



PARNALL PIRATE'S TREASURE

The Newsletter of Parnall Public School



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SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER !

Spring Is Just Around The Corner ! - March 21st , that is - the first day of spring. We're heading into the home stretch of this school year that has already been full of many wonderful events.

This is the time of year that the Board asks us to predict our student numbers and staffing needs for September. One of the key groups in order to determine this is kindergarten. Last month we had an excellent turn out for our Kindergarten Open House and we had 21 new registrations take place. If you have, or know of anyone please make sure they are registered now.

All of our students have been completing their second term in class assessments. Grades 1-3 have been completing PM Benchmarks and grades 4- 6 have been working on their CASI's (Comprehension, Attitude, Strategy, Interest). The focus this past month in reading has been to identify important ideas in texts. Initial reports indicate that all of our students have made progress on these achievement tests. All classes will continue to use the problem solving approach in mathematics.

Our junior girls and boys basketball teams have begun their exhibition games with their regular season beginning after March Break.

The second term report cards will be going home on **Friday, March 26th**.



DSBN ROAD RACE

Lace up your running shoes and mark your calendar for the 2010 DSBN Road Race on Sunday, Apr. 25th. The 1km Fun Run is at 10 a.m. with the 5km Road Race at 10:30 a.m.

MARCH IS NUTRITION MONTH

What can I have to drink?

The best thirst quencher is water. Canada's Food Guide recommends that you "satisfy your thirst with water!" Parents

often send juice to school with their children not realizing that the "drink", "beverage", or "cocktail" that they send contains very little juice. Only those juice boxes that specify 100% fruit juice actually contain pure juice and not a combination of a small amount of juice and mostly sugar and water. Have vegetables and fruit more often than juice, and enjoy a variety of options. For most children at least two cups of milk is recommended daily. Milk is another good option for quenching thirst. Pop, energy drinks, sports drinks, and juice should be limited and offered occasionally.

Is your child up-to-date on his/her immunizations?

The *Immunization of School Pupils Act* requires every Public Health Unit to have one of the following on file for each child attending school:

- an up-to-date immunization record, or
- a legal exemption document (a statement of medical exemption, or a statement of conscience or religious belief affidavit).

In mid-March, suspension orders will be mailed to parents/guardians of those elementary school children who do not have complete immunization records (or legal exemption) on file with Public Health. **Parents have until May 3, 2010 to provide the necessary information to Public Health** (otherwise their child will be suspended effective May 4, 2010).

Parents may contact their health care provider to obtain immunization records and/or immunizations. Public Health also offers immunization clinics. To book an appointment for your child or for more information call 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7425.

FEBRUARY SUPERSTARS

JSP1 Ashley Allan, Arianna Dackiw, Ty Oates

1-1 Sydney Battel, Kaileigh Wegener

1/2 Ethan Ruthven, Brynn Esau

2-1 Jennika McIntosh, Cameron Krulik



- 2/3 Emily Balan, Danielle LaPlante
- 3-1 Ashley Brady, Kiya Camilleri
- 3-2 Paige Di Paolo, Kevin Sahin
- 4-1 Michael Mazzarella, Emma Birnie
- 4/5 Troy Holowchuk, Spencer Scholtens, Trinity Arsenault
- 5-1 Zach Irwin, Richard Vanderlaan, Kenny MacLean, Matt Christie
- 5/6 Joseph Stefanishyn, Sammi Laubach
- 6-1 Owen Barton, Ryan McClelland, Ashley Upshaw, Alyssa VanZalen, Stevie Watton
- SESN Richard Sloper



