

# Mutchmor Public School

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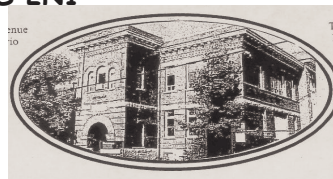
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## Principal's Message

It is hard to believe that another school year is almost over. Students and teachers have been working hard to complete the curricular expectations, as the last term report cards are being prepared and readied for distribution on Wednesday, June 29th. In addition, many wonderful events have taken place over the past month and more activities are scheduled to happen between now and the end of June.

The grades 3 and 6 students have completed their EQAO assessments and all materials have been sent to Toronto for evaluation. The students should be commended for their hard work and persistence in completing all sections of this assessment. We look forward to wonderful results early in the next school year.

We have had many students participating in a variety of activities and events such as track and field, assemblies, class presentations. Some highlights from these events are included in this newsletter so, please read on. Please note that year end field trips are being planned, and it is important to remind parents that the board permission form is the only permission form that is acceptable. We cannot allow students to leave the premises without formal permission and a note or phone call is not acceptable. Please ensure that your child's permission form is signed and returned promptly to the school so your child is not disappointed on the day of a field trip.

The class lists for next year are being prepared. Students and parents will find out class placement for the 2011-2012 school year on the first day of classes on September 6th. Lists will be posted on outside doors prior to the beginning of school and teachers will be available in the yard to assist students upon their arrival.

We have a number of students who will be leaving Mutchmor at the end of this school year. Some of our grade 3 students will be moving on to Hopewell to attend the MFI program and all of our grade 6 students will be leaving the school as they move on to grade 7. As in any year, there are also students who will be moving over the summer and will not be returning to Mutchmor in the fall. We wish them all the best in their new schools, but also want them to know that they will be missed.

The Grade 6 Leaving Ceremony will take place the afternoon of Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at approximately 12:30 PM followed by a reception in the small gym. Invitations have been sent home with further details.

Today was Mrs. Eacrett's last day of work. I would like to take this opportunity to wish her and her husband all the best as they welcome their first child into the world. Mrs. Eacrett hopes to return to Mutchmor and her grade 1 / 2 class in September 2012. We would like to welcome Mr. Glen Chapman who joins us next year to assume teaching responsibilities for Mrs. Eacrett's grade 1 / 2 gifted class. In closing I would like to thank the School Council for all of their hard work this year with volunteering, fundraising, overseeing the area accommodation study and for their valued input on school matters. They generously contributed funds to support the Arts (thanks to Mrs. Hodges for researching, booking and organizing the Arts' presentations and workshops), worked to build community (Holiday Breakfast, Are You Smarter Than a Mutchmor Student?, End of Year BBQ, this evening) and other programs and events over this past school year. I know they will continue to work diligently on behalf of students and the school community, next year.

I would like to thank all students, parents and staff with whom I have worked over the past three years. It has been an experience I won't soon forget. To all of you, have a happy end to the school year.

Sherri Bonneville

## Dates to Remember

June 10 - End of year BBQ ( this evening)

June 16 - Glashan Open House for gr. 6 students 9:15-11:25

June 24 - Mutchmor's Got Talent Showcase 10:00 - 11:25 a.m.

June 28 - Gr. 6 Leaving Ceremony

June 29 - Gr. 6 Field Trip

June 29 - Report Cards go home

June 30 - Play Day ( morning)

June 30 - Last Day of classes for students and staff

September 6 - First day of classes

### **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 has been completed.

The students should be commended for their hard work and perseverance over the six day assessment period.

All assessment materials have now been sent to Toronto for evaluation. School Results will be available at the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year. Individual

Student Reports (ISR) will arrive at the school in late September or early October and will be distributed to students, at that time. Students, who have left the school, will have their ISR forwarded to their new schools.

### **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

JK (p.m.) - Mrs. Hodges

JK (a.m.) - Mrs. Taylor

JKSK (p.m.) - Mrs. Taylor

Gr. 1 - Mr. Stonebridge

Gr. 2 - Mrs. Ballard

Gr. 1 / 2 G - Mrs. Eacrett / Mr. Chapman

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.**

### **Math Competitions at Mutchmor**

In April, Mutchmor's grade 4 gifted students competed in the national Byron-Germain math contest. As a whole, the students ranked 11th out of 436 grade 4 classes in the country. Congratulations to Kevin L. and Chris, who were tied for 27th out of 9783 students who wrote the test, and to Kevin J. who ranked 68<sup>th</sup>.

Students in Room 18 also participated in the 2010/2011 Pythagoras math competition. In the Grade 6 competition, 990 schools across Canada participated and Mutchmor ranked 8<sup>th</sup> overall. What an achievement! All students in Room 18 passed and almost all of them passed with distinction, scoring higher than the national average. Special congratulations are offered to Ali who placed 3rd in our school with a score of 46/50, Reva who placed 2nd with a score of 47/50, and to both Danny and Luke for scoring 48/50 tying for first place. Mutchmor is very proud of all of you.

