

# Mutchmor Public School

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## Principal's Message

During Earth Hour on Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, students in Ms. Ward's class went from classroom to classroom to speak to students about David Suzuki and his lifetime of work in preparation for the webinar held on March 30<sup>th</sup> to mark his 75<sup>th</sup> birthday. The students and teachers were looking forward to David Suzuki's virtual birthday party as we all gathered in the gym for the 1:00 p.m. launch. Unfortunately, technical difficulties hampered the success of the webinar and we were not able to participate for the full hour. Perhaps we will have better luck the next time, should a similar opportunity present itself again.

In early March, a letter went home with every child informing parents that the OCDSB Student Survey is set to happen from April 18 to May 20. The purpose for the survey and how the data will be collected and used were explained in the letter. Our students in JK to grade 6 will receive a hard copy of the Student Survey to take home for their parents to complete and return to the school. Alternatively, parents of our JK to grade 6 students can also choose to complete the Student Survey online. The survey is voluntary. Parents and students can decide whether or not to complete the survey and can also skip question(s) they do not want to answer. The survey is confidential; it does not include student names or student numbers. As we draw nearer to the date of the survey, you will receive additional information with respect to survey distribution and completion. Information will be provided via school newsletter or communication home, voice messaging, and our district website - [www.ocdsb.ca](http://www.ocdsb.ca). If you have questions about the survey, please do not hesitate to contact me. You may also contact our Student Survey Information Line at 613-596-8258 or via email at [inclusivetimes@ocdsb.ca](mailto:inclusivetimes@ocdsb.ca).

To show our appreciation for all of the many parent and community volunteers who give of their time and effort in support of the students, Mutchmor's staff will be hosting a Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast on Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 8:15 to 9:15 in the large gym. Teachers are putting together their list of invitees and the invitations will be sent out on April 15<sup>th</sup>. We ask that volunteers RSVP by April 18<sup>th</sup> so we may confirm our numbers and finalize the details. This is a small gesture on our part to thank you for all of your dedication. We look forward to meeting with you on that day.

Sherri Bonneville

## Dates to Remember

April 18 - School Council Meeting - 7:00 p.m. in Library

April 18 - May 20- Student Survey

April 20 and 21 - Scholastic Book Fair in the Library

April 22 - NO CLASSES

April 25 - NO CLASSES

April 27 - Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast in large gym - 8:15 to 9:15

May 5 - JK and SK Information Night 7-8 p.m. in Rm 15

### **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.

### **Dressing for the Weather**

Spring is here. Our schoolyards are drying, but the field can still be quite muddy, especially after heavy rains. Over the next few weeks, it may be necessary for the Junior students to remain in the West yard at recess. This change will be communicated to students and staff prior to recess on a day by day basis. We still continue to encourage students to dress appropriately for outdoor recesses by

wearing boots or outdoor shoes, lightweight jackets or raincoats. It is important to note that students will go outside for recesses on light rain days. To ensure their comfort both at recess and for the remainder of the day students should be properly outfitted for the weather.

### **Mutchmor Dance-a-thon**

Bust a Move for Mutchmor was held February 17<sup>th</sup> and while we didn't meet our lofty goal of \$10,000. We did make well over \$6000. The staff at Mutchmor would like to take this opportunity to thank you most sincerely for your generosity and commitment to Mutchmor P.S. Our first goal of fun and school spirit was surpassed beyond anyone's expectation. With hot tunes and sweet dance moves Mutchmor busted a move well into recess. The energy and school spirit witnessed were amazing. Great job Mutchmor!

### **Mutchmor Drama Club**

The 2011 drama club presentation will be presented May 19<sup>th</sup> in the after school hours. Please stay tuned for more information. The club is still on the hunt for a banana seat bike to be used in the play. Any help in that regard would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks, MDC

### **Coin Drive for Japan Relief**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Japan Relief coin drive this month. In just over three days, we collected \$1278.74 which will be donated to the Canadian Red Cross - Japan Relief Effort. Every penny counted!

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK SALE  
COMING IN APRIL**

WHERE: Mutchmor Library

WHEN: Wed., April 20<sup>th</sup> - 9 a.m. to  
5:30 p.m.

Thurs. April 21st – 9 a.m. to 4  
p.m.

Proceeds from this book sale will  
be used to purchase new books for the  
library from Scholastic.

Hope to see you there!

**THANK YOU FOR DONATIONS  
TO THE LIBRARY**

Thanks so much for the great  
response to the request from the library  
for gently used books. We received  
donations of over 350 books which are  
now in the process of being catalogued  
for our collection.

**Music and Theatre Coming to  
Mutchmor**

Thanks to the support of the Mutchmor  
Parent Council, the students and staff are  
able to enjoy a variety of performances  
by professional artists this year. On Feb.  
23, we were treated to a dramatic  
presentation of stories from around the  
world by Salamander Theatre. Upcoming  
performances are: April 12- Masabo, a  
drumming and dancing group from Africa,  
April 18- Charlotte's Web presented by  
the Upper Canada Playhouse, April 29-  
Junkyard Symphony, and June 6- Around  
the World with Boris Sichon. Thank you to  
the Parent Council for providing this  
educational and cultural opportunity for  
our students.

## News from School Council

### **Mutchmor Family Fun Fundraiser- "Are You Smarter Than a Mutchmor Student"**

Kids versus adults! Do you know as much as your kids? Come join the game and find out!

There will be food for sale, a bake table and Silent Auction. Tickets are available for sale \$10 per adult, kids are free. Complete the form that went home or contact your class rep. The event will be held at the Glebe Community Centre, in the Main Hall on Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011 from 5:00-8:00pm. All proceeds will go towards activities at Mutchmor.

If you have something to donate for the silent auction please email council at

[mutchmorpscouncil@gmail.com](mailto:mutchmorpscouncil@gmail.com).

### **School Council Accommodation Subcommittee**

If you're interested in discussing the ongoing local school issues and help communicate information to parents and collect feedback, come to the next meeting of Mutchmor's Accommodation Subcommittee on **Wed April 20, at 7:00 PM** in the Computer Lab.

### **The Great Glebe Garage Sale - Saturday May 28th.**

Mutchmor Council will be renting out space and tables to vendors and charging for parking. This is a great opportunity for the entrepreneur in you! If you, or anyone you know, would like to rent a spot at the school for \$45 please contact

[mutchmorpscouncil@gmail.com](mailto:mutchmorpscouncil@gmail.com)

### **Book Donations**

Mutchmor's School Library thanks you for your generous book donations! Over 400 books were received. Our children will soon be able to enjoy the many new titles thanks to you all.

### **Doors Open Ottawa - Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

This year Mutchmor will be on the tour of buildings in Ottawa with architectural, historical and functional significance. Mutchmor retains many of its original features which will be highlighted by stories and displays. Best of all, this event is free!

**Next School Council Meeting -  
Monday April 18 at 7PM** in the Computer Lab.