



PRINCE OF WALES SCHOOL OCTOBER 2011

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Welcome to our NEW STAFF! Due to additional enrollment, we have reorganized our classes. Mrs. S. Lengyel joins us to teach the Grade 3-2 class. Mrs. S. Bazylewski will be teaching our Grade 3-1 class. Mr. Droppert is with us every other afternoon to cover prep times for teachers. We call this the "September Shuffle" and we appreciate your patience as we work hard to support student learning.

EQAO RESULTS... We are pleased to report that, due to the hard work of staff and students our EQAO results are on the rise! Many more of our students are achieving level 3/4 in Reading/Writing and Mathematics. In Grade 3, 59% of students achieved Level 3/4 in Reading (a gain of 37%), in Writing 59% of students achieved Level 3/4 (a gain of 20%) and in Math, 52% of students achieved Level 3/4 (a gain of 4%). In Grade 6, 62% of students achieved Level 3/4 in Reading (a gain of 10%). In Writing, 50% of students achieved a Level 3/4 (a gain of 2%) and in Math, 29% of students achieved a Level 3/4 (a gain of 7%). Our team of teachers meets bi-weekly to discuss and refine strategies to support your students so, when you see homework (like Problem of the Week) please help your child make time to work on these important skills. We still have work to do but, we are making outstanding progress! BRAVO!

SAFETY REMINDERS: Students are encouraged to WALK TO SCHOOL WITH A BUDDY and WEAR A HELMET when biking, skateboarding or scootering. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to OBEY PARKING SIGNS, CALL IN ABSENCES FOR STUDENTS and COME TO THE OFFICE TO DROP OFF ANY ITEMS FOR STUDENTS and SIGN STUDENTS IN AND OUT FOR APPOINTMENTS.

THANK YOU FOR A GREAT START TO THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2011. PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DAY
SCHOOL HOLIDAY!

Staff will be meeting together to work on our School Goals for 2011-2012. These will be posted on the website along with our VISION and MISSION statement and CORE VALUES for Prince of Wales School.

PARENTING SESSIONS THIS FALL!

Please see the flyer and registration form that are with this newsletter for information! Registration forms need to be returned by October 18th so food can be ordered!

Dates: Wednesday, October 19th, Thursday, October 27th,

Thursday, November 3rd and Thursday, November 10th.

CHILD CARE FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN AND ACTIVITIES FOR OLDER CHILDREN AND A LIGHT SUPPER PROVIDED!

These sessions will replace our School Council Meetings for October/November.

Thank you to Mrs. Snelgrove and Mrs. MacKay-Cotton who have stepped forward to be School Council Chairs this year.



Thank you to everyone who participated in our TERRY FOX WALK! We were able to raise \$230 and almost met our goal of \$250.



Vice Principal's Award for Responsibility

- Van Chung, Kyrsten Huynh, Laney Forgarasi
- Daniella Alnas, Leah Randall, Alex Stewart,
- Raina Taylor, Payton Harlan, Ally Floeteimeier,
- Alysha Krakana

HALLOWE'EN FUN KARAOKE ANYONE??

Students will be allowed to wear their costumes ALL DAY on Monday, October 31st! Please remember to make sure that costumes are appropriate with no weapons or blood. Starting next week, students will be able to bring their change to school to put in their teacher's jar. The teachers with the most money at the end of the month will be part of the TEACHER SING-OFF in the gym! Students who wish to sing will be able to purchase a ticket and sign up on the playlist for \$5 (one song per child).

Unicef will receive 20% of the profits from this event! Our schedule for the day will be as follows:

- 9 A.M. - Teacher Sing-Off - Gym
- 9:30 a.m. - Karaoke for Grades 1-5 (JK/SK Parades through the Gym)
- 10:20 a.m. - FIRST BREAK
- 11–11:50 AM - Costume Contest (by class) - Judged by Student Parliament - Trophies by the Eco Club
- 11:50–12:30 SECOND NUTRITION BREAK
- 12:30 PM - PARADE TO LAURA SECORD SECONDARY SCHOOL for TREATS with Grades 1-5
- 1-3 PM - KARAOKE for Grades 6-8 in the Gym

Alternate activities will be provided for students who do not celebrate Hallowe'en.

Grades 1-5 will have class parties when they return from the Parade - JK/SK will have their parade through the school in the afternoon.

Photo Booth by Mrs. Taylor - \$1 for a photo in your costume (by yourself or with friends) and Popcorn for Sale for 5 cents a bag.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR THE FUN!



