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April 4— Gr. 4's Swim

April 5 - Booster Club #2

April 11— WOW assembly

- H&S Mtg. 6:00 p.m.

April 12— Booster Club #3

April 14— Good Friday

April 17— Easter Monday

April 18— Gr. 4's Swim and Grade 7's to Backus

April 19— Booster Club #4

April 20— Anaphylaxis Presentation to Gr. 1—4

April 21— Gr. 7 & 8's to Waterford Highschool Play

April 22— Earth Day

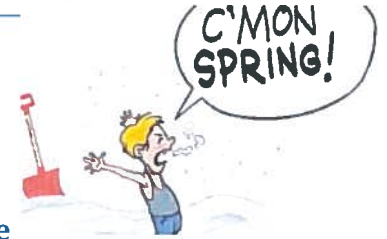
April 25 - Gr. 4's Swim

April 26— Booster Club #5

April 27—Duct Tape Day

April 28 - PD Day

April 2017 Newsletter



Spring has sprung and with it comes the excitement of being able to play outside on the 'Big App', in the sandbox and on the field! In order to play on the, 'big app', students are to ensure they have running shoes on; no boots or flip flops are allowed on the equipment. Please help us keep our students safe by ensuring they wear helmets if they are biking or riding their scooters and that they follow the road safety rules. Having their indoor shoes continues to help ensure the cleanliness of our classrooms.

I am so excited with all of the, 'Number Talks' happening in each of our classrooms! *'Number Talks are used as classroom conversations around purposefully crafted numerical problems which are solved mentally. Students have natural intuitions about number that often gets overlooked. Mental computation is a key component of number talks because it encourages students to build on number relationships to solve problems instead of relying on memorized procedures.'* The beauty of this approach is that all students are able to attack the problem using their own strategies—through whole class discussion, students learn from other students how they tackled the problem! This approach focuses much more on the process (the how) than the 'rightness/accuracy' of the answer.

Yours in Education,
J. Lumax, Principal

#GEBEWell

Everyone has **Mental Health**. Everyone's **Wellness** is Different. How will you **Be Well**?

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Green Team

The Green Team would like to congratulate Katelyn K. (gr. 7). She is the winner of our World Water Day trivia questions. During the month of April, Teeterville will be celebrating Earth Day. Students will be involved in another Green Team contest, school yard and community clean-ups and they will learn more about how we can make a difference right here in our school.

Don't forget to bring in your old batteries and markers, we are still collecting!

~ S. Sym

Norfolk Music Arts Festival —French Competition



Congratulations to the Teeterville Tigers who travelled to Simcoe to participate in the French Festival competition! Everyone did an excellent job performing. We received 3 first-place finishes, 4 second-place finishes and 2 thirds. Bravo tout le monde!

~ J. Bento

Legion Competitions

The results are in from the Remembrance Day Poster and Essay competition for students whose work progressed to the Zone competition level. Evan Z. and Kaelyn K. received honourable mentions for their posters, and Payton S. and Gwen McF. also received honourable mentions for their essays. Certificates for these students will be presented by the Legion at our upcoming WOW assembly on April 11th.

As well, Sam W. and Lauren S. are to be congratulated for their public speaking engagements at the Teeterville Legion on March 22nd.

Awesome work Tigers! Your participation in and contribution toward our local Legions programs is commendable and appreciated!

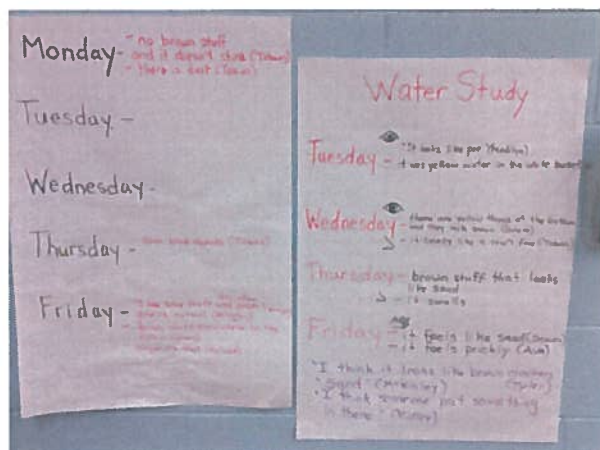
Virtual Bowling Bowl-a-thon

Our Big Brothers, Big Sisters Bowl-a-thon was a success with \$2075.75 being raised and 84 student participants having a great time raising it! Our top earner was Bryce A. bringing in \$190.00 and earning himself a Walmart Gift Card. Carter C. was our second highest earner. Both students will receive a congratulatory T-shirt at an upcoming assembly. Thank you tigers!



