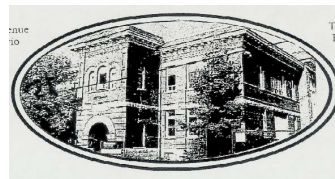




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Principal's Message

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 Thursday, June 24th. 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, field trips, Artist workshops and the list goes on. 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 2010-2011 school year on the first day of classes on September 7th. 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 22nd at approximately 12:30 PM followed by a reception in the small gym. Invitations have been sent home with further details.

We would like to welcome Mme Andree Marchessault who joins us from Orleans Woods School and will assume the LST responsibilities for Mutchmor in September. We wish her great success in her new assignment.

In closing I would like to thank the School Council for all of their hard work this year with fundraising, particularly the Greening Project and for their valued input on school matters. They generously contributed funds to support the Arts (thanks to Mrs. Hodges and Mrs. Eacrett for researching, booking and organizing the Arts' presentations and workshops) and other programs over this past school year. I look forward to working with returning members and new members next year.

To all of you, have a happy end to the school year and a safe and relaxing summer.

Sherri Bonneville

Dates to Remember

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

June 24 - Report
cards go home

June 25 - Play Day
in the morning

June 25 - Last Day
of School for
Students

June 28 - P.A.
DAY NO CLASSES

September 3 - P.A.
Day - NO
CLASSES

September 7-
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 6132390535. 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 20102011 school year, please advise the office as soon as possible. This will assist us in our planning and organization for next year.

School Organization for 20102011

As our enrollment 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 20102011 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 - Mrs. Eacrett
Gr. 2/3 - Mrs. KooyRoome
Gr. 2/3 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), Mme
Marchessault (LST)
Educational Assistants: Irini Gagnon
EA (TBD)

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 enrollment numbers are known.

YEAR END IN THE LIBRARY

With the end of the school year fast approaching, it is now time to collect all the books students have checked out from the library. If your child still has any outstanding library books by the end of next week, a letter will be sent home with details.

Please make sure to check your book shelves for books with the Mutchmor barcode on the back. It looks similar to the Ottawa Public Library barcode but has our school name above the barcode.

Thank you for taking the time to help maintain the library collection.

Connie Bruce

Mutchmor Students Compete at the IEEE Robotics Tournament

On Saturday, May 29, 18 students from grades 5 and 6 competed in the IEEE Lego Robotics Tournament at Longfields Davidson school. Three teams designed and programmed robots to compete in the sumo wrestling competition and one team prepared their robot for the Sports Challenge. All members of the Mutchmor Robotics Team represented our school with professionalism and grace. A special thank you goes to Ian Dudley for mentoring our teams and preparing them for the tournament. Congratulations to everyone!

Mutchmor Students Participate in the Ottawa Children's Marathon

On Sunday, May 30, over 60 students from Mutchmor got up early in order to run in the Ottawa Children's Marathon as part of Ottawa Race Weekend. Students in some classes had been running a kilometre a day for 41 days and then on the day of the race, finished the last 1.1 km at the Children's Marathon. Everyone had a wonderful morning and special congratulations go to the younger students who ran beautifully and handled the crowds well. A big thank you goes out to the older students who chose to be a buddy with the younger students. Once again, Mutchmor students are the best!!!

Track and Field

Congratulations to the Mutchmor Track Team. They had an awesome day at the board Track and Field Meet on Tuesday, June 8th. We had many amazing results with many 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishes. In fact, both the Atom Boys' Team and the Atom Girls' Team placed first overall bringing home the banners. The entire team of athletes placed second overall. All of the students represented Mutchmor very well and we are proud of you. A big thank you goes out to all the parents who helped, we could not have done this without you. Another big thank you goes out to all of the teachers who helped train the students for their specific events and to Mr. Bourassa and Mme Joanne for organizing and supervising the trip.

