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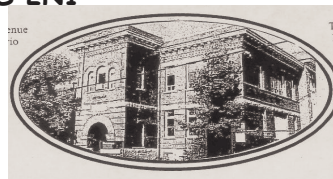
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Principal's Message

May is already promising to be a very busy month for the students and staff of Mutchmor. In addition to working very hard to complete the curriculum expectations for this year, many events are being planned and organized for the remaining weeks of school such as field trips, athletics and special assemblies. Of special note are the dates for the EQAO Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics for students in grades 3 and 6. The assessment days for these students will be Monday, May 30th to Friday, June 10th. More information regarding the EQAO assessment is included in this newsletter.

Teachers and class assignments for next year have been tentatively completed and the information is contained in this newsletter. As you will see, we have very little choice in classroom placement as we have only one grade option for most grades. Should our enrolment numbers surge, it may be necessary to reorganize classes and create split grades for next year, in which case some movement and choice may be possible. Now that warmer weather is here (most days), it still remains imperative that students dress appropriately for the weather while also considering propriety, social appearance and type of activity or field trip. It is also important to remember to send students to school with appropriate sun protection (hats, sunglasses, sunscreen), as well as, water bottles.

A special thank you is in order for Margo Williams and the School Council Fundraising Committee on their organization of the very successful "Are You Smarter than a Mutchmor Student?" fundraiser evening. All participants and observers of the evening's events were very impressed with the many aspects of the evening: silent auction, bake sale, game show, and community building. I have also heard that parents have launched a rematch for next year as the Mutchmor students carried the evening with their brilliance and enthusiasm. Congratulations to all participants on a job well done.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank and recognize the following staff members who will be leaving the school at the end of this school year: Mrs. Birenbaum has accepted a grade 1 / 2 assignment at Avalon Public School, Mme Zylberstein has accepted a teaching assignment in Singapore and Mrs. Barclay will be ending her LTO with us, as well. We wish them all the best of luck in their new pursuits. We thank them for their hard work and dedication to our students and hope their next challenges are as memorable as their time here at Mutchmor.

I would also like to take this opportunity to inform the school community that I have been transferred to Castor Valley Elementary School for September 2011. In my place, Mutchmor students and staff will welcome Mrs. Heather Mace as principal. Mrs. Mace will be attending the May 16th School Council Meeting and will spend some time in the school in June meeting with students and staff in preparation for a smooth transition to next year. I thank the parents, students and staff at Mutchmor P. S. for three very memorable years and know the experience gained here at Mutchmor will serve me well in my next school.

Sherri Bonneville

PLEASE RETURN STUDENT SURVEY ENVELOPES BY MAY 20, 2011.

Dates to Remember

May 16 - School Council Meeting - Library at 7 p.m.

May 18 - Mutchmor Drama Club presentation for the school - afternoon

May 19 - Mutchmor Drama Club presentations 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

May 23 - Victoria Day - NO CLASSES

May 30 - June 10 EQAO assessment gr. 3 and 6

June 2 - Mutchmor's Got Talent - selection at both recesses

June 3 - P.D. Day - NO CLASSES

June 4 - Open Doors Ottawa - Mutchmor to participate 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

June 7 - Gr. 4, 5, 6 Track and Field

June 10 - End of year BBQ

June 24 - Mutchmor's Got Talent Showcase

June 28 - Gr. 6 Leaving Ceremony

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.

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.

Students Not Returning to Mutchmor PS

If you know that your child will not be returning to Mutchmor Public School for the 2011-2012 school year, please advise the office as soon as possible. This will assist us in our planning and organization for next year.

News about the EQAO Assessment

The EQAO Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics for students in grades 3 and 6 will be held one hour a day over six days between Monday, May 30th and Friday, June 10th. On each day, Gr. 3 students will be engaged in a 1 hr. assessment period in the morning during their Literacy Block and the Gr. 6 students will be engaged in a 1 hr.

assessment period during their afternoon Literacy Block.

