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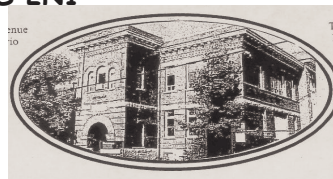
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## Principal's Message

Last month, on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, the parents organized a very successful Jump-a-thon to raise money for our Greening Project. Although the weather was quite cool, everyone enjoyed themselves and managed to keep warm skipping and jumping and snacking. A special thank you to the organizing committee and the parent volunteers who put together a great event.

We also had a wonderful opportunity to inaugurate the Heritage Garden at the front of the school on Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Lynn Armstrong and Anne Marie Korba, former parents of Mutchmor students, were the driving forces behind this wonderful project. We thank them for their hard work and continued dedication.

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 31<sup>st</sup> to Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. 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. If you have a special request for next year, please submit your request in writing to the Principal by Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. Please note that many factors are weighed in the organization of classes and that all requests may not be accommodated. I encourage you to read the criteria for student selection as outlined in this newsletter before making a special request. I respectfully ask that requests for student placement outside of the listed criteria not be made as we will not be able to accommodate them.

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.

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. Campbell will be retiring at the end of this school year; Ms. Quart will be leaving to accept an ETFI assignment at Meadowlands School; Mrs. Pinet has also accepted an ETFI assignment at Kars P. S.; Mr. Knight has accepted the LST / Grade 8 Mathematics assignment at Broadview P. S. Mme Lori, Mr. Cook and Mrs. Ray will also be leaving us at the end of the year and we wish them well in their new pursuits. We thank all of these staff members for their hard work and dedication to our students and hope their next challenges are as memorable as their time here at Mutchmor.

Sherri Bonneville

## Dates to Remember

May 14 - Parental Request for student class placement due to Principal

May 19-Presentation of the play - Patricia for the students of Mutchmor (PM)

May 20-Presentation of the play - Patricia for parents - 6:00 p.m. large gym.

May 24 - Victoria Day - NO CLASSES

May 25-26 - IPRC Reviews

May 29 - Great Glebe Garage Sale

May 31- June 7 - EQAO Assessment of Reading, Writing and Math for Gr. 3 and Gr.6 students

June 8 - Gr. 4, 5, 6 Track and Field

June 11- End of Year BBQ

June 22 - Gr. 6 Graduation - 12:30 p.m.

June 25 - Last Day of School for Students

June 28 - P.A. DAY NO 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 2010-2011 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 a six day period: May 31 to June 7. 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.

Over the course of those six days, 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 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 or exemptions will also be sent home shortly.

**IF POSSIBLE, WE WOULD ASK THAT PARENTS OF STUDENTS INVOLVED IN THE EQAO ASSESSMENT ENSURE THEIR CHILD IS PRESENT FOR THE SIX 1 HOUR SESSIONS DURING THE ASSESSMENT DAYS.**

### **School Organization for 2010-2011**

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 2010-2011 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. Taylor  
SK (p.m.) - Mrs. Taylor  
Gr. 1 - Mrs. Birenbaum  
Gr. 2 - Mrs. Ballard  
Gr. 1 / 2 G - Ms. Eacrett  
Gr. 2/3 - Mrs. Kooy-Roome  
Gr. 3 G - Mrs. Sheehy  
Gr. 3 / 4 - Mr. Stonebridge  
Gr. 4 G - Mr. Firestone  
Gr. 4 / 5 - Mr. Aston  
Gr. 5 G - Mrs. Hodges  
Gr. 5 / 6 - Ms. Ward  
Gr. 6 - Mr. Bourassa  
Gr. 6 G - Mme Zylberstein  
Core French: Mme Joanne, Mme Chloe,  
ESL: Mrs. Pattee  
Spec. Ed.: Mrs. Hall (LRT), LST (TBD)

Educational Assistants: To be determined  
Chief Custodian: Mr. Gobeo  
Office Administrator: Mrs. Neidy  
Office Assistant: Mrs. Neville  
Principal: Sherri Bonneville

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

The class lists will be organized for next fall over the next few weeks. As you are aware, many factors are weighed in the organization of classes: number of girls, number of boys, special needs students, learning styles, teaching styles etc. However, should you have a special request for your son's or daughter's class for next year, please submit your request in writing to the Principal by Friday, May 21, 2010. I respectfully ask that you not request that your child not be in a combined class as this request will not be able to be accommodated. Please note that it may **not** be possible to accommodate all requests.

### **Criteria for Student Selection for Combined Grades**

Class sizes for JK -3 classes have been capped at 20 pupils. This organization makes classes small, but creates more combined grades classes throughout the school. Most pupils in Ontario will, at some point in their schooling, experience being in a combined grades class.

