



Echo Place School March Newsletter



Vice Principal's Message

Happy March! We are in full swing of our spring activities this month. We have launched 2 fundraisers in order to support our students' special events and to purchase new recreation equipment for the school. We are hoping all families will be able to participate in our Little Caesar's fundraiser by selling at least 2 kits, so we can reach our goal of 200 kits sold. If you require additional order forms, please call the school and we will send them home for you. We are also beginning our collection of bags of clothing again this year. We will continue to collect bags until June 14th this year, in the hope of collecting 1 ton.

March Break is from March 13 – 17th this year. We hope everyone enjoys a safe and relaxing holiday week. We will return to school on Monday, March 20th.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school at 519-753-2931.

Ms. Innes

Everyday Heroes Awards Assembly

Our students will be awarded for their participation, effort and outstanding character at monthly assemblies. Parents are invited to attend our next assembly on **Friday, March 31st** at 2:00 pm in the Gym.

Important Dates:

Mar 3 rd :	Safety Village (Gr. 7/8)
Mar 9 th :	Little Caesar's Kit Orders due
Mar 10 th :	Tubing at Chicopee (Gr. 4-8) / Pizza Day
Mar 13 – 17 th :	March Break (Holiday)
Mar 21 st :	Yoga Day / Tuesday Club / Home and School Meeting
Mar 24 th :	Safety Village (Kindergarten) Pizza Day
Mar 27 th :	Little Caesar's Pizza Kit pick up
Mar 28 th :	Yoga Day
Mar 30 th :	Triple P Parenting 9-10:30
Mar 31 st :	Twin Day/ Awards Assembly 2pm / Hot Lunch: Grilled cheese

Bag2School Fundraiser - March 1-June 14, 2017

On Tuesday, March 1st, we will begin our annual Bag2School fundraiser again this year. By donating any unwanted clothing, you will help generate much needed funds for our school. Please drop off bags at Echo Place School any time before June 14th. If you require additional bags, they are available at the office.

Echo Place Home and School Committee...

Our Home and School Committee is still seeking new members. If you are interested in supporting our students by helping to organize fundraisers, events and snacks for Echo Place School, please join us at our next meeting in the conference room from 6:00-7:30pm.

Our next Home and School Meeting – **Tuesday, Mar. 21, 2017**



The character trait for
March is...

Sportsmanship

Ms Mancini and Mrs. Grandpre's Class
(in for Mrs. Springett)
Presented by Ms. Reading (Custodian)

Winner of the Golden Dustpan Award February

" We Believe In Clean"

Echo Place School's Everyday Hero Award Winners for February



Little Caesars Pizza Kit Fundraiser

On Friday, February 24th, Little Caesars Pizza Kit order forms were sent home with all students. Funds raised through this program will be used to purchase recreation equipment and support school activities. Our goal is to sell 200 kits. If every family sells just 2 kits, we will reach our goal. Orders can be placed online at www.pizzakit.ca using our Fundraiser ID# 328511.

Thank you for supporting this important initiative. All cash /cheque orders must be submitted to the school by **Thursday, March 9th, 2017**. Pizza Kits will be delivered on Monday, March 27th and available for pick up at the school between 12:00 – 5:00 pm.



Little Caesars



Bullying Awareness Activities at Echo Place School

The students of Echo Place School participated in several activities last month to educate and inspire our students to stand up against bullying and create a welcome, inclusive and safe school environment. Classes worked together to create posters that are now proudly displayed in our hallways. They also worked in Colour House groups to create a welcome tree at our front entrance. Each student traced their handprint on coloured paper and wrote how they make this school a safe and kind place for everyone. On February 22, our school participated in Pink Shirt Day and classes presented stories and pledges at our school assembly, to share their understanding of the impact that bullying has, and why we will stand up against it.



Free Triple P Parent Seminar at Echo Place School



Our school is proud to work with the Brant Public Health Unit to offer a free parenting seminar to all families and community members on **March 30th, from 9:00 – 10:30 in our Library**. The seminar will be presented by our school Public Health Nurse, Melanie LeBlanc, who is a trained Triple P facilitator. The seminar is entitled "Raising Resilient Children" and has been very well received and in high demand within our community. A flyer was sent out to all families last week. If you would like more information, or an additional registration form, please call the school.



Earth Day Garage Sale

Coming up on April 22, 2017, Echo Place School will be holding a community Garage Sale in support of reducing, reusing and recycling, and as a fundraising event. Parking spaces, indoor and outdoor tables will be available for families and community members to rent so that they may sell any used household items, toys, or crafts on this day. Be sure to watch for more information about this exciting event.

Echo Place School

Mental Health Strategy - 2016/2017

- Monthly awards to recognize student achievement and participation
- Everyday Hero monthly draw of "gotcha" tickets for school spirit wear
- Mind Up Curriculum resources to foster social and emotional awareness and psychological well-being
- Roots of Empathy classroom program used to increase empathy and reduce levels of aggression and bullying
- Pink Shirt Day - Bullying Awareness campaign
- Chalk It Up - students creating inspiring messages in chalk to promote good mental health
- Tribal Visions - Native Dance Workshop engaging students in interactive learning about Aboriginal culture and dance
- Colour House Activities - students participating in multi-grade grouping to build team work and develop a welcoming and inclusive school culture.



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