There will be a one day respite from the assessment (Friday, June 3rd) for both gr. 3 and 6 students, as it is a P. D. Day and there are no classes. As well, the grade 3 students will not write the morning of Monday, June 6th and some of the grade 6 students involved in Track and Field will not write the day of June 7th. These missed assessment days will be made up later in the week.

Over the course of those six days of assessment, the students in the split grades who will not be taking the assessment will be with an Occasional teacher and continue to receive programming.

We have scheduled the assessments to ensure students taking the assessment continue to receive instruction in physical education and French and their recesses and other breaks during the six day assessment period.

A general letter will be sent home shortly to the parents of all students involved in the EQAO assessment. Specific letters for those students receiving accommodations will also be sent home shortly.

School Organization for 2011-2012

As our enrolment declines, we are faced with fewer classes and therefore are restricted in the amount of flexibility we have with our school organization. Below is the proposed organization for the 2011-2012 school year. It is important to point out that as of the publication of this newsletter, this organization is the most up-to-date however, many changes can still occur between now and the beginning of the

school year. As always, we appreciate your understanding and flexibility with this matter.

JK (a.m.) - Mrs. Hodges
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JK (a.m.) - Mrs. Taylor
JKSK (p.m.) - Mrs. Taylor
Gr. 1 - Mr. Stonebridge
Gr. 2 - Mrs. Ballard
Gr. 1 / 2 G - Ms. Eacrett
Gr. 3 - Mrs. Kooy-Roome
Gr. 3 G - Mrs. Sheehy
Gr. 3 / 4 - Ms. McKay (new hire)
Gr. 4 G - Mr. Firestone
Gr. 5 G - Mr. Aston
Gr. 4 / 5 - Ms. Ward
Gr. 6 - Mr. Bourassa
Gr. 6 G - Ms. Schedler (new hire)
Core French: Mme Joanne, Mme Chloe,
and (0.25 TBD)
ESL: Mrs. Pattee
Spec. Ed.: Mrs. Hall (LRT)
Mme Marchessault (LST)
0.25 (LRT) TBD
0.50 Ministry Prep - Phys. Ed. and Health:
Mr. Walker (new hire)
Educational Assistants: To be determined
Chief Custodian: Mr. Gobeo
Office Administrator: Mrs. Neidy
Office Assistant: Mrs. Neville
Principal: Heather Mace

Please note that this proposed organization may change in September once accurate enrolment numbers are known.

Mutchmor Drama Club

This MDC is presenting the play Elias and the Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Bowie Boys. It tells the story of a boy who lived with his step family. Although he was poorly treated he did have one bright spot in his life, his dear friends. One evening after being ostracized once again,

a glamour ninja comes and changes his life forever. There is treachery, a hat ball and of course badgers and copious amounts of haberdashery.

To witness this phenomena first hand please contact 613-239-2267 for show times and ticket availability. The first show has already sold out.

New Bike Racks

Thanks to the parents of the School Council and their fundraising efforts, Mutchmor now has two new bike racks. The old bike rack was removed and replaced by two larger more permanent ones. They can be found near the gym end of the school on Fourth Avenue. Students, teachers and parents can now secure their bikes with confidence to the new bike racks rather than lock their bikes to fences and signposts.

Blue Spruce/Silver Birch Programs Wrap Up

A total of 241 votes were cast at Mutchmor for the Blue Spruce and Silver Birch reading programs this year. The students are to be congratulated for their commitment to reading the nominated books. It is thanks to financial support from the School Council, that we were able to have such a large number of participants this year. All the votes have been submitted to Toronto and we will hear the news of the winners of these prestigious awards in mid-May.

Scholastic Book Fair Successful

The Mutchmor community has again shown its commitment to literacy and the school library by supporting the Scholastic Book Fair in April. With the money raised, we are able to purchase \$1,340 in new books available from Scholastic. Some of the books selected

from the fair are already on the shelves. Students are always excited to have new books to choose from. Thanks to all for supporting this literacy event.

