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Dear Parent (s) / Guardian (s):

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May

Virtues of the Month

“Goal Setting”

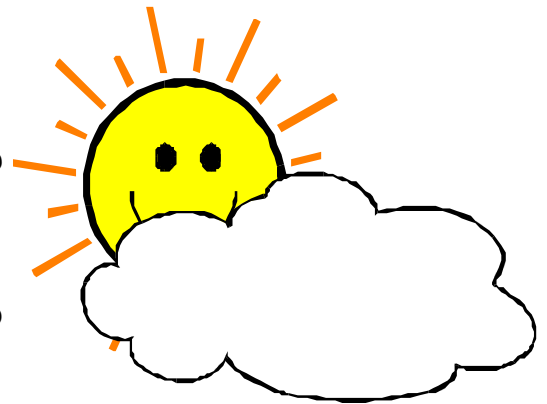
“Loyalty”

As we swiftly proceed through Term Three, there are lots of activities to keep us hopping!

Congratulations to our Junior Badminton Team who did well at the tournament. Thanks to Mlle Tanaszczuk and Madame Waddell for all the extra efforts. Look out for the Intermediate Team (Mr. Yelle) when they compete this week.

We continue to take KP registrations for the 2009/10 school year. Please let us know if you have a child who may be attending, as we are in the process of verifying numbers at this time for fall staffing.

Welcome to Kindergarten Night is scheduled for May 6th. Six key messages for families of Kindergarten - aged children will be shared, and a book bag with a variety of fun activities to



do will be given to participants. Please let the school know if baby-sitting is needed.

Our 2009/10 School Calendar was amended, with students returning after Labour Day. The official calendar is on the Board's website.

As we move into the warmer weather (YEA!), our students and parents are reminded to review the Dress Code. In addition, please note that sandals can be quite dangerous on our playground, especially when students are participating in running games.

Please review the Character Education section of our newsletter for info on the Bullying Survey, Virtues, and more...

~Jane Goldspink

SEPTEMBER, 2009 CLASSROOM REQUESTS

We will shortly be developing our class lists for the upcoming school year. We anticipate some staff changes but essentially have similar class organizations to this year.

If you wish to request a particular teacher for your son or daughter, (with the assumption of course that they will continue to teach their current grade - unfortunately, I cannot guarantee that), please submit your request in writing before May 15th. It is necessary to indicate the educational reason why you believe your son or daughter should be in this particular teacher's class. Please realize that while we will make an effort to meet your request, we cannot promise to do so as there are many factors considered when developing class lists.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

École Dufferin's School Improvement Plan (S.I.P.) focuses on two broad areas:

- Using Oral Language to improve our Reading and Writing in both French & English
- Promoting Safe Schools & Bullying Prevention and Intervention through a variety of strategies, including education, Virtues Project and Tribes activities.

Please check the website soon for the complete School Plan and accompanying documents.



*The love of reading
starts early!*

EQAO NEWS

EQAO Testing is a province-wide assessment tool for grades 3 & 6. It aligns with the Provincial Curriculum and is a "snapshot" of reading, writing, and math abilities for those two grades.

This year, our assessment will take place on May 27, 28 and 29, for approximately one hour, two times a day. We will be providing a light, healthy snack in the morning and a drink on those days.

Here are some "tips" to help your child do his/her best on the assessment

- Plenty of rest the evening before and a nutritious breakfast in the morning
- Ensure that there are no dentists'/doctors' appointments on those days
- While EQAO *is* important, your child should be encouraged to relax about the assessment, do their best, and know that they are prepared!!

GRADUATION

Grade 8 Graduation this year will be on Thursday, June 25 @ the Pentacostal Church. More information and details for our graduates will be forthcoming.

