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All the Colors of the Earth

*Children come in all the colors of
the earth
The roaring browns of bears and
soaring eagles
The whispering golds of late
summer grasses
And crackling russets of fallen
leaves
The tinkling pinks of tiny seashells
by the rumbling sea
Children come with hair like
bouncy baby lambs.
Or hair that flows like water
Or hair that curls like sleeping
cats snoozy cat colors
Children come in all the colors of
love
In endless shades of you and me
For love comes in cinnamon,
walnut and wheat.
Love is amber and ivory and
ginger and sweet
Like caramel, and chocolate and
the honey of bees
Dark as leopard spots, light as
sand,
Children buzz with laughter that
kisses our land
With sunlight like butterflies happy
and free,
Children come in all the colors of
the earth and sky and sea.*

Sheila Hamanaka



BASKETBALL

The basketball tournaments for the junior students are being held at St. Anthony's school on April 22nd(girls) and April 23rd(boys) Good luck to our teams and thank you once again to our coaches, Mrs. Reis, Ms Budisa, and Mrs. Campagna.

SWIMMING

Swimming lessons have begun for the junior students at the Ellen Mitchell swimming pool. Students walk to the pool once a week for nine weeks to participate in a great program that comes from the Brampton Recreation Department. Thanks to Mrs. Templar for organizing this very worthwhile activity.

CONFIRMATION

Our grade eight students will be making their Confirmation on April 30th 2008 at 7:00 pm This is a very important step in the lives of our young people as they become adults in the Church and profess the faith that they have been practicing for twelve years. Congratulations to the confirmandi



HARMONY MOVEMENT GROUP

We have a new group that has become part of our school community. The name of this group is the Harmony Movement group. The program builds on the participants own values of diversity and self esteem in order to help combat discrimination. Students are made aware of the issues behind prejudice, and through the program are encouraged to develop personal strategies to address these issues. The program involves approximately thirty students from grades six to eight who meet at lunch time once a week for eight weeks.

The culminating activity will be an assembly for the school.

Identity development and understanding of self are also core issues of the program. Media literacy, leadership, self-esteem building and presentation skills are all concepts that are covered in these weekly sessions.

We are hoping to extend this program next year for other students as well.

Thank you to Mr. D'Astolfo for having this group be part of our community.



GRADUATION

Grade eight graduation this year is June 24th at Caesar's Banquet hall in Bolton. We are planning to

start the celebration at 5:00 pm but further specific information will go out to the grade eights next week.

MONTREAL

Fifty of our grade seven and eight students will be participating in an educational trip to Montreal May 7th to 9th. The grade seven and eight teachers will be joining the students as well as Mrs. Klugman and Mr. Dolan. During those days there will be a specific program for those students who will be staying back. More information will be coming home about the program with those students.



ATTACHMENTS.....

CLASS PLACEMENT LETTER

It is that time again to begin to plan for September 2008. Attached you will find a form to talk about the learning style of your child so that we can consider appropriate placement. We are not always able to honor all situations but we will certainly try. We ask that these forms be returned to your child's teacher by **May 16th**

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2008/2009

Please note that next year there will **not** be a professional development day prior to March Break.

Please keep this calendar for your reference.

SUMMER LITERACY CAMP

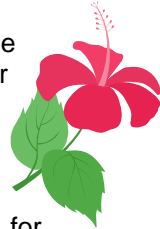
Information attached

GRADE 7&8 SUMMER SCHOOL

Deadline for Applications is June 2, Please call the school for more information and application forms

FLOWERS FOR THE FRONT

The children from the mosque across the street brought us over flowers and soil as a neighborly gesture for earth week. We would like to thank them very much for their kindness and the daily use of their property for the dropping off and picking up of our children. Please remind your child not to play on the steps or in the gardens of the mosque across the street as we want to maintain a positive relationship with them.



CYBER TIPS

Cybertip.ca is a website that has information on internet safety and emphasizes the public nature of the internet-privacy should not be sought online. It describes the common internet interests of children and young people. It also outlines the risks and emerging trends. This is primarily a website for parents. As a parent we need to be proactive for the safety of our children.



IMPORTANT DATES

Montreal Trip – May 7th – 9th 2008
Athletic Assembly – May 23, 2008
Track and Field – June 11, 2008
Fun in the Sun – June 13th 2008
Year-end Mass at the Church – June 16th 2008
Board Track and Field Meet – June 20th 2008
Graduation - June 24th 2008
Last day of School – June 26th 2008