

April, 2010

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Dear Parent (s) / Guardian (s):

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Virtues of the Month

- April ~ Humility**
May ~ Perseverance

Learning Skills of the Month

- April ~ Independent Work**
May ~ Conflict Resolution



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

We continue to take KP registrations for the 2010/11 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.

Our Grand Erie 2010/11 School Calendar has been submitted to the Ministry of Education for confirmation but is not yet finalized.

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 pupils are participating in running games.

Please take the time to review the proposed **School Improvement Plan** areas of focus for the school year 2010/11. It will be submitted in full version to the Board mid-May and we are seeking



comments, invite questions regarding the plan before that time. Our draft plan will be on the website the end of May (approx.) and becomes “The Plan” in September, although it will still be subject to revisions if data changes.

Starting April 12th (Monday) M Brian Waggoner will be filling in for me as I will be having knee replacement surgery (gulp)! I hope to be returning by the first week of June. I have included a little intro to M Waggoner inside.

Enjoy the rest of Spring...see you in the Summer!

Mme Goldspink

EQAO INFORMATION

On June 7, 8 and 9 our grade three and grade six students will be participating in Provincial Assessment. Our grade three students will do the Reading and Writing portions in English and the Math portion in French. Grade six students complete the whole assessment in English.

The testing is composed of one hour sessions, two times a day, for three days. We ask that you refrain from booking any doctor's / dentist's appointments on those days. If you know that your child will NOT be here on any of those days, please let your child's teacher know.

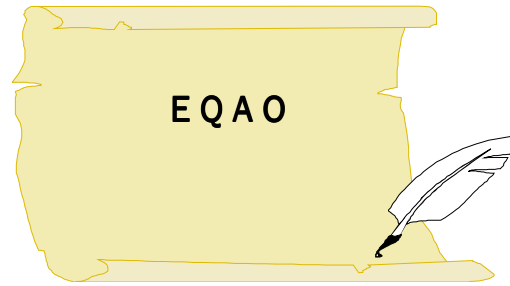
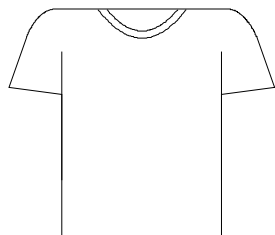
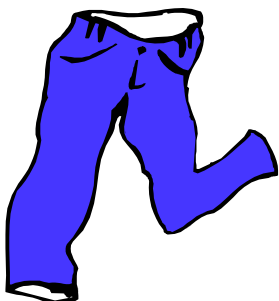
Water and a light, nutritious snack is provided each day.

We also ask that students come well rested and prepared to do their best on this assessment. It is especially important that students be on time as well.

More information will follow as we approach the testing dates.

DRESS CODE

Dressing appropriately includes no hats inside the building; no t-shirts with inappropriate slogans and covered midriffs. In addition, as we are participating in Daily Physical Education (DPA), students must have the appropriate dress to participate, as detailed in your child's class newsletter, and / or team or club information letters.



DPC ANNUAL FUN FAIR - June 3

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 the Fun Fair goes directly back into resources for the school.

We are hoping that parents would like to "unload" some "treasures" you have around the house. These can be gently used toys, kid's meal toys, grab bag toys, unused presents.....you get the picture. These will be used for prizes at the fun fair.

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

Please send donations with your child to school.

Thank you in advance,
Dufferin Parent Council

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Don't be afraid to take big steps.

You can't cross a chasm in

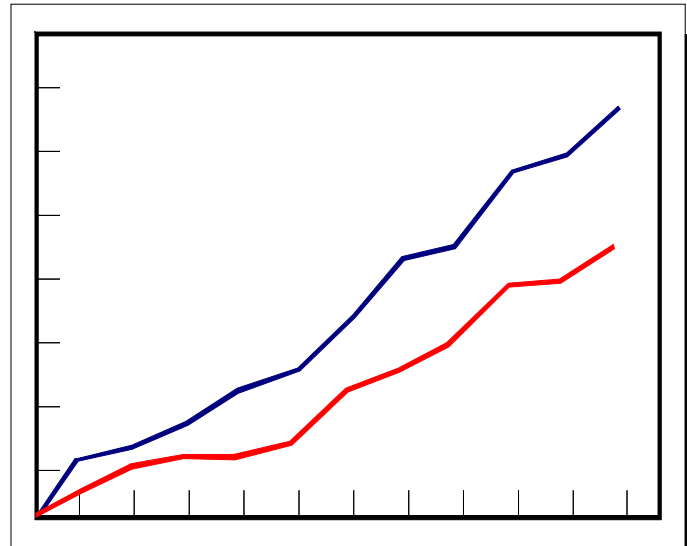
two small jumps."