Scrabble Champions, Again!!!

On May 4th, Mutchmor competed in the annual Centennial Scrabble tournament. Representing Mutchmor were Ali, Michael, Danny and Luke from Mme. Z's class. There were 20 teams from schools across the city. At the end of the day, Danny and Luke finished in 3rd place and Michael and Ali were tournament champions, allowing Mutchmor to become the top Scrabble team in the city for the second year in a row. Congratulations to the Mutchmor team and to all the Scrabble Club players, who played every Thursday.

Mr. Firestone

Mutchmor's Got Talent

On the morning of Friday, June 24th, the first ever **Mutchmor's Got Talent** showcase will be held. Students from the junior grades will showcase their talents in an hour long presentation for the school. This is not a talent show, no prizes will be awarded. This is an opportunity for Mutchmor students to showcase their musical, dance, drama and many other talents. This presentation is being organized and run by a small student committee under the supervision of Ms. Ward.

On June 2nd at either of the recesses, students who would like to share their talent can attend one of the recess sessions to give the committee members a sample of the talent they would like to present. As spots will be limited, students are being encouraged to work on group presentations. This will allow more students to showcase their talents.

Have your act ready as only those students who are prepared on

Thursday, June 2nd will be invited to perform on Friday, June 24th.

Soon, there will be information posters put up around the school with event details, please look for them.

Sports Update

Boys' Basketball

Mutchmor was lucky to have 2 basketball teams at this year's Jr. Boys Regional Tournament. The grade 4 / 5 team had a great time and competed hard during the day. They lost in the quarterfinals by one point in the final seconds of the game. Our grade 6 team won their pool winning all their games. They had a tough battle against First Avenue losing in the semi finals. All the boys represented Mutchmor with pride and enthusiasm. Thanks to all the parents for their support.

Mr. Aston, Mr. Firestone and Mr. Stonebridge

Girls' Basketball

Congratulations to both girls' basket ball teams. Mutchmor 2 had an excellent day going all the way to the quarter-finals where they lost a hard fought game to Hopewell. Mutchmor 1 played great all day defeating First Ave to advance to the finals. They played Hopewell in the finals and brought silver medals back to Mutchmor. Great job to all the girls!

The Extra Curricular Creative Arts Program for Children (ECCA)

Continuing Education's ECCA program offers arts instruction courses in various OCDSB elementary schools for students in gr. 1-8.

Fall Registration: Sept. 6-21, 2011

Tel: 613-239-2747 for information

Tel: 613-239-2398 to register (Sept 6-21)

Visit: 440 Albert St. Room E121A,
September 6-21, 9am-4pm weekdays

For more information visit:
artsforkidsatocdsb.com

FAMILY DOCTOR IN THE COMMUNITY: Dr Nili Kaplan-Myrth is a family doctor opening a clinic this July in association with another family doctor in the Glebe. She will welcome approximately 1500 new patients, giving priority to those without a current family doctor. Although she will provide care to people of all ages and stages of life, Dr Kaplan-Myrth expects to set aside some clinic time specifically for infant, child, adolescent, GLBTQ health and women's health counselling (sexual, reproductive and mental health, prenatal and postpartum care, lactation support, attachment parenting, menopause, disability, palliative care, and geriatric women's health). More information about her Family Medicine practice, clinic hours and how to register as new patients will be available in early to mid June on her web site,
<http://www.mydoctor.ca/drkaplanmyrth>

News from School Council

Volunteer Spotlight – Stamp Club 14+ years!