CARING WINNERS FOR FEBRUARY

JK/SK p.m. Mrs. Chiarelli

Justine Mason
Jacob Brisebois
Julia Picard

1-1 Mrs. Penner

Jenna Bailey
Jaden Lennox

1/2 Miss Tonnos

Allison Addy
Nicholas Howarth

2-1 Mr. Pickett

Alexandra Smith

2/3 Mrs. Chuchman

Kailey Harvey

3-1 Mrs. Cosby

Mikka Hanneman
Erynn Hutley

3-2 Mrs. Cogswell

Meagan Roberts
Erika Hawman-Mitchinson

4-1 Ms. Snider

Alaina Kelly
Hunter Reid
Kaitlyn Weeks

4/5 Mr. White

Sendy Rivas

5-1 Mrs. Tallman

Emily MacDonald
Mackenzie Cowdrey

5/6 Mr. Chubb

Kaleb Dodd
Awena Bartlett

6-1 Mrs. Coveney

Nathan Lortie

SESN Mrs. Unger

Devon Botbyl
Kassie Golden

LIBRARY/COMPUTER NEWS

The Library/Computer Lab has been a very busy place as usual. Congratulations to the **Parnall's Olympic Research Team** that definitely won gold by learning many interesting facts about the Olympics! Many students have accessed the Olympic site from home via our Parnall Library **Destiny** site, Great Job! **Silver Birch and Blue Spruce Clubs** are in full swing. We have read many great books by Canadian authors. Our record sign up for Juniors in the extra-curricular reading group is 67 students!

Thank-you for the successful **book fair!** Funds were used to purchase audio-books (CD versions) for student circulation. Mrs. Cornelius is looking for **parent volunteers/community helpers** that would be interested in volunteering some time (at your convenience), to the Library for the processing and organizing of materials. If interested please send a note with your child or contact Mrs. Cornelius.

Happy Reading!

NIAGARA ARTISTS VISIT PARNALL

Artists from the Niagara Falls Art Gallery will be leading a workshop in every classroom during the month of March. Workshop topics are curriculum based for each grade. Thank you to the P.A.C. for supporting this event!

CHESS CLUB



The Grades 3 - 6 Chess Tournament continues in Room 22 every Tuesday at lunch. Currently, Natalie Hayslip is in the lead with 33 points, followed closely by Jay Stefanishyn, with 24 points. Leading in the Dragon Chess tournament is still Chris Botts with 17 points. Chess Club will run until March Break. Good luck to all the participants!

PARNALL 2009-2010 YEARBOOK

The junior students are in the middle of completing the 2009-2010 yearbook. In order to keep the cost to a minimum, we would like to invite anyone connected to our school community to purchase advertising space.

Your business card is an instant means to support our cause and provide your enterprise with some positive exposure. We are requesting a **\$20.00** donation per business card. If you are interested, please forward your cheque (made payable to Parnall School), along with your business card, to the attention of Yearbook Committee. Our book will be going to print by the end of May. Thank you for your support



PARNALL NIGHT AT CHEEKY MONKEYS'

Looking for something fun to do? Why not come out to Cheeky Monkeys' on March 9th, from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. Make sure to tell your friends, family, and neighbours...the night is not just for PIRATES... everyone can come and have FUN!!!

BULLYING AND CYBER BULLYING GUEST SPEAKERS

On Tuesday, February 23rd, PAC invited Nadine Wallace from the Niagara Regional Police and Bonnie Prentice from **TALK Niagara** to speak with our parents about "Bullying and Cyber Bullying". It was a night filled with lots of great information and tips we can share with our children. Thank you Bonnie and Nadine for a truly eye opening discussion on what it means to "Bully" and to "Be Bullied" and, more importantly, what we can do to help put an end to it. If you were unable to attend the evening and would like to receive some of the information from the presentation, please contact the office.

FUNDSCRIP UPDATE

THANK YOU to all of the families who have participated in the FundScrip Program. As of March 1st, we have earned approximately **\$1,456.00** just by doing our day to day shopping. Every order really does make a difference, and it is very much appreciated! Orders will be available to be picked up starting March 9th.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Barton Family! They won the draw for this month.

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

April 26th, and May 31st.

We look forward to your participation.

Happy Shopping!

..AND THEY DANCED!!

Many thanks go out to Parnall's extended community for its generous support of this year's **DANCE-A-THON!** The day was a huge success and, despite the winter storm outside, it was hot, hot, hot in the gym! Thanks to the many parents who volunteered their time and talents to help make it happen. This fundraiser is one of our favourites and it's always a hit with the kids! Prizes were awarded to our top 3 fund-raising families as follows:

Third place: The **Gearing family** won 2 board games, *Deal or No Deal* and *Stratego*

Second place: The **Allan family** won a **family bowling night**, including dinner at **PLA-MOR**

First place: *The Burke family* won 5 gift certificates to the **FALLSVIEW WATERPARK**

Congratulations to Mr. Chubb's class for raising the most money! They'll be celebrating with a **free sundae party** on Friday. All other classes are invited to take part in the festivities as we offer our **SUNDAE SPECIAL: Two scoops with two toppings for two dollars** (additional toppings will be available for 50 cents each). Please notify the PAC if your child has any food allergies we need to be aware of. All toppings and ice cream will be nut free.

