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**IN FLANDERS
Fields**

*In Flanders
Fields the
poppies grow
Between the
poppies row*

on row

*That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We loved, felt dawn, saw sunset glow
Loved and were loved and now we
live*

In Flanders Fields.

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies
grow*

In Flanders fields

John McCrae

One day every year, we pay special homage to those who died in service to their country. We remember these brave men and women for their courage and their devotion to ideals. We wear poppies, attend ceremonies and visit memorials. For one brief moment of our life, we remember why we must work for peace every day of the year.

ACTIVITIES

VOLLEYBALL

The junior girl's volleyball team has been practicing and will take part in a tournament in the first week of December.

CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to all those who participated in the cross country tournament in October. Twenty nine students participated in the family tournament while eight students proceeded to the Board tournament at Erindale Park. Congratulations go out to the following students for their participation in the Board Tournament.

Jordan C. Sidney C.
Andrew M-R Michael G.
Kenrick H. Akeem D.
Brian O. Keith O.

Thank you to Ms. Baltazar and Mr. Torchia for their training and support on the days of the meets.

HIP HOP

Once again this year, we will have Hip Hop. It has been scheduled for November and December and we will let you know the schedules as they become available.



Thank you to the Parent Council for paying for this experience for the students and to Ms Budisa for organizing this event.

FEEDER PROGRAM FROM THE PEEL POLICE



Peel Police have commenced a feeder school program. This means that police officers will be visiting our school on a weekly basis. This program is designed to strengthen the partnership between officers, students and staff. They may tour the school or be a presence on the schoolyard at recess time. The officer assigned to our school is constable Rempel.

The Community Youth Officer will also be in at scheduled times to present programs to various grades on bullying, internet safety and safety in the community.

The grade six students beginning this month will be participating in the RAID program. This program runs for six weeks with a police office coming in once a week to deliver a specific program on drugs, bullying and safety in the community.

SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

Save Our School

November 18th Trustees will be voting at a public meeting on the status of our school in the Accommodation Review process this meeting will be at the Central Board Office at 7:00 P.M. We encourage you to come and hear our final presentation and the decision of the Board Trustees.



On **November 19th** there will a Council meeting to debrief with regards to the decision that will be made and discuss future events within the school for the year. One of the focuses will be to discuss the events for our twenty fifth anniversary.



VIRTUE FOR NOVEMBER

CONSCIENCE

This month we focus on the virtue of **conscience**.

God has given us the ability to know the right and decent way to act and then to act that way. We trust that the common Spirit we share inspires us and guides us to make good decisions if we allow our conscience to be well formed.

A person of conscience....

Chooses to do the "right thing" and feels good about it

- Can see how his/her actions may hurt others
- Admits his/her wrong-doing and feels badly
- Says sorry and tries to make up for mistakes
- Keeps promises

During the month of November we will be talking in our classrooms about having a good conscience and following the direction of that good conscience. Our assembly showed students how they can live according to their conscience in a positive way. As a family, perhaps we can have a conversation about what it looks like to have a good conscience and act on that good conscience.

TERRY FOX RUN 2008

Thanks you to everyone for making our Terry Fox Run such a great success this year. We raised a total of \$3,346.20. The weather was excellent and certainly helped with the success of the day. A special thank you goes out to Mrs. Templar for all her work in organizing the day and the assembly on the Monday before the walk. Thanks as well to all the volunteers and the Council members who cooked hot dogs for our lunch and contributed to a special day for a special cause.



JUNIOR & SENIOR KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2009-10

Registration for the 2009-10 school year will be held at all Dufferin-Peel Catholic elementary schools on the following dates:

Monday, February 23, 2009 - 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.*

*Snow Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2009 - 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, February 25, 26 & 27, 2009

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Junior Kindergarten - Children must be 4 years old by Dec. 31, 2009

Senior Kindergarten - Children must be 5 years old by Dec. 31, 2009

Parents/Guardians should bring the following documents when registering their child:

Proof of age

Original Catholic Baptismal Certificate of the Roman, Greek or Ukrainian Rite, for parent (one) and child (if the child has not been baptized, a letter of counseling with the parish priest, to complete the process will be accepted)

Updated immunization records

Proof of Canadian citizenship or of Landed Immigrant status

Proof of address (utility bill, bank or credit card statement)

For schools in Caledon and Dufferin County: emergency rural address numbers for identifying your property

For more information, contact your local Catholic school or call the Admissions Department at 905-890-0708 ext. 24500.

HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILDREN DO BETTER IN SCHOOL



- 1) *Be Patient with your children*

Even though you work with them and help them with their homework, they may make the same mistakes many times. Don't despair. Some experts say that new learning sometimes requires more than 15 repetitions before it is absorbed. It's more important that you do not become angry or impatient, since learning cannot take place in a tense atmosphere. If you find yourself "losing your cool" just stop and do something else for a while.

- 2) *Avoid Comparing your children*

Each child is unique. Some children learn faster than others do. If your children seem to be moving at a slow rate, don't blame them or worry them about it. It's too early to make comparisons anyway, for your children may have an as-yet-untapped reserve of attributes and talents. Let them know you love them for what they are and that you will continue to love them no matter how they do in school.

- 3) *Set the Stage for good Homework habits*

Try to provide a quiet, well-lit place for study and make sure there is room for books, dictionaries, papers, pens pencils and other homework tools. Having the television on can be a major distraction to getting homework done promptly and well.

- 4) *See that your children's school attendance is excellent*

When your children miss school, they may miss the presentation of new information or the mastery of a difficult concept. Once they fall behind their group, it's especially hard to catch up. Some children can never quite adjust after frequent or extended absences from school. If your children must miss school, let the teacher know-ahead of time if possible. The teacher if possible

may provide some work to help decrease the learning gap.

5) *Make your family mealtimes more meaningful*

Mealtime can provide the ideal setting for talking together, sharing events of the day and discussing individual problems and aspirations. In a relaxed, family atmosphere, children have a chance to test their debating skills in friendly arguments and to talk out their differences of opinion. Such discussions will help develop your child's self-confidence and encourage them to speak up in the classroom. Don't allow TV to interfere with this perfect opportunity for family communication.

ATTACHMENTS:

Bus Cancellations/School Closing due to Bad Weather 2008/2009 School Year.
Chilling on Monday Nights.

IMPORTANT DATES...

Nov. 14 – PA Day – no school for students
Nov. 25 – Grade 1 & 4 trip to Stephanie's Place
Nov. 20 & 27 – Hip Hop
Dec. 4 – Hip Hop
- Parent/Student/Teacher evening Interviews
Dec. 5 - PA Day Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews continue. No school for students
Dec. 7 – Enrolment Mass for Confirmation 11:00 a.m.
Dec. 8 – Hip Hop
Dec. 9 – Reconciliation for Grade 2 students
Dec. 10 – Hip Hop
Dec. 11 – Holy Name of Mary Concert
Dec. 15 – School Choir trip to Peel Manor 1:00 p.m.
Dec. 16 – Advent Mass 10:00 a.m.
Dec. 16 & 17 – Book Fair
Dec. 17 – Hip Hop Assessments
Dec. 18 – Hip Hop Performance
Dec. 22 – Jan. 2 – Christmas Break