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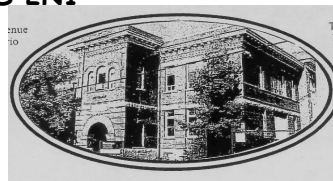
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Principal's Message

We have had a wonderful first month of school. It is hard to believe that Thanksgiving is already upon us and Halloween is just around the corner. It was nice to see so many people at our Meet the Teacher Night, last month. I would like to thank the teachers for welcoming parents into the school and into their classrooms and Mrs. Williams, Chair of School Council, for her presentation on behalf of the School Council.

There are many opportunities to get involved at Mutchmor P. S. Some students in grades 4-6 competed on October 8th in the X-Country Meet at the Hornet's Nest; Soccer team practices are well underway for the October 14th tournaments, also at the Hornet's Nest. Lunch time activities such as: Squirrmies, Yoga, Chess and Games Pack have started; Sportsfan Active Start program is also underway and the Stamp Club is back for another year.

On Friday, October 2nd, our junior grade students had the opportunity to attend a school assembly to hear from two remarkable women, Karen Messing (Grandmother of Samaia in Gr. 3) and Pauline Fogarty, two recipients of the Persons Case Awards. More information about the assembly is contained in this newsletter so, please read on.

Although many of the schools in our board are currently undergoing re-organizations, Mutchmor's school organization will remain as is. This is not to say that things are to remain the same, here at Mutchmor. We have met the criteria for OFIP- 2 (Ontario Focused Intervention Partnership). Our teachers will have the opportunity to work throughout the school year with an Instructional Coach, Patricia Fitzgerald and occasionally with representatives from the Ministry of Education and the Literacy Numeracy Secretariat to identify instructional strategies that will best help improve student learning and student success. As well, we will also undergo a District Review, where a team of educators from the board will provide us with a set of Indicators for School Effectiveness and assess both our strengths and areas of challenge and provide us with direction around our school's School Improvement Plan. Both processes will be interesting and challenging, but we look forward to engaging in the process and striving for excellence in education. Should you have any questions regarding either of these initiatives, please feel free to contact me to discuss them.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend.
Sherri Bonneville

Dates to Remember

Oct. 9- P.A. Day -
NO CLASSES

Oct. 12 -
Thanksgiving - NO
CLASSES

Oct. 14 - Junior
boys' and girls'
soccer tournaments

Oct. 15 - IEPs sent
home for parental
consultation

Oct. 23 - Picture
Retake Day

Oct 30 - Primary
Halloween Activities
(morning)

Nov. 8 - Once Upon a
Story Time -
Storytelling National
Archives
1:30-2:30

Nov. 11 -
Remembrance Day
Assembly - 10:30
a.m.

Emergency Evacuation

In the event of a prolonged evacuation of the school building, Mutchmor's evacuation site is Corpus Christi Catholic School across the street on Fourth Avenue.

We would hope that sufficient time would be provided for the school to notify the parents, via the school's Emergency Phone tree, prior to an evacuation. However, that may not be possible. In any event, parents will be notified following an evacuation about where and when to pick up their child(ren). Once again, accurate and up-to-date contact information is crucial in such an event.

Student Verification Documents

A Student Verification Document has been sent home with every student. Please review this document and, if there are any changes, please make the corrections directly on the document (preferably in red ink), sign and return the document to the school as soon as possible.

We would ask that all Student Verification Documents be signed and returned to the school whether there are changes or not. This will allow the Office staff to better track changes. Thank you for helping us to ensure the safety of our students.

Nutrition Breaks and Recess

Our first nutrition break is from 11:25 to 11:45 and our second one is from 2:10 to 2:30. We are designating the first nutrition break as 'lunch' as this is when the milk program, pizza program and Lunch Lady hot meal program will be distributed.

Some classes eat their lunch in their classrooms while some junior classes have

lunch in the lunchroom which is located in the basement.

Supervised recesses are from 11:45 to 12:10 and also from 2:30 to 2:55.

Students will have this opportunity to get fresh air and exercise. Please ensure they have appropriate dress for the weather. Students will only remain inside for recesses in cases of extreme weather.

*If your child is going home for lunch please provide a written note with instructions for them to sign out and then sign in at the office upon their return to school. If your child goes home for lunch regularly one note may be written for the year.

Attendance

If your child is going to be absent please call the attendance line at 613-239-0535.

Students arriving after the 9:15 AM announcements must report to the office for a late slip before making their way to class.

Busing Information for 2009-2010

We continue to work with OSTA, Ottawa Student Transportation Authority to finalize busing for our students. You can access their website at www.ottawaschoolbus.ca or can reach them by phone at 613-224-8800 should you have any questions or concerns regarding busing for your child.

There is a new process to follow for accessing empty seats on buses. A request form must still be completed and submitted to the school. These forms will be forwarded to OSTA who will assign the empty seats. Due to sharing of buses between First Avenue P. S., Corpus Christi School and Mutchmor P. S., there are

fewer empty seats available for distribution, this year.

Safety Precaution

It is important for students to remember to cross streets at a designated crosswalk and preferably one where a crossing guard is present.

Please remember the crossing guard is there to ensure your safety and you should listen to and follow their directions.

Please review these safety precautions with your children.

Technology Update

The SMART board for the Computer Lab, has been installed. Staff will soon be trained on the use of the SMART board and on how to incorporate this technology into their teaching practices.

Individual Student Results - EQAO

Individual Student Results (ISR) for students who completed the EQAO assessment last year, have been received in the school. ISR for students currently in grade 4 here at Mutchmor have been sent home with students. Former grade 6 students and those grade 3 students, who have left the school, have had their ISR sent to their new schools.