FIVE STAR RECOGNITION

ATTENDANCE	ATHLETICS	ACADEMICS	ACTIVITIES	ATTITUDE
Olivia Armstrong	Collin Perrault	Ruby Beavan	Kiefer McMillan	Sawyer Neufeld
Jacob Penner	Neveah Baxter	Brianna Schram	Dawnnell Sykes	Jacen Osborne
Maria Schmitt	Michael O'dea-Handyside	Taha Rizvi	Sarah Lesperance	Madison Harlan
Shiane Alton	Omar Nori	Cordell Krafve	Maddy Reece	Samuel Wilson
Elijah Prosper	Owen MacKay-Cotton	Emma Huynh	Hadyn Johnson	Emily Snelgrove
Peter Schmitt	Isabel Neufeld	Jessica Lesperance	Emily Dufour	Sadeen Kalbouna
Alx Phillips-Bedard	Braden Campbell	Sydney Tilley	Shadae Brown	Ethan Smith
Desiny Plamandon	Riley McCafferty	Kaeden Gordon	Braeden Corbett	Anita Reece
Riley McCafferty	Max Grant	Raneem Kalbouna	Jasmin Clarke	Jazmyn Pinkham
Alissa Propper	Eric Wilson	Jon Prosper	Allie Ingram	Zain Smith
Cameron Ford	Shaelynn Morris	Alicia Watson	Amanda Naylor	Rihab Nori
Dustin Deguire-Legault	Lexis Hodges	Kaelan Fogarasi	Brittany Langan	Brandon Winfield
				Kevin Barnfield

ECO CORNER

Eco Club off and hiking at Prince of Wales

The Eco Club had a great trip to start the year as we explored the plants and animal life at Woodend Conservation area on September 21st. The weather was glorious and we had barely gotten off the bus before we were able to view a monarch butterfly as it emerged from its chrysalis and dried its wings in the sun. Students examined many varieties of insect life on the meadow paths and as they moved into the woodland trails we noticed birds, unusual plants and spectacular views from the top of the escarpment. Many students brought cameras and it certainly seems that many of our eco club members may have a future as nature photographers.



We ended our trip along a trail that skirted a sheer rock face and students thrilled to find many small red-backed salamanders hiding under pieces of rock. Students will be spending time during our nutrition breaks documenting our trip on a mural that we will display during our Open House. To assist with our school fund-raising the Prince of Wales Eco Club will be selling packages of native plant seeds (\$2.00 for a package of either butterfly weed or swamp rose mallow). Eco club members have spent time during nutrition break breaking apart seed pods and collecting the seeds into packages. These plants are not only beautiful but they also provide improved habitat for other species. Way to go Eco clubbers, the planet thanks you!!

Learning Commons Update

You may be wondering why we now call our library a "Learning Commons". It is not just a change in name but a change in purpose. Libraries around the world have had to change to respond to the needs of their users who expect and need to be surrounded by information and to have it available to them 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

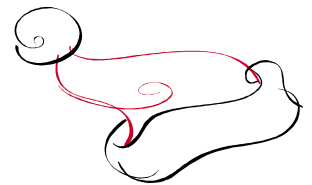
The shift from a traditional library to a Learning Commons is also intended to motivate and encourage students to learn and to grow. We are very excited to have started this transformation but our journey has only just begun. So far we have:

- purchased 12 netbooks with a grant from ???????
- remodelled the Everybody Reads and Fiction sections to make them more inviting (relocation, shelving, paint)
 - weeded some material that was out of date or unappealing to students under the direction of the DSBN library consultant
- opened the Learning Commons to student use at first break
- set up our Destiny Homepage (virtual library space) (more about this in a future newsletter)
- provided comfortable seating for students
- had clubs hold their gatherings here



MAGAZINE FUNDRAISING continues until Tuesday, October 11, 2011.

Extra order forms are available at the office! All money supports Student Activities for the 2011-2012 School Year!



HAT DAYS EACH FRIDAY! Students can wear their hat for 25 cents to support our Kindergarten Fundraiser in memory of our dear friend, Darius Vaughan.

Pizza Lunches - Tuesday, October 4 and 18, 2011.

Hotdog Day - Tuesday October 25, 2011.

Popcorn Friday - October 14



Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is open every day during first break for students needing a little something in their bellies! We go through A LOT of food every week, so donations are always welcome! Donations may include:

Maple Syrup	Non-sugar cereal
Fresh Fruit or Veggies	Instant Oatmeal packages
Yoghurt	Eggs
Milk	Whole Wheat Bread
Orange Juice	Cheese Strings
Apple Juice	

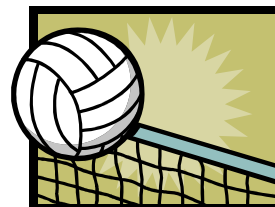


Volunteers

At Prince of Wales we welcome all volunteers! If you are able to help out occasionally, weekly, or even more often, please see Mrs. Zanutto.



Jr. Boys & Girls Volleyball - Tryouts & practices to begin this month...stay tuned to announcements



Do you love to display the pictures you take in a lasting and memorable way? Maybe you would like to try **scrapbooking**! If you are in Grades 4-8, our seasonal scrapbooking club begins this month! Please watch for the sign up sheet by Mrs. Warden's classroom, and get some of your favourite photos ready!



JOIN POW at the St. Catharine's Falcon's Game Friday, October 14, 2011.

Tickets will be sent home on Monday, October 10, 2011. Students free! Adult Tickets are \$8.00. We will drop the puck in honour of Darius Vaughan. Please join us for this fun event!