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World Water Day 2017

Kindergarten Water Project

It all started when the Kinders were curious about some "dust" that they saw in the water of our Water Table. It led us down an interesting road of inquiry to discover why this dust showed up part way during the week even though the water had been replaced a few days earlier. It was when we poured the water through a paper filter and caught the sediments that our earlier theory about sand was dispelled. When we saw the difference between sandy water and rusty water with images on the internet, we finally knew that there was rust in our water. But then it started a whole new inquiry question- how do pipes bring water into the school? Where is the rust coming from?

When the Kinders watched the World Water Day videos and realized that there are many people around the world who don't have access to clean drinking water, their compassion and empathy for other children took over. Thus the Kinder Water Project for World Water Day 2017 was born.

I just want to personally thank everyone for their support and encouragement with this fundraiser. Many students were touched by the videos that were shown during the March WOW Assembly and wanted to come on board right away with the project. By the number of coins we received on March 22nd, I'm guessing that some students emptied their piggy banks in order to help bring clean water to other children around the world! I am so excited to share with the Teeterville community that

through our little fundraising project, we raised \$750 dollars! That is amazing! This will now enable Samaritan's Purse International Relief to build **FIVE** BioSand Water Filters in various villages around the world. I will try to find out from the organization which countries the relief will be going to and share this information with the student body.

I want to acknowledge a few individuals who really felt strongly about this compassion project. The following individuals and families donated more than \$50: Cam Butyn, Rosie Logan, the Welsh family (Will, Sam, Thom), the DeBoer family (Emily and Meenah) and Mr. Buchwald. Thanks again to everyone because every contribution made a difference. You are indeed world changers. Let's hear you say...

Water Changes Everything!

Mrs. Panschow



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Student Council



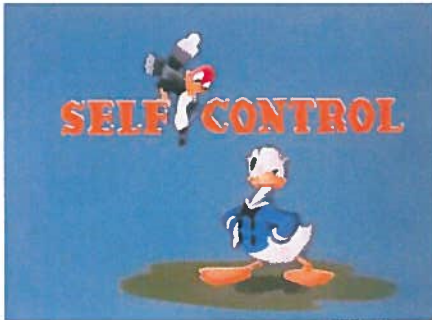
Student Council will be hosting their "Pie in the Face" fundraiser in the month of April! Student Council Executive members (i.e., president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer), along with a mystery guest and teacher representatives, have all volunteered to be receivers of the pie in the face. Each of these individuals will have a \$20 target goal. Once that goal has been met, that person will receive a pie in the face during the WOW Assembly on April 11th. Tigers will be able to make Pie in the Face Fundraiser donations from April 6th to 10th.

Mark Your Calendar!

Duct Tape Day April 27th

Create your favourite piece of clothing or accessory from duct tape!

Character Attribute



The Character Attribute for April is

Self-Control.

"If we don't discipline ourselves, the world will do it for us." ~ William Feather

EQAO

EQAO Testing for Grades 3 and 6 students will take place again this spring during May 24, 25, 29, 30, 31, and June 1. Parents of these students are asked to try to avoid scheduling any appointments during this time that would interfere with the testing. Thank you for your help!

Education Quality and
Accountability Office



School Council

Members met last month to discuss the student handbook, compiling suggestions that might better reflect the current realities of the school day and classroom environment at Teeterville. These proposed changes will be discussed amongst staff members at a later date. We also have been actively reviewing policies and procedures sent out by The Board of Trustees.

Additionally, school council is excited to be facilitating an upcoming parent engagement project that will beautify our surroundings and also provide a unique multi-generational arts opportunity. We are looking forward to sharing more information with our school community when the design details are finalized.

The next meeting of the Teeterville Public School Council will be Tuesday May 9th at 6:30. All are welcome to attend.

