatt
- 4-1** Jakob Cuttler, Lindsay Morrison, Christopher Richards
- 4/5** Samantha Arseneau, Troy Kronowetter, Meaghan Wenham
- 5-1** Emily MacDonald, Heather Sloper, Kyle Holomego-McCready
- 5/6** Ashley Lennox, Alli Philavanh, Allyson Gauvin, Rachel Archibald, Shannon Alderson
- 6-1** Owen Barton, Sammy Broadley, Katie Juritsch, Erin Pagnotta, Eric Piggot, Tommy Matz, Dana Stevens, Ashley Upshaw, Alyssa VanZalen, Josh Weeks
- SESN** Sean Winterbottom, Josh Leblanc



PARNALL HELPS HAITI

Our fundraising to date for Haiti is **\$2,224.43**. This money was raised by students, families and staff as a part of our initiative to help those in Haiti who are most in need. Parnall students completed a variety of tasks at home to earn the money they donated. Some students even emptied their piggy banks! A big thank you goes to Ms. Snider's grade 4 class for raising \$300.00 in popcorn sales. Parnall students truly showed integrity by "doing the right thing" to help those in need. The money will be donated to the Foundation for International Development and Assistance (FIDA). We are able to provide at least eight families of five with food, water, hygiene products (such as soap, shampoo and toothpaste) and some assistance with their immediate needs. **Thank You Parnall!!!**

BOTTLE DRIVE

The ECO Club would like to thank all of the Families, Friends and Parnall neighbours who came out on January 16th to donate their cans and bottles, and to those who returned their own bottles and donated the money to help with the **Learning Garden**. We raised **\$208.40**, collecting 434 cans and 830 bottles.



Our final Bottle Drive of the year will be at the beginning of June. We look forward to seeing you there!

LITERACY NIGHT/BOOK SWAP

Thank you to the school community for making our **Book Swap** such a hit! Students brought in nearly 2,000 books to swap with their friends, and the PAC volunteers have a new respect for Mrs. Cornelius after trying to sort them all! Special thanks go out to Mrs. Losier for making Parnall's first Pirate "Storybook" cake to celebrate **Family Literacy Night!** The PAC would also like to gratefully acknowledge and thank Starbucks (Geneva St.) for their on-going support of literacy and for supporting parental involvement in education through their coffee donations.



DANCE-A-THON

Mark your calendars! On **Friday, February 26**, Parnall will be cranking out the tunes for our **Luau-themed Dance-a-thon!** Information and pledge forms will be sent home next week. Request your favourite songs, dance up a storm and help us celebrate music and movement at this popular school-wide event!



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<h1>February 2010</h1>				
1 Day 2	2 Day 3	3 Day 4 Super Star Assembly 2:30 p.m.	4 Day 5 Kindergarten Open House 4:00 - 6:00 pm	5 Day 6 Pizza Lunch The Nurse is visiting primary classes
8 Day 7	9 Day 8 Speech Contest	10 Day 9 Parent Council 7:00	11 Day 10	12 Day 1 Early Release Day Speech Contest @ the Lions Club tomorrow
15 Family Day Speech Contest @ Optimist Club	16 Day 2	17 Day 3 Carousal Players performance for Juniors @ 9:30 a.m.	18 Day 4 Dental Screening for KG, 2, 4, 6	19 Day 5 Pizza Lunch
22 Day 6	23 Day 7	24 Day 8	25 Day 9 Earn money for Parnall School by shopping at M & M Meats today!	26 Day 10 Dance-A-Thon

