

Les nouvelles de la bibliothèque de l'École Fred A. Hamilton!



Wow! Is it cold out there or what? Thanks for taking the time to read about our library events! February is full of fun stuff!

Retro Night!

Thanks to everyone who came out to support the leadership program at Retro Night. We raised over \$800.00 for t-shirts + leadership materials!



Micro:bits



We have been very lucky to receive 20 of these great little micro-computers to work with in the coming months. They are really quite remarkable, and include a temperature sensor, light sensor, gyrometer, bluetooth communication and can be coded by your child! We are testing them out with the grade 5s and 6s by building Micro-pets! The children get to create a perfect pet for a classmate (after conducting an interview). Then they build AND code behaviour for the pet! There are some amazing examples below:



We also have some lights, game controller panels, speakers and a whole host of servos to play with, so stay tuned for more fun projects!

Moi: Autere

At the request of some budding authors I have been running a “write your own book” club in the library. The books are then to be offered for other students to sign out! This program began a few weeks ago and we have already added 8 new student-written books to our collection. I have been forced to use the old “pocket chart” system, as we can’t enter these into the computer system just yet. If you are in the school, check them out on the landing in the library.



Massed Choir

The children have all (275 of them!) learning to sing the song “Cette Jolie Planete” by Tom Chapin. We will be singing it as a whole school on **Tuesday, Feb. 12th @ 11:25 a.m. in the gym!** You are welcome to attend.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cbLY6PV9yhVXbriVD671mU3i0vdBpPCB/view?usp=sharing>

I’ve attached a recording of one of our classes singing with me as an example, and I hope to have a much cooler FULL school recording very soon.

Do you have any....?

We have some great projects on the go, but we are running out of a few supplies. We are currently in need of:

- screws (1” and 2”)
- cereal boxes
- felt/fabric
- old technology to take apart (laptops, desktops, CD players)

- board games
- conductive wire
- needles/thread

More below!

Questions?

As usual - if you have any questions or wish to be involved in our library program, please don't hesitate to contact me at: nathan.adams@ugdsb.on.ca - **Merci, M. Adams**

Units of Study in February:

Mme Holmes + Mme Zakaib's + Mme Nibaruta's Classes (Grade 1 + 1/2) classes - Music -

We are continuing to work on basic drumming with our class set of djembes! These classes are doing very well with rhythmic patterns and will be creating some rhythmic phrases on their own in the next few weeks!

Mme Nibaruta's Class (1/2) - Dance - This class - They have also learned the basic steps for some African and Indian-inspired dances, a zombie dance, a hard rock boogie and some basic ballet steps.

Mme Young's class (2) - Music + Drama - This class is working on some sort echo pantomime plays based on books by Jeremy Tankard. They have also learned the basic steps for some African and Indian-inspired dances, a zombie dance, a hard rock boogie and some basic ballet steps. Very soon our "movement database" will be complete, and they will be making their own dances to a piece of music.

Mme Woodward's (2/3) + Mme Hartmans' (3) Class - Dance (+ Media) The grade 3's in Mme Woodward's class are joining Mme Hartmans' class for English Media. In Dance, They have learned the basic steps for some African and Indian-inspired dances, a zombie dance, a hard rock boogie and some basic ballet steps. Very soon our "movement database" will be complete, and they will be making their own dances to a piece of music. In Media, we are working on creating stories for the Kindergarten classes using "Scratch Jr" - a fun coding + literacy program.

Mme Mcleish - English Media + Music - In Media, we are working on creating stories for the Kindergarten classes using "Scratch Jr" - a fun coding + literacy program. They are also working on writing their own songs using a set of rhythmic djembe patterns we learned in class.

Mme Hemsley's Class (4) - English Media + Dance - In Dance, they have learned the basic steps for some African and Indian-inspired dances, a zombie dance, a hard rock boogie and

some basic ballet steps. Very soon our “movement database” will be complete, and they will be making their own dances to a piece of music. In Media, we are working on creating stories for the Kindergarten classes using “Scratch Jr” - a fun coding + literacy program.

M. Devenny’s Class (5) - English Media + Music - In Dance, They have learned the basic steps for some African and Indian-inspired dances, a zombie dance, a hard rock boogie and some basic ballet steps. Very soon our “movement database” will be complete, and they will be making their own dances to a piece of music. **In Media, they are working hard on some Micro:pets, which are amazing cardboard models designed to interface with our new MICRO:BIT computer chips - which will allow the pets to respond to their classmates!**

Mme Mui’s Class (6) - Media, Music, Phys Ed. + Science - There is SO Much going on with this class I have written an explanation for Mme Mui’s newsletter - you can find it there!