



CHES NEWS



Learning to Learn Together

May 2016

A MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE:

Hopefully it is safe to say that spring is finally here. The days are getting warmer and the snow is gone!

We had many special events over the month of April. Thank you to our School Council for hosting a great Family Movie Night—lots of students (and parents) had an opportunity to enjoy some popcorn and a movie together on April 1st. School Council also hosted a Restorative Justice presentation, with Katy Hutchison, for our Intermediate students and parents— sharing a very strong message for all.

On April 8th a group of CHES students participated in this year's Regional Skills Canada Competition with Mr. Whitten. They had a great time, learned lots, and represented our school very well—thank you Mr. Whitten and team! Our Intermediate Boys and Girls Basketball teams did an excellent job representing Centennial Hylands at the annual County Basketball Tournament. Thank you to our teams and to Mr. Bannon, Mrs. Bennington, and Ms. McNalty for coaching our students this year.

April 22nd was filled with many Earth Day activities at CHES. Thank you to staff and students for celebrating this important day. Many classes participated in outdoor clean-up, energy conservation activities, and a wonderful assembly hosted by our grade 5 staff and students.

The annual Dufferin Youth Festival of the Arts was another huge success this year. Thank you to our Glee Club and Ms. Ardis' grade 2 singers for representing our school so well! Thank you also to Ms. Langhorst, Ms. Sidey, and Ms. Ardis for preparing and leading our students in this festival

With only a few more weeks left in the school year, we are looking forward to a positive and productive month ahead.



Sincerely,

Lori Shilvoek

Vice-Principal

Vicky Crandall

Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:



May	2	School Council Mtg. @ 6:30pm
May	2-5	Earthkeepers Gr. 5s
May	5	Pita Pit Day
May	10	Outdoor Ed. Trip—Kindergarten
May	11	Scientists in the Classroom gr. 6
May	12	Scientists in the Classroom K classes (Bennington/Nicholson & Hill/Middlehurst)
May	13	Scientists in the Classroom K class (McNalty/Wren) Scientists in the Classroom (Mrs. Fox)
May	16	Jump Rope for Heart Assembly
May	19	Pizza Day
May	20	CDDHS Show & Shine gr. 8 classes
May	23	Victoria Day
May 25–June 8		EQAO Testing gr. 3 & 6

Hearts Wide Open for Autism

A huge thank you to Deanna Avison for putting together a fantastic fund-raiser to support the needs of children with autism. Last month Deanna Avison hosted the Hearts Wide Open for Autism Mystery Night Fund-raiser at the Shelburne Golf and Country Club. Proceeds from this fund-raiser will be used to support students with special needs in the Shelburne area schools.

Food and Drinks on the Yard:

This is a friendly reminder to students that food and drinks are not allowed on our school yard.



If students are going out for lunch it will be important that they finish their lunch before returning to school property. Therefore, keeping food and food packaging off school grounds... and keeping wasps and bees away.

EQAO 2016

Provincial EQAO assessments for grade 3 and 6 students will be taking place between May 25th and June 8th.

While attendance and punctuality are important everyday—they are particularly important during this testing window. A full breakfast with healthy snacks also helps to get students through these more challenging days.



Education Week in UGDSB and CHES—Learn, Lead, Inspire.... Together



May 2—6 is Education Week. The Opening Ceremony will take place at Centre Dufferin District High School on May 2nd starting at 7pm. This year's theme is "Learn, Lead, Inspire.... Together". In keeping with this theme Centennial Hylands would like to highlight our focus on Technology in the classroom.

Technology is used in a variety ways at CHES. Our Kindergarten teams use a variety of apps to document student progress, and to encourage learning letters, numbers, etc. They also use Raz Kids with SK students, to support reading development. In our Primary Division (gr. 1-3), teachers and students use programs such as Dreambox Math, Raz Kids, UG2GO (including Pebble Go, Book Flix and Tumblebooks), Bitstrips (to create comics), Google Read and Write, Google Presentations (to create slide shows for communicating research), Hour of Code (to introduce kids to coding), and CommonSense Media (to teach children about digital literacy—this is a great resource for parents too). In our Junior Division (gr. 4-6) teachers and students use many of the programs mentioned previously, as well as Aurasma (which is used to video students talking about the work they have created and can be linked to a particular piece of artwork or project), Mindomo (for mind mapping and as a graphic organizer tool), Kahoot, Prodigy (for math), and a variety of educational apps on the ipads. Our Intermediate teachers and students make effective use of programs such as the Currents4Kids (a current events program), Google Read and Write, Kahoot, Google Docs, Prezi (for presentations), Mindomo, Math Prodigy, and Dreambox Math.



As part of our continued focus on technology, CHES recently ordered many new Chromebooks, laptops, and iPads for each Division. This order was made possible through Board funds, as well as money raised from our annual Boogie-a-thon. Our next big technology purchase will be a 3-D printer that students will be able to access through our Library/Learning Commons space.



CHES SCHOOL COUNCIL

QSP

Have magazines that are due for renewal? Don't forget to renew through QSP so that CHES earns valuable fundraising dollars. Simply go online to www.QSP.ca and use our **NEW SCHOOL ID CODE: 3713468** when you order. Thanks for your support, and happy reading!

