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October 2017

Principal – William Valoppi
Vice-Principal – Nancy Norton

Secretaries – Sheryl Arnold,
Aimee Rixmann

School photos

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Orders forms will be sent home with students closer to the photo days.

Young Canada Day

Tuesday, October 3 - Young Canada Day at the Norfolk County Fair – has been designated as a Professional Activity day by the Grand Erie District School Board. Except for scheduled events (like the Road Race), there will be no supervision of elementary students on this day. Students will be admitted free to the Fair on Young Canada Day and do not require a pass to enter the fairgrounds.

Looking Ahead

Kindergarten Communication of Learning Initial Observations and grade 1-8 Progress Report Cards will go home November 15, 2017.

Parent-Teacher Interviews will be scheduled for the afternoon / evening of Thursday, November 16 and the morning of Friday, November 17.

Fire Drills and Safety Drills

A fire drill was held on Wednesday, September 20th and they will be practiced regularly. Students will also practice safety drills which are used to prepare them in an emergency situation. A variety of reasons may necessitate having the students stay in the classroom or the immediate evacuation of the school at any time.

Lynndale Heights Parent Council

The first meeting of the Lynndale Heights Parent Council was held on Thursday, September 21, 2017. Sixteen parents attended, along with two staff members. The agenda included discussion items such as ARC review, EQAO results, hot lunches, and upcoming events (such as Turkey Dinner, Snack Program, Hot Dog sales at Open House, sales at school Track & Field, and fundraising ideas). **Elections were held with the following results: Kristy Dumoulin as Chair; Megan Allen as Vice-Chair; Shawna Brady as Secretary; Jessie Mitton as Treasurer.**

The second meeting for the Lynndale Heights Parent Council is scheduled for Thursday, October 19, 2017 (7:00 – 8:30 pm). The agenda includes a number of discussion items that will help to make LHPS a great school. All interested parents are welcome to attend any or all Parent Council meetings. Meetings occur once a month, usually on the third Thursday. Meeting minutes are posted on the school website.

Volunteers

All volunteers at Lynndale Heights will need to submit a police check to the school in order to supervise students, to work in the school around students, to go on school field trips, or to drive students to an event. Forms can be picked up at the office at any time – this ensures that the police check from OPP is **free**. The original police check needs to be brought to the office. Police checks are good for two years from the date they are issued, and must be presented to the school within six months of this time in order to be valid. All volunteers must also enter into a confidentiality agreement with the school so we can maintain the privacy and safety of all students and staff. Please see the office staff for any questions.

Halloween

As in the past, students have the option of wearing Black & Orange clothes or wearing costumes to school on Monday, October 31. Some of the students may choose to dress up in a costume. **If students choose to dress in costume, they need to be able to put it on and take it off by themselves.** Students will not wear masks at school on this day.

REMINDER: weapons (real or replicas) are NOT to be brought to school, even if they are part of a costume. Please be sure to keep these items at home. We will not be responsible for any costumes or accessories that are worn or brought to school.



Parking Lot

Student safety is paramount. Our school parking lot can be a very busy place in the morning when students arrive and in the afternoon when it's dismissal time. Students should not be in the parking lot without an adult. The safety of our students and community members is very important, especially in the school parking lot. All students who are walking or riding their bikes or scooters to school should use the sidewalk / crosswalk. Students are NOT to ride their bikes or scooters in the parking lot or on school property. Instead they should walk them when on school property. When everyone practises proper school parking lot safety, it makes it easier to keep everyone safe. We need to ensure that no one gets hurt. It requires everyone's participation, including parents.

While driving in the parking lot, here are some safety tips to help navigate the often crowded area:

- 1) Yield to pedestrians, crossing guards, and buses, and be aware that children who are walking home may not look both ways before venturing across a parking lot or pick up lane;
- 2) Be sure to drive the proper direction through parking lot;
- 3) Do not encourage students to cross parking lots to reach a car without an adult;
- 4) Use turn signals when entering and leaving the pick up areas and check blind spots carefully;
- 5) Once students are in the car, make sure their seatbelts are fastened immediately. Injuries can occur even from slow-moving crashes and fender benders, particularly for young children;
- 6) Do not dally once students have been picked up, since other parents are eager to pick up their children and moving quickly and efficiently can help keep the traffic flow more consistent.