~ David Lloyd George (1863 - 1945)

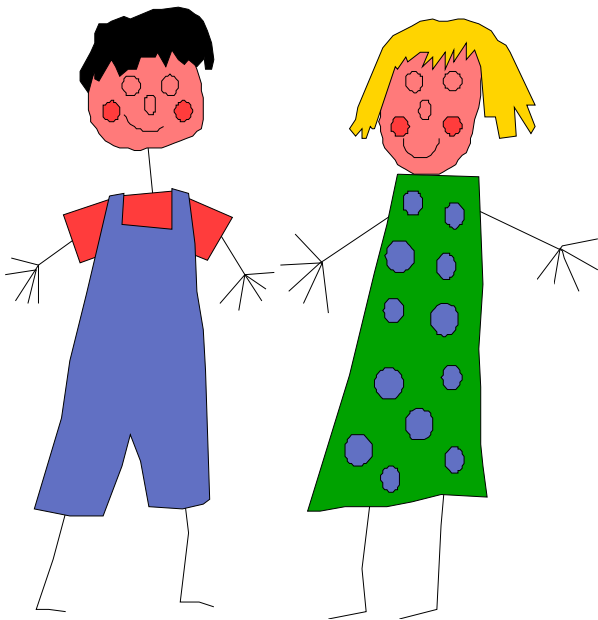
SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

School Improvement Planning is an on-going process. Essentially, the staff works together to review the available data at the school level that reflects our students' achievement. School & student strengths and needs are considered, a level of potential achievement is set (a TARGET), and specific goals and high yield strategies are put in place school-wide. The plan is monitored regularly and reviewed each year, under the guidance & support of our School Improvement Team (S.I.T.)

Our School Improvement Plan for 2010/11 will be focusing on non-fiction writing, mathematical problem-solving, and character development / bullying prevention and intervention procedures.



The *DRAFT plan* will be posted the end of May for your review and feedback. Our final document is submitted to the board shortly thereafter.



INTRODUCING M BRIAN WAGGONER

For the months of April and May, M Waggoner will be filling in for me as I recover from knee replacement surgery.

M Waggoner is a retired principal who will bring his enthusiasm, humour and wealth of experience to the job here. I know he will enjoy meeting & working with our students and their parents, and I know you will appreciate working with him.....just don't enjoy it too much.....I **am** coming back!

MILK PROGRAM

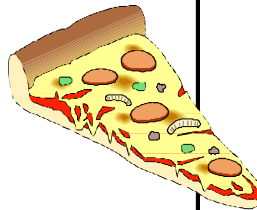
The last milk period for all students ends at the end of April. A new order form will be sent home at least one week before the current period ends.

LOST AND FOUND

Thanks to those of you who came in to "reclaim" your child's lost items. We are still at the "overflow" stage, however. The next time you are here, please check the Lost and Found.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 14 - Dufferin Parent Council @ 6:30
April 15 - Grade 7/8 Immunization
April 16 - Professional Development Day (no school)
April 22 - Ron Morrish Workshop @ Banbury School @ 6:30
April 24 - *Best Start* Kindergarten Information Fair @ Branlyn Gym from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
April 26 - Jump Rope for Heart Kick-off Assembly @ 1:30
April 28 - Virtue Assembly @ 2:30
April 30 - Pizza Day: Pizza first then outside in the 2nd nutrition break
May 3, 4, 5 - New Orleans Pizza Fundraising Event from 4 p.m. until close
May 3 to 7 - Education Week (more details to follow)
May 7 - JK Students Bus Orientation @ 9:15 to 10:15 @ École Dufferin
May 12 - Dufferin Parent Council Meeting @ 6:30
May 17 - Track & Field grades 4-8 @ Lion's Park (more info to come - *volunteers* needed!)
May 18 - Jump Rope for Heart
May 24 - Victoria Dayno school
May 28 - Pizza Day
May 31 - Regional Track & Field
June 2 - DARE Grad
June 3 - DPC **Fun Fair**
June 7 - 9: EQAO for grade 3 & 6's
June 9 - Safety Patrollers to Wonderland
June 10 - County Track & Field @ Lion's Park
June 18 - Pizza Day
June 21, 22 - Primary Play Day (2 half days)
June 23 - Report Cards go home
June 24 - Grade 8 Graduation 6:30 p.m. @ New Life Pentecostal Church
June 29 - Last Day of School
June 30 - Professional Development Dayno students



Canadian Parents for French (CPF-Brantford) News:

Watch for **French Movie Night in Harmony Square** in late June – Details to follow.

Mark your calendars ~ CPF Brantford's **French Summer Camp (Camp d'été)**, held at Braemar House School, will be held during the week of August 23-27, 2010. More information will follow at a later date.

The **Adult French Course** (Level 1) will run when we have enough people interested. It will be held in the evening on a day yet to be determined. This is a 10 week course. Cost is \$100.

CPF Brantford always welcomes new members and people who want to get involved or have ideas to share.

For more information or to register, please email cpf-brantford@sympatico.ca

NEW ORLEANS PIZZA FUNDRAISER ~ May 3, 4, 5

For the second year in a row, New Orleans Pizza will donate up to HALF of the money you spend at New Orleans Pizza back to our school.

You can complete the "Donate Back" form (these will be coming home soon) to take to the New Orleans Pizza (4 p.m. until closing but you can order before 4 p.m.)

OR you can go on-line to complete your form. You can participate as many times as desired, but you will need to complete a form each time.

New Orleans Pizza 754-4141