Child and Youth Mental Health

The Ottawa Police Services Board is organizing the following presentation -*Child & Youth Mental Health: What Can YOU Do About It?*

It is scheduled for Tuesday, June 22, 2010 from 6:30 -8:30 p.m. at Confederation Education Centre. For more information call 613-560-1270 or email

lynn.kennedy@ottawa.ca or visit the following website www.ottawapoliceboard.ca

News from School Parent Council

Trees, Trees, Trees

They are finally here! After a year of hard work, Mutchmor's 18 new trees, an outdoor classroom, and a quiet seating area will arrive on Tues June 8. School council and the school children thank-you for your contributions, either monetarily or by volunteering your time, which have helped make this endeavour succeed. These trees will shade the play structure in years to come and help our urban environment, so please remember to treat these baby trees with kindness. This project would not have been possible without help from our local community, the City of Ottawa, the parents of Mutchmor, and our Jump-a-thon corporate sponsors as this project cost over \$12,000.

We ask that each of you be tree advocates and watch over them. Please notify us if you believe the trees are in any need of watering, need weeding or are damaged at GreenMutchmor@gmail.com.

Council Year in Review

School Council has been very active this year!

We thank everyone for their participation in our school survey. We had a strong voice with our School Board Trustee and feel confident that we are representing the ideas for the future of Mutchmor that most parents envision. As neighbouring schools burst at the seams we have an opportunity to promote our programs at Mutchmor and voice what we think will make a good future for Mutchmor. The School Board will need to make decisions in the future as to how to accommodate all students and programs we want to have a say in those decisions. (see below)

School Council has once again supported the Arts by funding special music and drama presentations. We purchased more ELMO multimedia carts, Scrabble sets for the Scrabble club, a manual score board for the gym, provided each teacher a monetary allotment and have raised a lot of money for our Greening Project. We are also purchasing fans for the classrooms and pursuing the Board about providing blinds for all windows.

As always -volunteers are difficult to find as everyone leads busy lives and parents are stretched in many directions. Getting involved in your child's school life is beneficial for you and your child! Please consider offering an hour, a day or more time next year! Our School Council has room for new members for the upcoming school year! Come and talk to us at Meet the Teacher Night in September. Especially needed is a Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, and a Chair or Co-Chairs. One time events and fundraisers are fun especially if there are many helpers to lighten the load. As school board budgets continue to be cut, fundraising continues to be an important task of council, yet more difficult without the enthusiasm and energy of many helpers.

IMPORTANT UPDATE On Mutchmor's Future:

After much debate, Mutchmor School Council decided NOT to support a request for our Trustee, Rob Campbell, to ask the School Board to commence with an Accommodation Review in our community during the 2010/2011 school year. However, there remains a need for a review in our area to address the overcrowding at both First Avenue and Hopewell Public Schools and the slow decline in enrolment at Mutchmor. Hence, during the next school year there will be ongoing discussions between school councils, parents, communities and staff.

Accommodation reviews have the potential to remove programs, add programs and redirect children to other schools through boundary and program changes. Mutchmor parents have told us that they want the school to continue to offer English with Core French, Congregated Gifted classes and to support the addition of Middle French Immersion (starting at grade 4). An accommodation review is likely to happen in our area in 2011/2012.

We need your help this coming year and need you to show the entire community you CARE .

It is important that our entire community understands Mutchmor and the value it offers within the community! Talk to your neighbours and friends about what Mutchmor offers. For example:

- the benefits and joys of learning to read and write in English first,
- the benefits of special education and the congregated gifted classes,
- the fabulous teachers,
- smaller school population,
- engaged parents,
- benefits of the nearby community centre,
- small class sizes,
- the use of advanced technology in the classrooms,
- our school's diversity,
- and anything else that brought you to and keeps you at Mutchmor.

Don't underestimate the effect of these conversations and the benefits it can bring to the school! We will keep you updated as these issues evolve over the next school year and continue to need your assistance.