# **APRIL 2016 ISSUE**

#### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

- April 1: Black and White Day, Superstar Assembly at 9:00
- April 12: Home & School @ 6:00, School Council Meeting 7:00 PM
- April 13: International Day of Pink
- April 15: Daffodil Yellow Day
- April 18: Return Flower Fundraiser orders
- April 22: PD. Day
- April 29: Toonies for Terry Fox Run, Blast from the Past Day, Super-Star Assembly 11:25
- May 4: Star Wars Day!
- May 5: SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

#### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Spring has arrived (even though it doesn't feel like it this week). April showers brings May flowers so be sure to check out our new fundraiser this month and ready for planting season and a beautiful summer garden. Please mark your calendars for Thurs. May 5. We are having an Open House where you can visit your child's classroom and play some fun Math games. School Council will be holding draws where you can win Math goodies in order to support Math learning at home. Hope to see many of you at that time.

C. Shaheen (Principal)

#### FLOWER FUNDRAISER

Our Home & School team has organised a flower bulbs/seeds fundraiser during the month of April. There are a wide variety of products to choose from including lilies, hostas, strawberries, bleeding hearts, hummingbird mix, and many more. Orders are due Monday, April 18.

### MARK IT IN YOUR CALENDAR! OPEN HOUSE—MAY 5th

On Thursday, May 5th from 6:00–7:30 p.m., North Ward School invites parents and their children to an Open House during Education Week. We will be highlighting Mathematics in the classrooms, miniature art in the gym, and a Book Fair in the library. We look forward to seeing you there.

### **APRIL IS CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

We will be having a Toonies for Terry run on Friday, April 29th from 2:00-3:00 p.m.. This is to make up for the Terry Fox run we did not hold in the fall. Each student is asked to contribute a toonie towards the cause.

### JUNIOR INDIANA BASKETBALL

Over 50 students in grades 4, 5 and 6 participated in a nutrition break basketball league. Six teams played 2 on 3 basketball from January to March. The championship game was held on March 11, with the Suns beating the Raptors, 13 to 10. It was an exciting game with plenty of skill, good sportsmanship and school spirit being shown. Members of the winning team are: Captain Ali B, Zadie S, Trevor K, Eric M, Skylar S, Owen L, Ethan L, Hayden T, and Alec E. Members of the second place team are: Captain Ryan O, Megan R, Taylor S, Alex B, Maia H, Colin M, Logan J, Emerson N, Tyler G and Connor P. Thanks to Mrs. Harrison, Mr. Low, Mr. Lawrence and Mr. Neeb for running this league.

### **COMPUTER PROGRAMMING CHAMPION**

Last week we received the results of a recent competition sponsored by the University of Waterloo, the Center for Education in Mathematics and Computing. William L., a grade 8 student at North Ward School, competed in the Junior Canadian Computing Competition. This is a grade 9-10 level online competition in which students are given five computer programming challenges to solve in 3 hours. There were 2006 competitors across Canada and William earned top honors with a perfect score of 100%. Congratulations William!

## PROJECT PET: A VOICE FOR THOSE WHO CAN ONLY BARK OR MEOW

Project Pet is asking for donations to take to the Brant SPCA. They are accepting any pet food, accessories, toys and also used T-shirts to make toys to donate to the pets. We will be accepting these donations for the months of March and April. Representatives of the SPCA will be visiting North Ward School in the near future to talk to a few classes about their role in communities and how people can support their cause. Thank you to Miss Southern for taking the lead on this.

## **BATTERY RECYLING UPDATE**

Our battery recycling program has concluded for this school year. The last day the school can accept batteries is Friday, April 8. After this date please keep dead batteries at home until next September when we will start collecting them again. Our community has collected 317kg of dead batteries and thereby diverted them from going to our local landfill. Thanks for your support.-Mr. Clarke

# **Star Wars Day!**

Wear your favorite Star Wars T-shirt on May the 4th.