Budding Artists Fundraiser

The items you ordered should be delivered before Mother's Day. Please contact the office if you want to pick up your order yourself. Otherwise orders will be sent home with your child. Thank you again for your support.

Bag2School

Due to popular demand, School Council will be running another Bag2School used textile collection. We will be sending home bags and information mid-May, and the deadline for dropping textiles off at the school will be Wednesday, June 1st.

Interested in finding out more about School Council? Do you want to learn more about what goes on here at CHES? Join us for a meeting! Our next few dates are: Monday, May 2nd and Monday, June 6th, all at 6:30pm in the library. **FREE CHILD CARE PROVIDED.** Hope to see you there!

May Environmental Theme: CLIMATE CHANGE



Climate Change refers to any changes in long-term weather patterns (temperature, precipitation, wind, storms) that have been caused by humans polluting the atmosphere with too many greenhouse gases like methane and carbon dioxide. We need to act now, because who can argue with reducing pollution? Pollution can't possibly be good for us!

The world is tracking climate change. Weather and temperature has been changing too quickly over the past few decades, which seems to be caused by the industrial revolution here on Earth. We are sending too much pollution (from cars, trucks, factories, and power plants using coal) into our atmosphere. Over the past hundred years the temperature of the Earth has risen and this has caused many changes in nature. For example, species of plants and animals are either migrating or becoming extinct. Some seaside cities may soon be underwater from rising sea levels. We are having more severe weather patterns like tornadoes and hurricanes and ice storms. Drinkable water sources are drying up.

What can you do to help be part of the solution? Well, all of the things we have been talking about this year can help. If you buy less and reduce, then less energy will be used and less pollution will be sent into our atmosphere. If you don't waste electricity you help out too. If you walk or bike to school or carpool you are doing your part. If you buy locally you reduce the greenhouse gases emitted through shipping and this helps planet Earth too.

You can Google: "*Top 10 ways you can stop Climate Change*" to get more ideas on how you can help. And finally, eat a fresh, local apple - Not only is it good for you, but greenhouse gases were not created in the processing, canning, freezing, packaging or long distance transportation, so local apples are good for the planet too!

Slogan of the month: Climate Change is not cool!



Health and Physical Education Curriculum

This year the new Health and Physical Education curriculum will be implemented in all schools in Ontario. Included in the update are new expectations in the Human Development and Sexual Health component of the curriculum. This education starts with children learning about themselves, their feelings, their bodies and about showing respect for themselves and others in a reliable and accurate way. This learning is most effective when parents and schools work together. Parents help their children form values about relationships and their behaviours. To support these discussions, we are letting parents know that this unit will be covered this spring by your child's Health and/or Classroom Teacher.

There are plenty of resources available for parents to support the learning of the curriculum on the Ministry of Education website: <http://edu.gov.on.ca/eng/curriculum/elementary/health.html>.

News from the Library

As well as being a busy place for students and teachers who are interested in finding books to read for pleasure or research, students often come to the library to use technology. From research to google slide presentations to Dreambox for math, it is a busy space. Our renovation this summer led to more flexible space, with fewer bookshelves to block floor space and tables on wheels which can be configured in different ways.

Our next steps towards becoming a Library Learning Commons is to introduce Maker Spaces. A maker space is a place where students can come to explore design and take on design challenges. While to some it may look like play, this creative space leads to effective problem solving, design, innovation and collaboration. The Board office has a number of kits that Ms. Langhorst will be bringing to CHES to encourage design and experimentation.



In addition, we are hoping to have a set of materials that can be used regularly in our space for this purpose. If your family has Lego, or K'nex that you are no longer using, we would welcome any and all donations of these materials. Please drop them off at the library and Ms. Langhorst will be happy to put them to good use.

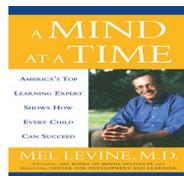
For younger students, we are almost finishing reading our Blue Spruce books and the voting is underway to determine which book the K-2s choose as their Blue Spruce favourite.

Happy Creations
Ingrid Langhorst
Teacher-Librarian



Does your child have an LD, ADD/ADHD or both? Here are some great resources to help you:

1. Work with your child to understand how they think and learn
2. Develop some strategies with your child to help them advocate for what they need to learn (technology, accommodations to the environment or learning tasks)



Other great online resources include:

The Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario, which has lots of good information on LD and ADD/ADHD issues, including topics about how to understand the IPRC and IEP, how to advocate for your child and topics related to specific LDs.

<http://www.ldao.ca/introduction-to-ldsadhd/what-are-lds/>

The Learning Disabilities Association of Wellington County connects to the Ontario chapter, but provides links and information about workshops and activities that are being held in Wellington.

<http://www.ldawc.ca/>

Our school board has also worked hard to address the needs of LD and ADD/ADHD students by providing SEA equipment, Google Read and Write training and targeted reading programs to help LD students access the curriculum and develop key academic skills.

Connect with your child's teacher to discuss all the supports that are available to your child!