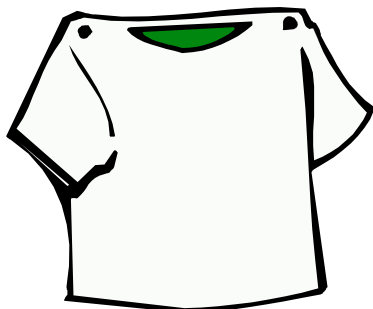
DARE GRADUATION

DARE Graduation, for our grade six students will be Monday, June 8 @ 6:30 p.m. in the École Dufferin School Gym. More details to follow from Mme Soules soon.

DRESS CODE

As the weather gets better and better (yea!), I thought this was a good time to remind our students that there is a dress code at École Dufferin. Essentially,

- No t-shirts with alcohol/beer logos or distasteful cartoons / sayings
- Students should be wearing clothing which covers undergarments
- Appropriate clothing for DPA and physical education classes
- Students on the playground should be wearing appropriate footwear for their activity



DPC FUN FAIR

Dufferin's largest event and fundraiser of the year is our Fun Fair. It is a fun family event you will NOT want to miss.

Each year, money raised at Fun Fair goes directly back into resources for the school.

For example, this year funds have paid for presentations, a projection screen for the gym, a classroom TV, CD players for many classes, playground equipment, and the trees in the playground.

Gently-used used toys, kid's meal toys, grab bag toys, unused presents etc. are still being taken as donations for prizes.

We are also asking for donations of Canadian Tire Money. Any amount will be greatly appreciated.

Please send any donations with your child to school.

Hope to see you at the Fair on June 4th!!

BULLYING PREVENTION & INTERVENTION - CHARACTER EDUCATION

Our *Character Education* Programming at École Dufferin includes the Virtues Project, TRIBES, Roots of Empathy, and Five Simple Rules. We know that you believe with us that it is important to treat everyone (students, staff, parents, and visitors) with respect, honour and celebrate individuality, promote problem solving skills, and work towards reducing / eliminating bullying and hands-on behaviours.

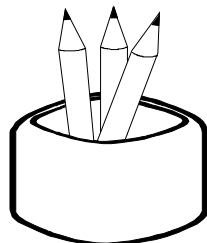
This issue features the third article regarding bullying entitled, "The Big Bad Bully". Our "What is Bullying" Survey for students and community members will be given in June. The results will inform our programming for next year.

SEPTEMBER SUPPLIES

I know, September seems like a LONG way away, but some parents have asked about what their child might need in the way of supplies for the fall.

Here is a suggested shopping list:

- ↵ Pens (jun. / int.)
- ↵ Duotangs (jun. / int.)
- ↵ Kleenex (prim.)
- ↵ Lined paper (jun. / int.)
- ↵ Calculator (jun. / int.)
- ↵ Pencil crayons
- ↵ Pencil case
- ↵ Glue sticks
- ↵ Binder(s) (jun. / int.)
- ↵ Backpack



Cooperation, Helpfulness, Honesty, Empathy, Courage, Tolerance, Optimism, Ambition, Respect, Responsibility, Perseverance, Citizenship, Imagination, Justice, Inventiveness, Goals, Loyalty, Pride.



UPCOMING EVENTS

May 4 - 8: *Education Week: Environmental Stewardship: Dufferin Reduces, Reuses & Recycles*

May 4 - Music Monday

1:30 - "Dress Rehearsal" for Tuesday's Open House

May 5 - Welcome to Kindergarten Night @ 6-7 p.m.

May 7 - Classroom Presentations by Mme Helmer about Transition Towns

May 13 - Dufferin Parent Council @ 6:30

May 15 - Jump Rope for Heart

May 18 - Victoria Day.....no school!

May 19 - Dental Screening (KP & Gr. 8)

May 20-21 - Grade 6/7/8's to Time Horton's Camp

- Dental Screening (KP & Gr. 2)

May 26 - Track & Field

May 27-29 - EQAO Testing (grades 3 & 6)

May 29 - Pizza Day

June 4 - DPC Fun Fair

June 8 - DARE Grad (grade 6)

June 10 - Safety Patrollers to Wonderland

June 22 - Report Cars go home

June 25 - Grade Eight Graduation

June 26 - Last Day of School