COMMUNICATION MATTERS - Idioms: "Don't miss the boat!" *Smart Talk from your Board Speech-Language Pathologists*

Idioms are a type of figurative language. They are expressions that mean something other than the literal meaning of the words used. For example, the title of this article contains an idiom: 'don't miss the boat'. What the expression really means is 'don't miss the opportunity'; it has nothing to do with 'a boat'. Idioms can make up approximately two-thirds of the English language*. Without comprehension skills for figurative language, especially idioms, children can be confused and miss out on conversations. Direct instruction is the best way to teach many idioms. When you hear or see an idiom, explain its intended meaning. The following are several examples of idioms and their nonliteral interpretations:

- a piece of cake: very easy, as in:
Doing this lesson will be *a piece of cake*.
- put on your thinking cap: to think seriously about something, as in:
You will need to *put on your thinking cap* to solve the problem.
- give me a break: 'give me another chance', or 'I don't believe you' as in:
I was only late once so *give me a break*.
You say a dog ate your homework? *Give me a break!*

You can find many more examples of idioms by listening to conversations, watching enthusiast, reading books, etc. Different cultures use different idioms. No matter what the culture, however, understanding idioms can improve a child's understanding and usage of spoken language, reading comprehension, and/or written expression.

*Adapted from *Idioms: As Easy as ABC* by K. Stuckey and Julie Daymut, 2009 (www.superduperinc.com)

ATTENTION LEGO ENTHUSIASTS

Lego Club has created quite a lot of excitement here at Parnall School! If you have any Lego pieces collecting dust at home that you were thinking of getting rid of. . . we would love to take them off your hands. Any donations would be appreciated.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<h1>March 2010</h1>				
<p>1 Day 1</p> <p>Super Star Assembly 2:30 p.m.</p> <p>FundScrip orders due</p>	<p>2 Day 2</p>	<p>3 Day 3</p>	<p>4 Day 4</p> <p>Mrs. Black's class to Sugar Bush 9-11:30</p>	<p>5 Day 5</p> <p>Pizza Lunch Ice Cream Sundae \$2</p>
<p>8 Day 6</p> <p>Gr. 6 to White Oaks</p>	<p>9 Day 7</p> <p>FundScrip cards pick-up Parnall Night at Cheeky Monkeys' Gr. 5/6 to White Oaks</p>	<p>10 Day 8</p>	<p>11 Day 9</p> <p>Gr. 5 to White Oaks</p>	<p>12 Day 10</p>
<p>15</p> <p style="text-align: center;">M</p> <p style="text-align: center;">B</p>	<p>16</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A</p> <p style="text-align: center;">R</p>	<p>17</p> <p style="text-align: center;">R</p> <p style="text-align: center;">E</p>	<p>18</p> <p style="text-align: center;">C</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A</p>	<p>19</p> <p style="text-align: center;">H</p> <p style="text-align: center;">K</p>
<p>22 Day 1</p>	<p>23 Day 2</p> <p>Mrs. Chiarelli's a.m. class to Sugar Bush 9:00 - 11:30</p> <p>Niagara Falls Art Gallery: Gr. 2</p>	<p>24 Day 3</p> <p>Mrs. Chiarelli's p.m. class to Sugar Bush 12:00 - 2:30</p> <p>PAC meeting 7:00 pm</p> <p>Niagara Falls Art Gallery: Gr. JK/SK a.m, 1, 2/3, 4, SESN</p>	<p>25 Day 4</p> <p>Niagara Falls Art Gallery: Gr. JK/SK p.m., 1/ 2, 3-1, 3-2, 4/5, 5, 5/6, 6.</p>	<p>26 Day 5</p> <p>Pizza Lunch</p> <p>Report cards go home today</p>
<p>29 Day 6</p>	<p>30 Day 7</p>	<p>31 Day 8</p>		