Parents, please be very careful when driving and walking through the parking lot. We appreciate your cooperation. PLEASE REMEMBER TO BE PATIENT.

Attendance

The Ontario Education Act requires students to **attend school regularly and punctually**. Prolonged absence or sporadic attendance will result in a gap in learning.

Parents are required to phone the school if a student will be absent or late. Please phone 519-429-2997 each day of your child's absence, by 9:00 a.m. Messages may be left on the school answering machine, after school hours. Students are responsible for acquiring and completing work missed during their absence. All students who arrive late or who leave early for appointments must sign in and out at the school office. Parents picking up their children must report at the office.

Parents planning to take students out of school for family holidays should make prior arrangements with the school. A Request for Absence form is available in the school office for absences expecting to last one week or more.

School success depends on excellent attendance

For your child to get the most out of school, he needs to be there—and on time! Research shows that missing 10 percent or more of school days hurts success. To prevent absenteeism:

- **Stick to a schedule.** Maintain routines.
- **Schedule carefully.** Make appointments during non-school hours.
- **Seek help when needed.** If your family struggles with transportation, child-care or other issues, talk with school staff.



Source: H.N. Chang and M. Romero, "Present, Engaged, and Accounted For," National Center for Children in Poverty, www.nccp.org/publications/pub_837.html.

School Cash Online

Hot Lunch Days ...

Beginning on Wednesday, October 4 and continuing every Wednesday, we will have **CHICKEN DAYS** provided by Domino's Pizza. The meal includes 3 – 4 pieces of their boneless chicken, 3 carrot sticks and 3 celery sticks as well as pizza sauce for dipping. Cost for each serving is \$ 3.00. Ordering is available only through School Cash On-line.

Also, beginning on Thursday, October 5 and continuing every Thursday, we will resume **PIZZA DAYS**. Pizza is provided by Domino's Pizza. You may select Cheese or Pepperoni slices at a cost of \$ 1.50 per slice. Ordering for this item is available only through School Cash Online.

Milk Program....

We will begin delivery of Chocolate or White Milk on Monday, October 3. Ordering for the month of October has already been completed. Orders are only on School Cash On-line and paid for the whole month at once. Ordering for November will be available soon.

Field Trips...

Any Field Trip that is not free to the students will be posted on School Cash Online. We encourage all parents/guardians to pay their student's trip on-line. Permission slips will still need to be returned to their teacher.

Healthy Snack Program....

The Healthy Snack Program will begin starting the first week of October. The snack is delivered to students on Tuesdays and Thursdays. In order to assist with the cost of the program, a voluntary donation item has been added to School Cash Online. Consider a monthly family donation.

*** *If you have any issues with School Cash Online, please call Mrs. Arnold, our secretary.*

School Cash Online

New Online Payment Program Available at Schools Now!

Grand Erie made paying for school items that much easier.

- This program is quick, easy and safe
- You can manage payments for each child in one program
- Your banking and personal information is protected

Register by following the easy steps below:

- Visit www.schoolcashonline.com
- Select "Get Started Now" and follow the steps to register
- After you receive the confirmation email, please select the "click here" option, sign in and add each of your children to your household account.

School staff showcase items for purchase in a School Cash Catalog and post it to the Parent Site. From there, parents receive email notification, check the Parent Site and click through to pay. Funds are moved electronically from the parent's bank account to the school's bank account.

For more information and support contact the Parent Help Desk at 1-866-961-1803 or parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com

Terry Fox School Run

We joined together on Friday, September 29th to run, walk and wheel and honoured a Canadian hero, Terry Fox. The school yard was full of colour as students represented their colour houses and showed their school spirit.

