



May Newsletter

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DRESS LOUD DAY

Dress Loud Day is Friday, May 6th, 2016 to coincide with Speech and Hearing Month.

Students can remind parents and caregivers when Dress Loud is happening. This is a great opportunity to increase awareness and understanding of the needs of students with hearing loss in our schools. You can check VOICE'S website resources.

Students make a donation to wear their wackiest, loudest and wildest shirts, socks, hats etc. Have fun with this and get creative.

Thank you for giving children who are deaf a Voice for life!

<http://www.voicefordeafkids.com/Resources/Teachers-and-Parents.aspx>



STEM

What is STEM and why is it important?

STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. The idea is to offer students tasks that integrate more than one subject area such as thinking about all the angles, measurements and calculations involved in building a structure that could stand up to the elements of our Canadian winters. STEM provides opportunity to focus on one assignment while applying knowledge gained in a number of subjects so knowledge gained in one area can be applied in another. Check out this link for more information (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AIPJ48simtE>) Think of it like driving a car. We can't just focus on braking or steering by themselves. We need to simultaneously think of acceleration, steering, signaling, braking and road signs all at the same time and ideally we'd like our students to have the same flexibility with their thinking across different subject areas.

Try this activity to promote mathematics, science, engineering and language.

Using popsicle sticks, glue, tape, and elastics, design and build a device that will launch 3 marshmallows as far as possible using elastic bands. The elastic energy may be "loaded" by hand but the device must get all of its launching power from the stored energy in the elastic bands.

Have fun and enjoy!

Special points of interest:

- May 6 Dress Loud Day
- May 20 Jump Rope for Heart
- May 23 Victoria Day
- May 25 EQAO Gr. 3
- May 30 EQAO Gr. 3&6

LEARNING DISABILITIES

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.

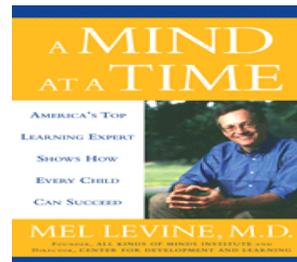
<http://www.ldao.ca/introduction-to-ldsadhd/what-are-lds/>

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!



Trees for Guelph

On Monday, May 2, we will be planting trees, shrubs and flowers in our back field. We are working with Trees for Guelph, the GCRA and the City of Guelph to beautify our property over the next several years. If you have a green thumb and would like to join us for about an hour, then check the schedule below.

Please send you child in clothing appropriate to the weather and the activity. We will be planting (light) rain or shine!

This link is to a youtube video on how to plant: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ugT46iJyW2M>

Time	K-2	3-6
9:00 -9:30	Assembly	Assembly
9:30-10:00	Lee/Knicely	Hall
10:00-10:30	Grant	Kautz
11:30-12:00	Christensen	Clark
12:00-12:30	Thompson	Stiles
12:30-1:00	Mathews/Murphy	McPhie
1:45-2:15	Neilsen/Cook	Work
2:15-2:45	Zakaib/Kastner	Black/Fitzgibbon
2:24-3:15	Laverty-Pagnan	Martin



It's May!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Tree Planting 	3	4  Emergency Preparedness Grade 5	5	6 Dress Loud Day Shark swim Gr5  Popcorn sale	7
8  HAPPY Mother's DAY	9 Pizza money due 9am \$\$\$	10	11	12	13	14
 Le Chef A L'Ecole						
15	16	17	18	19 Donkey Sanctuary Kindergarten 	20 Heart&Stroke JUMP ROPE FOR HEART Popcorn sale 	21
22	23 NO SCHOOL  Happy Victoria Day	24	25	26 Donkey Sanctuary Kindergarten  Shark swim Gr5 	27 Silver Birch Trip Book drive donations due	28
Grade 6 EQAO						
29	30	31	Grade 3 EQAO			

Environmental News

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

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 in May. 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>.

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

Parents – please register for School Cash Online!

Online Payments Now Available!

For safety and efficiency reasons, we want to reduce the amount of cash coming into our school. School related expenses such as field trips, spirit wear, yearbooks, pizza, etc. will be available online purchase. Please take a few minutes to register so you can enjoy the convenience of online shopping.

Here's how to register: 1. Go to ugdsb.schoolcashionline.com

2. Register by selecting "Get Started Now" and follow the steps.

3. Respond to the confirmation email, select the "click here" option, sign in and add each of your children to your account.



FROM THE LIBRARY

Forest of Reading Events

BLUE SPRUCE AND LE PRIX PEUPLIER:

Kindergarten and Primary students have cast their ballots choosing which Blue Spruce Book they think was the best. Our Paisley and Provincial results will be shared with the students during our Blue Parties on May 20th. Wear BLUE and show your school spirit and love of books! The Le Prix Peuplier Party will be held on May 20th in the Library. Students are invited to wear Purple. I can't wait to get some great pictures of kids! We will celebrate the winning book and author together in the Library. May the best book win! A suggested donation of a good condition used book for our book drive would be appreciated!

SILVER BIRCH AND LE PRIX TAMARAC:

Our Students participated in 3 different Silver Birch clubs and Le Prix Tamarac. For each club students read the minimum of 5 books they were able to vote and cast a ballot. Those eligible students will also be invited to attend a special walking trip on May 27th to the Boat House for complimentary ice cream and to take part in games and activities at the park (weather permitting – date will be rescheduled in the event of poor weather conditions).

A suggested donation of a good condition used book for our book drive would be appreciated.

FOREST OF READING HONOURS reading more than 10 books:

Lily B, Sandesh, Owen, Isabella, Hailey, Emily, Brayden, Jimmy and Jake.

Thanks to Parent Council Fundraising for the support of this program!

HELP! BOOK DRIVE FOR SCHOOLS IN HAITI, ST. LUCIA AND GRENADA

Wanted: Kids books for donation. We can take any children's or Youth Adult books in English or French. We are trying to gather books for the One World School House Organization who deliver books to schools in Haiti, St. Lucia and Grenada again this year. Some of our students are working to make a difference globally. Please bring in donations to the collection box in the front foyer. Donations will be accepted until May 27th. Together we can reach out to help set up schools with books where they are desperately needed.

CFRU PARTNERSHIP

Tune in to CFRU to hear Paisley's Grade 4 students on the air! Later this month we anticipate hearing Mr. McPhie's class on the radio as they share important healthy eating messages with our community! They enjoyed a day recording in Studio at the University of Guelph and represented our school well! Great work Grade 4's.

MAY LIBRARY CONTEST

The weather is looking nicer and it is time to take a nice book outside and explore new places to read! This month's contest is a photo contest. Bring in a photo of you reading outside for a chance to win! Entries due to the Library on May 27th. The contest winner will receive a Special Summer Reading Prize pack! Bonne chance!

