

# October Newsletter

## Dates to Remember

October 3 - PA Day

October 5 - Mrs. Herron and Mrs. Martyniuk's classes to Fire Station

October 9-Thanksgiving Day

October 24-Picture retake day

October 25-Mrs. Martyniuk's, Mrs. Dietrich's and Mrs. Vanka's classes to the Safety Village

October 27 - Character trait assembly

October 31-Hallowe'en Parade

## Principal's Message...

It has been a great start up for our school this year. Thank you to the families for attending the Meet the Teacher night. It was great to meet everyone. Thank you to Mrs. Baxter for organizing Strodes to barbeque at our event.

We've had some sporting events as well occurring in the month of September. Thanks to Mrs. Rypma for taking our Jr. students to the 3 Pitch tournament, Mr. Neeb and Ms. Lewis for taking our Intermediate boys to their 3 Pitch tournament and to Mr. Nicholson for taking our Intermediate girls to their 3 Pitch tournament.

Contributing to the larger community by participating in our Terry Fox Run is a great way to expand children's understanding of worldly concerns and about the concept of giving. Thanks to Mrs. Martyniuk for organizing the assembly and the Run.

Staff have been busy completing assessments on students' reading, writing and math abilities which also means students have been working hard. Student and staff efforts show in our EQAO results. 87% of students in grade three achieved a level three or four in reading, 87% of students in grade three achieved a level three or four in writing and 66% of grade three students achieved a level three or four in math. For grade six, 91% of students achieved a level three or four in reading, 91% of students achieved a level three or four in writing and 64% of students achieved a level three or four in math.

On the PA day, the staff and I focused on improving our math teaching. We analyzed EQAO results, identifying our strengths and needs in math. We made a plan for how we can improve our results this year. This plan will drive our work during staff meetings and PA days.

Newsletters are sent electronically via email on the first Friday of the month. I am sending this newsletter both electronically and on paper. If you haven't received the September newsletter electronically, it's possible that the email address on file isn't correct. Thank you.

Mrs. Brittain  
Principal

#### **From our School Council...**

Thanks to all the parents that came out to our first School Council meeting. Some great ideas were brought to the table. After much discussion, it was decided that most parents wanted a break from traditional fundraising. So this fall, there will be no chocolate bars, no magazines, no boxed cards coming home to sell. Instead, we decided to focus on school spirit. Our goal is to purchase some much-needed, new sports jerseys & school t-shirts for every student. We think we've come up with a real win-win idea - **Harvey's Night**. [You get a break from cooking dinner, and the school gets a portion of the sales.](#) Once a month we will host a Harvey's night at the **Henry St. location** (in the Leon's plaza). Our first night is [October 11th from 3pm-7pm](#). We hope to see you there!  
[Our next council meeting October 25th at 6pm in the library.](#) Hope to see you there.

#### **From our Program Department...**

Every month, the Elementary Program Department sends out a newsletter for families offering ways to help children with math at home. Please take a moment to read the newsletter. Thank you. There are many great ideas in it.

#### **Halloween Request for Costumes...**

Please see the notice regarding costumes. Thank you.

If your newsletter didn't arrive electronically, please complete the portion below and return to the school.

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Family Name

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Email address