Our kick-off assembly was held on Tuesday, September 26th with a special guest from the Terry Fox Foundation. We were reminded about Terry's dream, how he raised millions for cancer research, and inspired a nation while running a marathon a day for 143 days. His story and his dream has continued 37 years after his passing, and his words continue to remind us that "if you give a dollar, that you too are a part of the Marathon of Hope". The Terry Fox Foundation sent us this message in thanks for your support on our run day:

"Thank you so much for going the distance for Terry. Your incredible efforts will raise valuable funds for cancer research and will move us all closer to a cure for a disease that touches so many. We are inspired by the staff and students at your school for their incredible generosity and drive to follow in Terry's footsteps. Congratulations to all and happy Run Day!"

Green Team news

Our Green Team of volunteers are busy each week gathering up our recycling, and working on posters to promote more ways our school can "think green". Special thanks to our growing, diverse group of students that help sort, & gather recycling every Thursday. Listen in every Thursday over our morning announcements for our special "Green Tip of the Day".

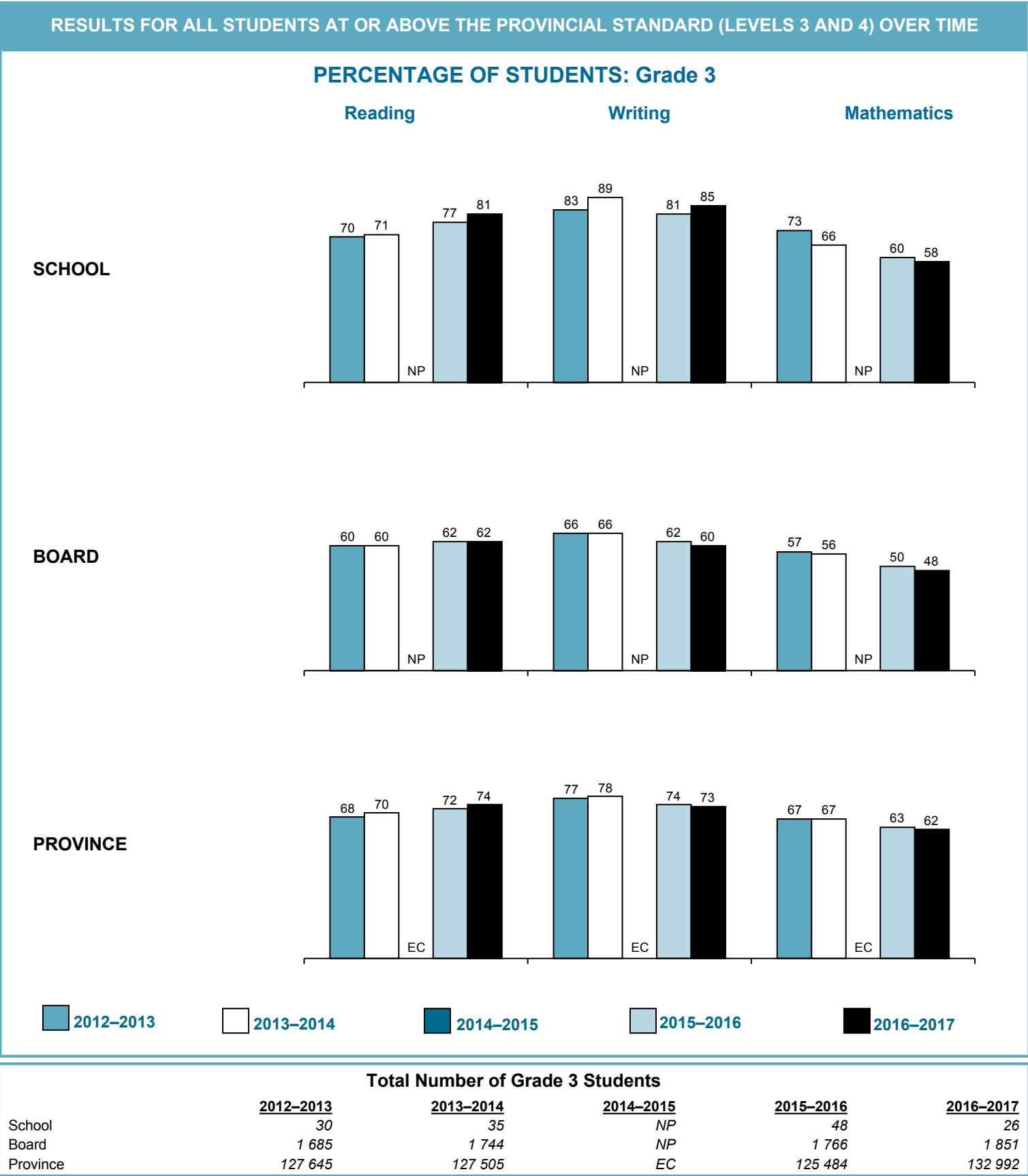
In the spirit of literacy and reusing items, our Green Team will be selling gently used books for \$1.00 in the junior hallway each Thursday during nutrition break time. All the money raised will go directly into an account that will help fund further eco-school initiatives, and projects.

