



RUSSELL REID ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

APRIL 2015 NEWSLETTER

*** We are a NUT Free School ***



Dates to Remember...

April 10—Pizza Day
April 3—Good Friday—Holiday
April 6—Easter Monday—Holiday
April 16—Gr. 8 Graduation Picture Day
April 22—Gr. 7/8 immunization clinic
April 23—Pizza Day
April 28—Kargus Field Trip

- **Character Traits**
- Each year, the Grand Erie District School Board
- highlights eight character traits to focus many
- of our lessons. This month's trait is HUMILITY.
- Teachers will discuss what HUMILITY means to
- students in the school environment and in the
- community environment.
- Please discuss the character trait with your
- child to further strengthen our students' under-
- standing.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Achievement

We are beginning our Math Learning Cycle work for term two. We continue to focus on problem solving in math. More specifically, we are asking students to use math vocabulary in their solutions. We are also modelling how we solve problems, the thinking that occurs in our head, before we write anything on paper. To support our students, please ask your child about the math problems they solve in class. Share with your children how you use math in your life.

Environment

Thank you to the PTA for their fundraising efforts. Their work helps our school with purchases of materials for students as well as the funding of field trips.

Thank you to our parents and community members for donating newspapers to our school. Together, our families brought in almost 1000 pounds of newspaper. Your efforts raised \$50. A community member donated \$500 after learning about your work!!! All money will go to our School Greening Project.

Please consider joining us on April 20th for our Russell Reid Earth Day Event where we celebrate our Greening Project. The Mayor, Chris Friel, will be in attendance. As well, our trustees will be present.

Our grade eight students are busy collecting donated jeans and t-shirts for their business endeavours. Their denim pencil cases and re-cycled t-shirt bags will be made soon. The items will be sold on our April 20th Russell Reid Earth Day Event and one day at the Lynden Park Mall!

Thanks to Mrs. Christensen, a parent representative on our School Greening Committee for her fundraising efforts. The campaign to "green" a tree indoors to help us "green" our outdoor space began on March 23rd. For five dollars, you can buy a leaf. For ten dollars, you can buy a tree blossom. For twenty dollars, you can buy a bird's nest. All leaves, blossoms and birds' nests will be placed on our indoor tree. The child's name or family name will be displayed on our indoor tree. All funds go to our School Greening Project.

Our grade eight graduation will be on Tuesday, June 23rd; the day after our report cards going home!!! The graduation ceremony will be held at New Life Pentecostal Assembly Church and the dance will be at Northridge Golf Course.

Engagement

Our last movie night for this year will be on Friday, April 10th. Prior to the movie, our school greening committee will have a short information session. We are also collecting Canadian Tire Money that evening to go towards our School Greening Project. April, May, and June are busy months for our school. Students are working towards academic goals and participating in events/teams and projects.

Watch for our website to be updated for May!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Brittain

Bring the family out for a movie night on Friday April 10th, doors open at 6:00.

The next **PTA meeting** will be held on **Tuesday April 7th at 7:00**. Come out and hear what's going on at your child's school.

- Happy Reading!
- Mrs. Fair



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