Every week for the last 14 years, two very dedicated volunteers, Tom and Jill Hare, have run the Stamp club at Mutchmor. Each Wednesday at lunch hour, the stamp club meets to discover “philately” as a hobby, a passion or a love. Tom and Jill first began sharing this hobby with Mutchmor students when their sons (Ben and Joe) attended the school. As stamp club exhibitors and judges, they are able to teach the children the many facets of philately and are always trying to keep new ideas coming to keep the club fresh. This club is open to children in grades 3-6 with a small fee for supplies (note: if you need financial assistance with the fee please let Mrs. Neidy in the office know). If you like more information on this club, please email Jill at jillthare@hotmail.com. Thank you to Jill and Tom for their time and efforts in making the school a great place to be!

School Council Accommodation Subcommittee – meetings ongoing

Note: Your child will be affected by the decisions made so please come out and participate!

This subcommittee is responsible for providing a forum to discuss the local school issues and its impacts on Mutchmor. If you would like to participate, please email MutchmorPSCouncil@gmail.com. All programs will be discussed in the ongoing review for example:

- Should an Early French Immersion program (SK-6) be placed at Mutchmor?

- Should English programs be congregated at Mutchmor or other schools?
- Should the gifted program be moved from Mutchmor?

Mutchmor End of the Year BBQ – Fri June 10, 5:00-8:00pm

The Annual End of the Year BBQ will be held Friday, June 10th from 5-8pm in the Mutchmor Field. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for dinner and fun. Food will be catered by **The Works** this year! A flyer will be sent home at the end of May!

Next School Council Meeting – Mon May 16 @ 7pm in the Computer Lab

Come meet Mutchmor's next Principal, Ms. Heather Mace, at the next Council meeting. She will start in Sept 2011 when Ms. Bonneville moves on to Castor Valley School.

Are You Smarter than a Mutchmor Student?

This was an amazing spirit building event for Mutchmor! Who knew the students are smarter than adults?! On April 28th, with over 230 people at the Glebe Community Centre, the students beat the adults in a tie breaker!! Local radio personality Giacomo Panico hosted this very exciting game looking fine in his velour tuxedo and we raised almost \$3500 for school council initiatives.

Thank you to the Mutchmor parents who donated items to the auction - Pray Bhindi, Dianne Galus, Soo Hum, Jerome Jeffrey, Kathryn MacLean, Sarah Martin, Chantal Meagher, David Thorpe, Elizabeth Todd-Doyle and Gillian Wright. Many parents also donated delicious baked goods for the Bake

Table (coordinated by Carolyn Leckie) and the cake raffle. Thank you all! Local businesses also showed tremendous support through donations to the auction or participating on the adult team. Many thanks to:

Participants: Paul from GNAG, Joanne from Acorn Early Learning Centre, Clyde Ross from Feleena's Mexican Restaurant, Aaron Turner from The Works, and Rob Campbell from OCDSB.

Donors: Alteriors, Alex's Bread and Deli, Arrow and Loon Pub, Clothes by Muriel Drombet, Collected Works Bookstore, Compact Music, David Chernushenko, East Wind, The Extraordinary Baby Shoppe, Fab Baby Gear, The Flour Shoppe, Free Form Fitness, Glebe Apothecary, Great Canadian Theatre Company, J.D. Adam Kitchen Co., Juno Gems, Kaleidoscope Kids Books, Kunststadt Sports, Lost Marbles and Mrs. Tiggy Winkles, Magic Mountain, Metro Glebe, Museums of Agriculture, Aviation and Science & Technology, The Mud Oven, Queen Mother Maternity, Randall's Paint, Window Coverings & Furniture, Red Apron, Red Chair Kids, Royal Oak Pub, The Sassy Bead Co., Snapdragon Gallery, Snap Fitness, Starbucks, Starr Gymnastics, Tracy Arnett Realty, Wabi Sabi, Wag...a posh shop for spoiled dogs, Watermelon Seed Chinese Antiques, and The Works.

Delicious savoury meat pies from Life of Pie, 1095 Bank St, were served for dinner with Shanti Tea providing complimentary iced and hot organic herbal teas enjoyed by all ages.