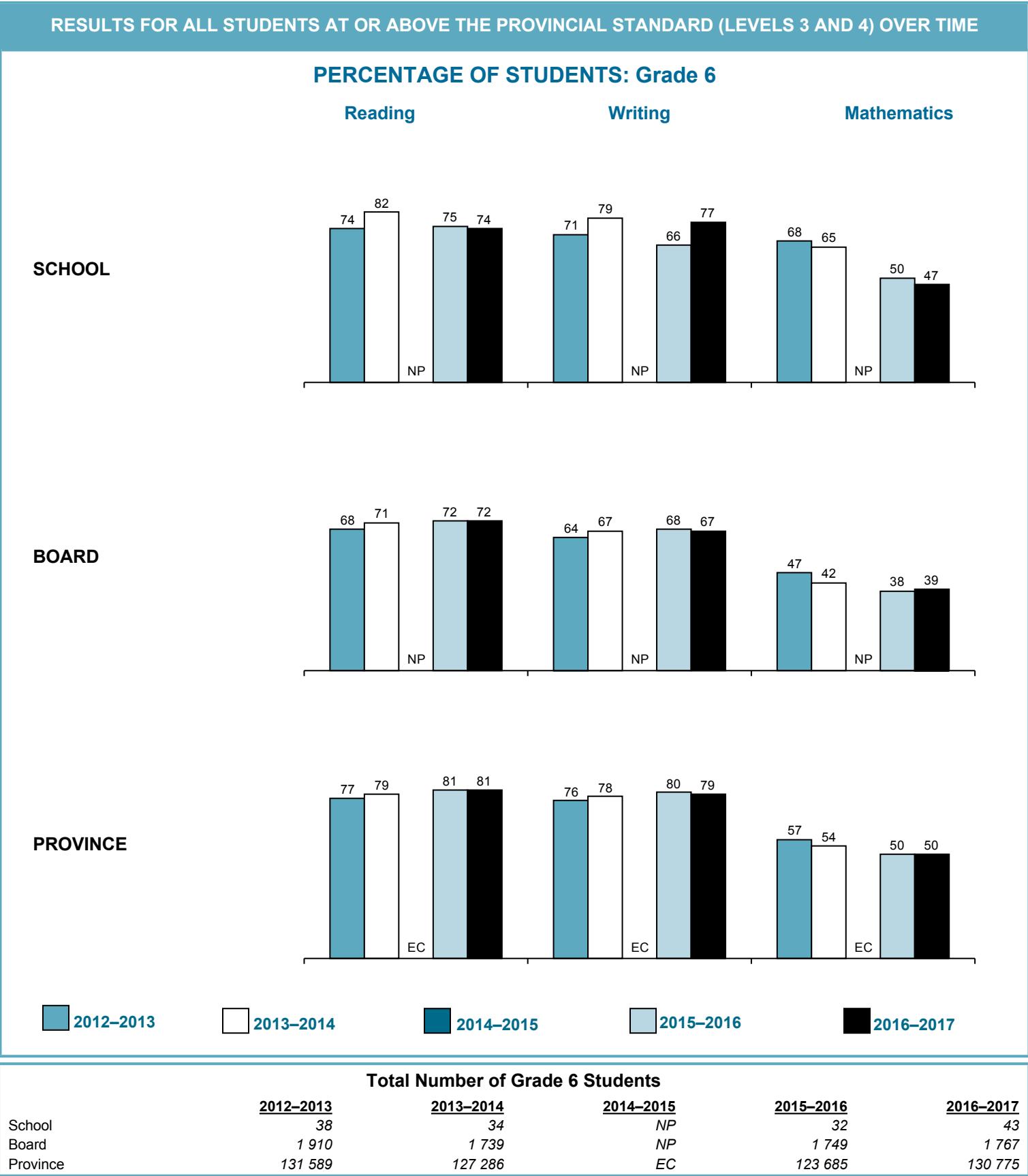
EQAO results

Teachers administered the EQAO assessment to grade three and grade six students in May and June of 2017. The assessment consisted of three booklets (one for mathematics and two for language). The reading tasks involved fiction and non-fiction passages, followed by open-response and multiple-choice items. For writing, there were short and long writing tasks and multiple-choice items to complete. The mathematics booklet consisted of open-response and multiple-choice items. The student booklets were returned to EQAO to be scored by trained educators during the summer. Individual student results have been forwarded to the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the students who participated in the assessments.

Key Ideas to Remember:

1. The assessments are developed using The Ontario Curriculum for Language and Mathematics.
2. A different group of students is assessed each year and it is important to recognize that students have different abilities and experiences.
3. The data provides information about the students' performance during **one** assessment and it is therefore a "snapshot" of students' knowledge and skills, not the entire picture.







Elementary Program

Math Moments

October 2017

Math in Everyday Life

Everyday life is full of opportunities to help your child learn and practise math.