It is important to highlight that students in combined grades classes do as well academically as students in single-grade classes. Students in combined classes have more opportunities for emotional and social growth:

- Learning how to work on their own and as part of a team.
- Building leadership abilities as they work together and help each other.
- Developing decision-making skills, and becoming more self-motivated and responsible
- Learning in an environment that reflects the real world. The diverse ideas and opinions of classmates help expand students' perspectives.

Many factors are weighed in the organization of any class and combined grades classes are no different. Every class will have a variety of student abilities, learning styles and needs and how students will fit with the teaching style of the grade assigned teacher. In addition to the above mentioned factors, we will also consider student initiative, work habits, leadership abilities, problem-solving skills, independence and creativity. Although not an exclusive list, we will strive to follow these criteria when organizing our combined grades classes. Should you wish to request a combined grades class for your child next year,

please make the request in writing to the Principal by Friday, May 21, 2010.

### **Mutchmor's Third Annual Storytelling Festival is a Huge Success**

Congratulations to all of the talented storytellers who performed at our Storytelling Festival both here at Mutchmor and at the Glebe Community Centre. Over 80 storytellers performed on Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at Mutchmor to the delight of our students and parents, who attended. It was a thrill to hear stories from both junior and primary students. All students should be congratulated for the effort they put into practising the art of storytelling. Our final event at the Glebe Community Centre, on Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, was also hugely successful. The students chosen to represent their class performed brilliantly and the audience of students and parents were very impressed.

During the first session, we welcomed students from Regina P.S. These future storytellers were very impressed with our students and certainly left with great role models to inspire them.

Our special guest, professional storyteller Kathie Kompass, entertained us with her stories and inspired everyone to continue to work on this valuable art form.

Congratulations to everyone who participated!

### **Scrabble Champions!**

The launch of the first ever school Scrabble Club has been a huge success! Thanks to the generous funding of the School Council, Mutchmor was able to purchase 12 Scrabble boards and begin its first ever Scrabble Club.

Students have been enjoying learning the rules and strategies of Scrabble and broadening their vocabulary with a variety

of fascinating words, twice a week since the kits arrived in March.

There were four Scrabble Club students voted to attend the board level Scrabble tournament held at Centennial P. S. on May 5<sup>th</sup>. We are delighted to report that not only did we enjoy the opportunity to meet new friends and play against other schools but **we also won the Scrabble tournament! This makes Mutchmor P. S. the new OCDSB Scrabble champions!** Scrabble Club will continue to be held until the end of June, and we hope to carry on the title of Scrabble Champions next year.

Ms. Quart and Mrs. Ray

### **Patricia - The Play**

You've seen Mama Mia  
You may have even seen ABBA  
You've never seen anything like.....

#### ***Patricia***

Presented Thursday, May 20, 2010

In the Mutchmor Gym

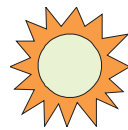
Curtains open at 6:00pm

Tickets available through the Mutchmor  
Drama Club Cast and Crew

Suggested donation: \$4.00 for Mutchmor  
students and \$6.00 for non-students

### **International Languages Summer Camps**

**July 5, 2010 to July 30, 2010**



The Continuing Education Department will be offering language classes through its **International Languages Program** (ILP) this summer that are relevant to students interested in learning additional languages or requiring support for first language maintenance.

This program will benefit learners by:

- enhancing the concept of self and heritage

- learning and experiencing a **new** language and culture
- improving communication with parents/guardians, grandparents and others
- strengthening cognitive development through the knowledge of an additional language

**INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES SUMMER PROGRAM** will be offered at the following sites: *Lady Evelyn AS, Cambridge St. PS, Queen Mary St. PS, Bayshore PS, Charles H. Hulse PS* and *Farley Mowat PS*. The language classes will be offered for 2.5 hours from **9:00 am to 11:30 am**. These language classes are open to elementary school-age children who are Ontario residents primarily from the Ottawa Carleton area.

### **LOS AMIGOS CAMP**

In conjunction with the International Languages, there will be a Spanish camp this summer for **6 to 12 year olds**. The *Los Amigos Camp* (in the afternoon) will complement the Spanish International Language instruction from the morning, offering an all day program at **Lady Evelyn AS**.