~ Andrea Riddoch

HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Upcoming Fundraising Event

In honour of Canada's 150 Birthday, the Home & School Association will be hosting a "*Spring Plant Sale and Marketplace*" fundraising event on **Saturday May 27, 2017**. All staff, students, their family and community members are welcome! Additional information relating to this event will follow shortly!

Committee Contact Information

Should you have any questions, concerns or general comments for the Committee, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Executive – we encourage input from the school community!

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Next Meeting

The next Committee meeting will be held on **April 11, 2017 at 6:00 pm.** We look forward to having you join us!

***The Home & School Association
2016-2017 Committee***

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

A Big Thank You!

It is with understanding that we say a temporary "see you soon" to Mrs. Geerts who has stepped away from the Breakfast Committee to focus on other commitments. Thank you Mrs. Geerts – you have made a solid contribution to the Breakfast Program Committee - we look forward to seeing you next term when you are able to join us again!

Thank you to all of the Teeterville students who help out each morning during the Breakfast Program service. Your assistance provides tremendous support to all of the Committee Volunteers!

Thank you to Mrs. Zeldon and Mrs. Durant and their student bakers for their freshly baked muffins and breads. The students enjoy them very much!

Additional Volunteers Needed

The Breakfast Program Committee has an immediate need for assistance on Monday mornings. Participation entails a 1 hour each week commitment and a valid background check on file at the school.

If you are able to provide some assistance either on Monday mornings and/or throughout the week, please contact Melanie Lambert at (519) 443-5953 or mmlambert@outlook.com.

***The Breakfast Program Committee
2016-2017***

Math Moments

April 2017



**Elementary
Program**

What can I do to support my child's math learning?

Be positive about math!

Avoid saying "I was never good at math" or "I never liked math." Show that you think math is important and interesting. Use numbers when you discuss daily activities, sports, and so on. Look for opportunities for math to be a natural part of your conversations.

Support for Problem Solving

If your child is struggling with a problem, remind your child that problem solving takes time. It also takes perseverance.

Use question prompts to help your child discover a solution. For example:

What information are you given? What are you asked to find?

What is happening in the problem? Can you draw a picture of the situation to help you solve it? What other ways could you represent the problem? (e.g. make a model, act it out, write a number sentence or equation, organize the data in a table, etc.)

What do you know by looking at the diagram?

What strategies have you used before that you might try here?

Is there another way you might have solved this problem?

Encourage your child to use problem-solving strategies he/she is learning in school. For example:

consider starting with the simplest part of the problem

make a model or draw a diagram

make a table, chart or list

guess, check, and revise

look for a pattern

use a formula

work backward



Encourage your child to always check for accuracy of his/her work

By checking, your child will practice skills, build understanding, and become more self-reliant.

Ask your child to explain why the solution is correct or incorrect

Talk aloud as you solve everyday problems of all kinds

Discuss alternate approaches and solutions with your child. Modelling how to solve a problem with your child will give your child more ideas and strategies.

Taken from: Math Learning Today: produced in partnership with the Ministry of Education and Ontario District School Boards 2016

SUCCESS for Every Student

Bicycle Safety

With spring just around the corner, many kids can't wait to get their bikes out and go for a ride. Riding a bike can be a lot of fun; but it's important to be safe and wear a helmet! By law, every person in Ontario under the age of 18 who rides a bicycle must wear a helmet. A helmet that fits properly can prevent up to 85% of bike-related head injuries and can save your child's life!

Follow these tips to make sure your child's helmet is safe:

Be a positive role model - wear your helmet whenever you ride your bike.

Before buying a helmet for your child, make sure it meets the correct safety standards and has a safety sticker from one of the following organizations: CPSC, CSA, Snell or ASTM.

Make sure that your child's helmet fits properly by following these rules:

Helmets should sit level on the head and should cover the top of the forehead, with two fingers width between the helmet and the eyebrows;

The side straps should make a V shape and should fit snugly around the ears;

Only one finger should fit between the chin and the helmet strap;

When your child shakes his/her head from side to side, the helmet should not move.

Helmets should be replaced every five years.

If the helmet has been in a crash or is cracked or damaged in any way, it should be replaced immediately.

Remember – different helmets may be needed for different activities. If you're unsure whether or not the helmet is safe for the activity, check with the company that made the helmet.

For more information about bicycle helmets, safety tips and answers to frequently asked questions, visit the Safe Kids Canada website at <http://parachutecanada.org>.

