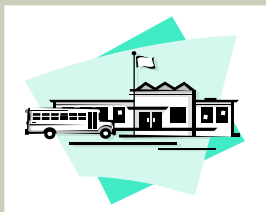


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A MOTHER'S LOVE

*A Mother's love is something that
no one can explain,
It is made of deep devotion and of sacrifice and pain,
It is endless and unselfish
and enduring come what may,
For nothing can destroy it
or take that love away...
It is patient and forgiving
when all others are forsaking,
And it never fails or falters
even though the heart is breaking...
It believes beyond believing
when the world around condemns,
And it glows with all the beauty of the
rarest, brightest gems...
It is far beyond defining,
it defies all explanation,
And it still remains a secret
like the mysteries of creation ...
A many splendoured miracle,
man cannot understand
And another wondrous evidence of
God's tender guiding hand.*
Helen Steiner Rice

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

Many of our successes this year are, in no small part, due to the active participation and contributions made by parent volunteers. Our students benefit greatly by your involvement.

To show our appreciation we would like to invite all of our volunteers to our annual

Volunteer Appreciation Tea
June 10, 2008
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. in the Library



Next School Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, May 27th at 6:30 p.m. in the Library.
ALL WELCOME!

Flex Boundaries

Current flex admissions are not guaranteed. If you move out of the school catchment area it is in the best interest of your child that he or she attends their local school. Flex boundary admissions must be requested in writing to the school principal each year.

Are You Moving?

We are beginning the process of planning classes and staffing for the 2008-2009 school year. If you are planning to move any time between now and September 2008, please inform the school at your earliest convenience.

COMBINED GRADES—DID YOU KNOW?

A combined grade class is comprised of students from two consecutive grades. Combined classes are a reality in the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School board, as with all students in Ontario and have been an education reality dating back to the “one room school house”. Teachers of all classes, single or combined grade, strive to meet the range of individual student needs. This is achieved through the implementation of varied teaching and assessment strategies and working with students in a variety of groupings. Teaching strategies and groupings are chosen as appropriate to the learning styles of the students in the class.

SABRINA'S LAW—ANAPHYLACTIC STUDENTS PROTECTION ACT

This law came into effect January 1, 2006. Recognizing that there are students within our school system who are susceptible to anaphylactic reaction, a severe allergic reaction to a food, insect bite or medication, the board must maintain anaphylactic guidelines and procedures. Sabrina's Law requires that schools establish and maintain policies including strategies to reduce risk, a plan to communicate information about life threatening allergies and require training for teachers and staff in treating allergic reactions. At St. Elizabeth Seton School we have always had the proper procedures in place and will continue to follow Board policies and guidelines. We ask that you help us take care of these students by continuing to choose lunches and snacks for your child that ARE free from peanuts or nuts.

EQAO

A reminder to all our parents of Grade 3 and 6 students that EQAO testing will start on May 27th and continuing the week of June 6th, 2008. Please continue to assist your child to prepare for the test by working on their EQAO booklets and by ensuring that any medical appointments are not made during this particular time.

Your assistance in this matter will help your child to focus on the tests.



Junior Girls Basketball

Congratulations to the St. Elizabeth Seton Junior Girls Basketball Team for capturing the Mississauga North Family of Schools Championship this past month. They represented our school community with both grace and high energy. We are all very proud of them and they will be representing our school at the Board Level Tournament on May 13th. A BIG thank you to Mrs. O'Neill-Xavier and Mr. Penelozza for coaching. We could not have done it without your help. GO WILDCATS!

Junior and Senior Kindergarten 08/09

With our school in a declining enrollment, we will be only having 3 Kindergarten classes next year, which will be a JK morning class, a SK morning class and a JK/SK split afternoon class. Priority for morning classes will be given to students who are transported by Dufferin Peel busses since they only provide bussing in the morning.



Heads Up

On May 7 & 8, 2008, two teams from St. Elizabeth Seton School. The students did their best to quickly and correctly answer a variety of challenging questions relating to Science, Math, Language, History, Geography, Religion, French, Current Events and General Knowledge.

Both teams encountered success demonstrating skill and knowledge. Students were tremendously knowledgeable, enthusiastic and were extremely quick with the hand buzzers.

The proud members of our teams include:

Junior Team

Katie L
Jenna L
Alex W
Adrian F
Daniel M

Intermediate Team

Janine P
Connor A
Mathew A
Anton P
Micaela C

Thank you to Mr. Pritchard, Mrs. Boulanger, Mrs. Riccio and Mrs. Malungkit for coaching the students.



French Café/Gift of Learning

On Friday, May 30th the grade 5/6 will be hosting a French Café for the students at St. Elizabeth Seton. All money raised from this event will go towards a DPCDSB family in need of making their home wheelchair accessible for their child who is no longer able to walk as a result of an illness.



Fire Route

For the safety of the children, parent/guardians are reminded that the fire route and driveway must remain free of vehicles to provide for emergency access. Please note, vehicles parked in the fire route and/or driveway may be tagged by By-Law Enforcement.



Kiss and Ride Lane

Parents are reminded to use the Kiss and Ride lanes appropriately. Parents are not permitted to stop in the Kiss and ride Lanes and exit their vehicle to open the car doors and escort their child on the school property. If you wish to do this, please keep in mind that these designated areas are created for the safety of all the students and following these rules will ensure that students arrive and leave the school premises safely. This applies before school, at lunch and after school.

Young Authors' Awards

Congratulations to Raquel Archie in Mr. Telfeyan's class for winning the Dufferin-Peel Elementary Young Authors' Award for her poem "A Sight to Remember". Her poem was also judged at the Provincial level in April. A copy of her poem is found in this newsletter. Well done Raquel!



Late for School??

I am asking for your assistance to help improve our students' time management with regards to coming to school on time. Presently we have too many students who arrive at school late. Often students who are arriving late are being driven to school. Please review your morning routines to ensure that you are helping your child arrive to school on time. Coming to school a few minutes early avoids the feeling of rushing, provides students an opportunity to socialize prior to the beginning of school, and demonstrates respect for school and others in the classroom. Thank you for your cooperation in advance.