When you highlight math in the things you do each day, you show that math is important. Using words like *longer, shorter, first, last, likely, unlikely* in conversation, builds your young child's understanding of math concepts. Playing games, reading books, and doing puzzles together builds your child's math skills and shows that math can be a lot of fun.

Suggested Activities

Count everything! Also count forward and backward from different starting places. Sing counting songs and read counting books. Practise skip counting by 2s, 5s, 10s, 25s, and 100s. Supply building toys like blocks and Lego®.

Play lots of games — board games, card games, and computer games — and do puzzles. When shopping, have your child compare prices, estimate the total for a number of purchases, or estimate the change you'll receive back.

Have your child measure things and estimate measurements, from times, temperatures, and ingredients when cooking, to areas and lengths when building and distances when travelling.

Develop your child's sense of time through scheduling and calendar activities.

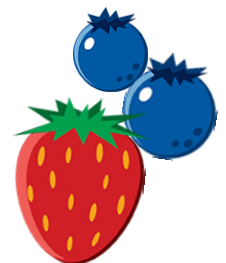
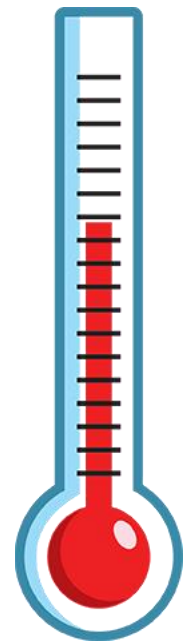
Make music, art, and dance a part of your child's life. These activities are filled with patterns.

Have your child gather and organize information to help him/her make decisions.

Organizing and tidying a room involves sorting, classifying, and putting things in order.

Planning routes and reading road maps develops an understanding of distance and space.

Discuss interesting graphs and charts in books, magazines, and newspapers.