### **Rock Through the Ages**

Seeing Ms Sheehy and Mme. Z's classes' musical is like seeing a professional play. The months of hard work really paid off to produce a wonderful afternoon of fun, singing, and dancing. May 26 was the big day: the one and only performance. The parents loved it, thinking it was just the right length. The parents also *loved* the

costumes. The costumes were all perfectly in sync with the theme and title of the musical 'Rock Through the Ages'. From handmade poodles for poodle skirts to parent-made spandex suits for the ABBA number, no one wanted to part with their costumes at the end of the day. Many pictures were taken of everyone singing and dancing to Rock around the Clock, Johnny B. Goode, HELP, Good Golly Miss Molly, and Waterloo. These amazing pictures, all taken by the audience, will contribute to our yearbook so we can remember our musical forever. The performance was perfect: the music didn't skip, everyone sang loudly, and the dancers were amazing!

Broadway, here we come!

Isabel and Miranda

### **ALL LIBRARY BOOKS TO BE RETURNED**

It is hard to believe that the school year is drawing to an end. This year, the last day for students to check out library books will be Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. It is hoped that all books will be returned to the library by Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>. Beginning June 20<sup>th</sup>, letters will be sent home for missing books indicating the title and the cost of replacement of the books should they not be found.

Thank you to all families at Mutchmor for your co-operation and your support of the library.

Connie Bruce

### **Mutchmor's Got Talent**

On the morning of Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### **EnviroCubs Wraps Up Another Successful Year**

The EnviroCubs have completed 10 Acts of Green for another year. A core of very dedicated members and a small group of helpers (the EnviroBears) finished 10 activities and learned all about re-use. Thank you to parents for supplying us with a vast array of materials to re-use. Thank you EnviroCubs for being so involved. You make every day Earth Day.

Rhonda Birenbaum

### **Sports Update**

#### **Track and Field**

It was a great day of Track and Field on June 7<sup>th</sup> at the Junior Region 3 Meet in Orleans. The Mutchmor team competed very well, with many great individual results in all events, winning 25 Top 8 ribbons. As well, Mutchmor placed second in the Atom girls division (gr. 6). The team displayed great sportsmanship and represented our school proudly. Thank you to all the coaches, student helpers and parent volunteers for a great day.

### **Play Day**

Following our end of the year tradition at Mutchmor, we will have our annual playday on the morning of June 29<sup>th</sup>. Our grade 6 students will lead our events as both station leaders and team captains. In addition to shaded activities, water activities, hydration stations and a popsicle station, students are reminded to wear sunscreen, a hat, and have water bottle with them. If temperatures are too high then we will go with a modified indoor playday. Looking forward to another fun day!

### **Healthy Fundraising**

School budgets are tight these days. Selling candy bars and cookie dough is a common way to fundraise. However, there are other options – get creative!

Examples are:

Selling garden plants, fruit, cheese, garden bulbs.

Having a silent auction.

Selling cards and calendars.

Planning a walk-a-thon or read-a-thon.

Schools can be healthy role-models when choosing these options. They reinforce healthy eating taught in the classroom. This creates a healthier school food setting.

For more healthy options visit the Healthy Schools 2020 at [www.healthyschools2020.ca](http://www.healthyschools2020.ca).

If you would like to know more, go to [ottawa.ca/health](http://ottawa.ca/health) or call Ottawa Public Health at 613-580-6744.

**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**

##### **AREA ACCOMMODATION STUDY**

The Accommodation Working Group is continuing meetings through June. Meetings are public and will continue through the fall. Options for the future of Mutchmor and other area schools are being discussed. Among other issues being considered:

- How should the local demand for immersion be accommodated?
- What should be done to address declining English program enrolment at Mutchmor and Hopewell Schools?
- Should the Gifted program continue to be offered at Mutchmor?

For more information, please refer to the school council website:

[www.mutchmorsc.ca](http://www.mutchmorsc.ca) and consider adding your views to the discussion forum. More detailed information can be found at the OCDSB website at this link: <http://www.ocdsb.ca/sch/as/Pages/CentretownGlebeOldOttawa.aspx>

**FIND OUT WHAT IS GOING ON AND HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED:**

**ACCOMMODATION ISSUES PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING  
Wednesday, June 22, 2011  
Lisgar Collegiate Institute Auditorium  
29 Lisgar Street**

##### **GREAT GLEBE GARAGE SALE**

Once again this year Mutchmor's yard was filled with vendors and bargain hunters during the community's Great Glebe Garage Sale. Many thanks to Hetty Mannethu and her team of volunteers who made this event a success and raised over \$2200 for the school!

##### **SCHOOL COUNCIL NEEDS YOU!!**

School Council is at risk of not having sufficient members for next year! We are very lucky to have a number of highly dedicated volunteers but many are leaving next year and without new members, many activities and events are

at risk of not being delivered next year. What does Council do? We

- Fundraise ("Are you Smarter than a Mutchmor Student", Great Glebe Garage Sale, magazine and coffee sales)
- contribute to literacy, arts and music at the school,
- get involved in local accommodation and Board issues affecting the school,
- organize school spirit events (Holiday Breakfast, skate and movie night, end of year bar-b-q)
- help build a strong community school and
- have fun while doing it!

Get involved in your child's school experience.

**The Next Council Meeting will be held on Monday, June 20 from 7:00-9:00 in the computer lab. All are welcome.**

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU**

Finally, School Council would like to thank Sherri Bonneville for her dedication and hard work over the past three years. We wish you all the best at your new school!