### **LES AMIS FRENCH PROGRAM**

Our *Les Amis French Program* will be offered daily throughout the month of July at **Lady Evelyn AS** for **6 to 12 year olds**. This program is designed to assist Core French students by providing opportunities for them to use their language skills in a fun environment

For further information on any of these programs, call us at **613-239-2703** or check us out online at [internationallanguagesinottawa.com](http://internationallanguagesinottawa.com)

### **OCDSB Speakers' Series**

As part of the continued *OCDSB Speakers' Series - Parents and Educators Helping Students Learn*, we are pleased to announce the upcoming two sessions, details as follows:

#### **"Cultural Proficiency - Closing the gaps with parents and our school communities"**

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Speakers: Franklin and Brenda Campbell Jones & Randall and Delores Lindsey  
Location: Brookfield High School Auditorium  
824 Brookfield Road  
7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

#### **"When Things Get Crazy with Your Teen - The Why, The How and What to do NOW!"**

Tuesday, June 1, 2010

Speaker: Dr. Michael Bradley  
Location: Adult High School Auditorium  
300 Rochester Street  
7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Further information on the sessions and speakers can be found online at: [http://www.ocdsb.ca/pc\\_pi\\_parental\\_involvement\\_spkr-series.asp](http://www.ocdsb.ca/pc_pi_parental_involvement_spkr-series.asp)

The Speakers' Series are free of charge. Posters, child care and bus transportation registration forms will be available to download from our website in early May. Posters will also be sent to you and to the school principals for distribution within your school communities.

We hope you can join us for these evenings of interesting dialogue. Feel free to contact Michele Giroux ([Michele.giroux@ocdsb.ca](mailto:Michele.giroux@ocdsb.ca)) Cheryle Watson([cheryle.watson@ocdsb.ca](mailto:cheryle.watson@ocdsb.ca)) if you have any questions

### **A Farewell Celebration**

*After 10 years as Director of Good Morning Creative Arts and Preschool, Liane Gallop is moving on to something new. All 'Good Morning families', past and present, are invited to join us for an open house celebration and thank you for Liane.*

Thursday, June 3, 2010

7 pm – 9pm

St Giles Church Hall (*corner of First Avenue and Bank Street*)

## News from School Council

Thank you to everyone who supported the students for the Jump-a-thon on Earth Day. It was a chilly day but we kept warm jumping over the bamboo poles in Philippine stick jumping, testing our jumping height ability at the Chinese jump rope station and skipping and hula hooping to the music. Smiles filled the junior yard and that was the most important part of this event. We were pleased to raise over \$6000 that will support our Greening Project in the Mutchmor Field.

The Great Glebe Garage Sale, Saturday, May 29th - please help out if you can!!!! School Council is renting tables in the primary yard during the Great Glebe Garage Sale on Saturday, May 29th. We are also looking for people to help out with this event. If you can spare a couple of hours on May 29th between 6:30am and 4:00pm for this important school fundraiser, please let us know. It's through fundraisers like this that we raise the money that will be used to benefit your children, but we can only do it with the help of parents who can donate a bit of time.

Please contact Barb Massey or Hetty Mannethu if you can offer your assistance at [barbarajmassey@gmail.com](mailto:barbarajmassey@gmail.com) and [hmannethu@rogers.com](mailto:hmannethu@rogers.com)

**Great Greening Garage sale** - during the Glebe garage sale (Saturday, May 29th), the Mutchmor greening team will have 2 tables in the school yard selling items donated by parents. Please look for quality items to donate in your house - dropoff details will follow. Please no books, or computer equipment. Proceeds will go towards greening of the school yards. Volunteers are also needed to man the tables for 1 hour between 8 am and 2 pm. To volunteer or for more details contact [GreenMutchmor@gmail.com](mailto:GreenMutchmor@gmail.com).

Time to mark your calendars! This year's **Mutchmor Year-End BBQ** is scheduled for **Friday, June 11th**, rain or shine! As part of the Ministry's Parent Reaching Out initiative, each school council received a Parents in Partnership grant to be spent at its discretion on activities that support and

enhance parent involvement and communication in their school community. We are happy to be offering meals from **The Arrow and the Loon** at last year's prices, AND, because of the wonderful "Parents in Partnership" Grant, will be able to reduce meal prices even further! Homemade pie-by-the-slice from **Life of Pie** will also be available this year, coffee will be generously provided by **Bridgehead**, and volunteers from Mutchmor's own EcoKids and EnviroCubs will be on site to assist with your recycling needs! A notice will be sent home with students closer to the date, so keep rummaging through those backpacks, and be sure to return your food orders by **Friday, June 4th**. Please also take a moment to peruse the volunteer sign up at the bottom of the notice – as always, your help is both needed and appreciated. So book the evening of **June 11th** off and come on out to celebrate another great year at Mutchmor!

As this school year end quickly approaches School Council is looking ahead to the next school year. We have several council members moving on and will have several positions that need to be filled including treasurer, assistant treasurer and chair.

Join us at our next meeting...and it should be a very sociable meeting...note the location.....Monday, May 31st at 7pm at the Arrow and Loon Pub (Fifth Ave Court). We will cover our usual business items but in a more relaxed environment. Please join us and find out more about the important role of school council.