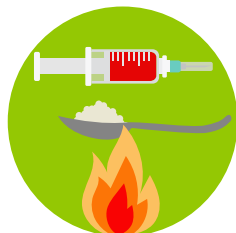


Taken from: *Math Learning Today: produced in partnership with the Ministry of Education and Ontario District School Boards 2016*

SUCCESS for Every Student

Let's talk about OPIOIDS

A COMMUNITY INFORMATION EVENT



To raise awareness about illicit drug use, overdoses, and opioids in Haldimand-Norfolk



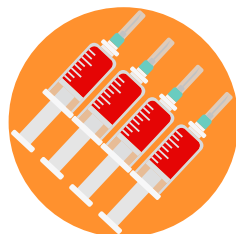
WHERE: Delhi Secondary School Cafeteria

WHEN: Tues. Oct. 10, 2017 6-8:30 pm



WHERE: Lakewood Elementary School Cafeteria

WHEN: Wed. Nov. 15, 2017 6-8:30 pm



Doors Open at 5:30 pm - come visit our community agency resource tables!

Event will include “personal” stories from people with lived experience and a panel of community experts from the OPP, EMS, Roulston’s pharmacy, Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit and a physician specializing in addiction treatment.



Canadian Mental Health Association
Brant-Haldimand-Norfolk
Mental health for all



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HALDIMAND & NORFOLK
SOCIAL SERVICES



Clark's Pharmasave

Halloween Party

For children grades JK-6
October 31st 3:30pm-5-30PM

454 Norfolk St. S
Simcoe

Free Face Painting!

-One of Simcoe's OPP officers will be on hand for safety tips.

At Clark's Pharmasave we want to keep children safe! We will be passing out clip on flashing reflector lights to wear on your costume. (supplies are Limited)

Thank you,
From the Clark's Pharmasave Staff





"When you go once a week as a volunteer and that child's eyes light up when you appear at the door and they know it's their time, their special time to go with their Volunteer Coach....it's pretty magical.

*- Joe Persia,
Volunteer Coach*



Become a Volunteer Coach in the *Letters, Sounds and Words* program

The *Letters, Sounds and Words*™ program is a fun and engaging way to get involved in helping young children learn to read. Volunteer's work one-on-one with a child during the school day, playing carefully designed games and activities that boost literacy skills. The games are organized in 4 strands: Letters, Sounds, Words, and Building Words, and children are enrolled in 2-3 strands at a time.

You Can Make a Difference in the Life of a Child

- Work one-on-one with a child in Senior Kindergarten, Grade 1 or 2.
- Play fun games and activities to develop a child's literacy skills.
- **Attend ANY** two, 2-hour training sessions. (one Part 1 and one Part 2 training)

Training will take place at Lynndale Heights in Simcoe:

Part 1 – Tues., Oct. 10th, 2017

10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Register: www.strongstart.ca

55 Donly Drive

South, Simcoe, ON

Part 2 – Tues., Oct. 17th, 2017

10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Register: www.strongstart.ca

55 Donly Drive

South, Simcoe, ON

Note: New volunteers need to attend both a Part 1 and Part 2 training session in order to be certified. You may register at the door.

Volunteers may also register for **any** of the available training sessions. See www.stongstart.ca to view all the available options.

For more information on this volunteer opportunity, please visit www.strongstart.ca, or contact Ruth Mills, Program Co-ordinator by e-mail at rmills@strongstart.ca, or by phone at 519-743-9578 x106.



October 2017

At Lynndale Heights

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
1	2 – DAY 4	3 – PA DAY No school for students.	4 – DAY 5 Chicken Lunch.	5 – DAY 1 Pizza.	6 – DAY 2 “Fresh from the Farm” fundraiser ends.	7
8	9 HAPPY THANKSGIVING	10 – DAY 3 Strong Start training at LHPS.	11 – DAY 4 Chicken Lunch.	12 – DAY 5 Pizza.	13 – DAY 1	14
15	16 – DAY 2	17 – DAY 3 SCHOOL PHOTOS. Strong Start training at LHPS.	18 – DAY 4 SCHOOL PHOTOS. Chicken Lunch.	19 – DAY 5 Pizza. Parent Council mtg 7:00 pm.	20 – DAY 1	21
22	23 – DAY 2	24 – DAY 3	25 – DAY 4 Chicken Lunch.	26 – DAY 5 Pizza.	27 – DAY 1	28
29	30 – DAY 2	31 – DAY 3 Black & Orange or costumes.				

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