Information regarding our students' performance against the overall board and provincial standings is available on the EQAO website at www.eqao.com.

Halloween Activities

On Friday, October 30th, the primary students will participate in numerous activities in the morning that involve rotating from class to class, where a different activity (craft, drama activity etc.) will be set up. In the afternoon, primary students will participate in individual activities that are organized by

their homeroom teacher. It will be a fun day!

No division-wide activity has been planned for the junior students. Individual classes may have activities planned and this information will be communicated to parents by the individual classroom teacher.

Choir is Coming Soon!

If you are in grades 2-6 and you like to sing, please consider joining our Mutchmor Choir. Practices will be at 11:45 on Tuesdays and some Thursdays starting next week. Our first concert will be at our Remembrance Day assembly in November. We hope to see lots of happy faces next Tuesday.

Mutchmor is Thrilled to Participate in Once Upon a Story

Mutchmor should be very proud of our storytellers. Thanks to the amazing skill of our storytellers last spring, the Ottawa Storytellers have invited the students who performed at the Glebe Community Centre to perform at their own festival "Once Upon a Story" at the National Archives on Sunday, November 8th. The festival is from 1-4 p.m. and our storytellers perform in the auditorium from 1:30-2:30 p.m. This is a free event and we hope to see many Mutchmor families out to support our storytellers. Congratulations to everyone who was invited to participate.

Junior Students Enjoy a Special Assembly

By Adriana and Danny Gr. 5

On October 2nd, the junior students in Mutchmor P.S got to see a very special presentation by two out of the Famous

Five women who got awarded The Governor General's Awards in Commemoration of the Persons Case on October 1st. The Governor General's Award in Commemoration of the Persons Case is an award for women who have succeeded greatly in different areas to advance the goal of equality for women.

The two women the junior students got to see were Karen Messing and Pauline Fogarty. They told stories on how they changed the world. Karen Messing talked about her past life and how she wanted to make a difference for women working in factories. Pauline Fogarty talked about how she was helping and had helped the community in Thunderbay.

Grades 5/6

For more details on any of the above programs please contact:

Paul O'Donnell
Director of Recreation
Glebe Neighbourhood Activities Group
613-233-8713
paul@gnag.ca

Glebe Neighbourhood Activities Group

The Glebe Neighbourhood Activities Group still has room for registrations in the following activities:

Great Glebe Pumpkin Patch

October 24

4:30 - 7:00 pm

Cost \$5.00

Ages walking to 12 years

Children under 10 years must be accompanied by an adult

Youth Leagues

Wednesdays

6:00 - 8:00 pm

First league is hockey

Nov. 4 - Nov. 25

4 weeks

teams of 4

\$40/team or \$10/player

Youth Nights

Fridays 6:00 - 8:00 pm

News from School Council

Mutchmor School Council has elected a new council for this year. We have many returning members and are happy to welcome new members to council. The 2009-10 Council is:

Chair - Margo Williams

Treasurer - Judy Silvestro

Treasurer's Assistant - Carol Watson

Co-secretaries - Kristal Davis and Liz Doyle

Past Chair - Daood Aidroos

Principal - Mrs. Bonneville

Teacher rep - Larry Stonebridge

Non-Teaching Rep - Connie Bruce (librarian)

Community Member - Margaret Back

Parent Members - Reena Belford, Anna Curtner, Cindy Kirk, Gwenda Ko, Barb Massey, Hetty Mannethu, Kelly Milne, and Shonna Tuck

Please feel free to contact any council member with a question, suggestion or concern. As always - you are invited to attend our monthly meetings on Mondays at 7pm in the computer lab. Future meetings are: October 26, November 23, January 25, 2010, February 22, March 22, April 26 and May 31, 2010. Agendas and minutes will be posted on the school website.

Our school website needs to be updated and refreshed. Can you help us out? We need a volunteer who is familiar with website design to work with Mr. Firestone to make our website more user friendly and updated! Mr. Firestone is the staff member responsible for managing this site. Please contact zak.firestone@ocdsb.ca for more information.

Our Class Representatives are now working to compile class directories. A complete School Directory will be compiled once all class directories are complete. Please contact your class reps if you would like to be in the directory but did not send in a paper information slip earlier in September. Also the E-Mail Network will be forwarding important and timely information, including the monthly school newsletter, to those who have provided e-mail addresses for the directory. Please notify your reps if you are not in the directory but would like to be included in this e-mail network.

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SK Rm 15	Mrs.Taylor	Susan Inskip	susan.inskip@hotmail.com	613-235-3469
		Pam Hassell	pamhassell@rogers.com	613-234-7068
1 Rm 26	Mrs.Birenbaum	Mari Teitelbaum	mari.teitelbaum@sympatico.ca	613-230-4609
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The QSP Magazine Fundraiser has begun. Please support Mutchmor by renewing your current subscriptions, order a new title or give a gift subscription through QSP. They make great gifts and first issues should arrive shortly after the December holidays. The easiest way to order is online at www.qsp.ca and use our school code: 10776. Online orders are processed immediately and save up to 4-6 weeks delivery time. If using the paper order forms please return the white/yellow copies with payment to the school by October 26th, 2009 and make cheques payable to 'Mutchmor School Council'. Last year we raised over \$3,500 and our 2009 goal is \$5,000.

A reminder of the Pizza Fridays for the year - mark your calendars! For any pizza related questions please contact Gwen Meireles at 613-233-7101 or Patty Cooper at 613-567-1155.

Pizza Days Fall 2009	Pizza Days Winter 2010	Pizza Days Spring 2010
October 2 October 16 October 30 November 27 December 11	January 15 January 29 February 26 March 12	March 26 April 9 April 23 May 7 May 21 June 4 June 18