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Dear Parent (s) / Guardian (s):

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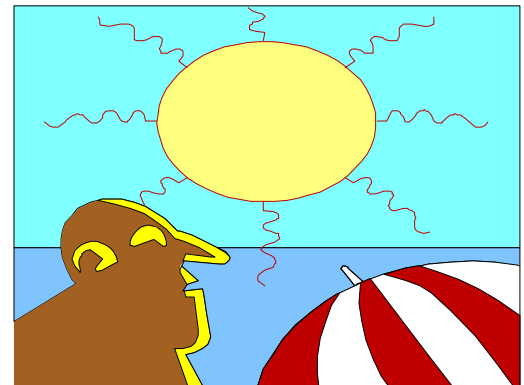
Well, we made it! The end of the year is just around the corner, and summer looms ahead. It has been a year with a full slate of activities, sports, academics, staff changes, building improvements, community events, and school trips to many interesting places.

Thanks to all the students, their parents, and of course, staff, for making my first year here so enjoyable. I look forward to 2009/10 with great enthusiasm and excitement.

Our student numbers seem to be growing slightly - always a nice thing to see.

Welcome back to Madame Samborski and Madame Gibbon, both off on maternity leave.

We are sad to say good-bye as well to Mlle Kahana, who was her filling in for Mme



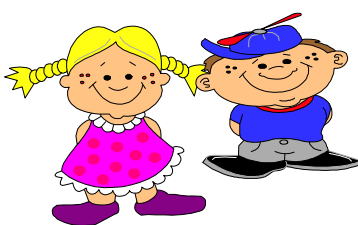
Samborski. Her sense of humour and enthusiasm was infectious. Good-bye as well to Mme Ivanski, who is moving back to Fairview. We will miss her skills, knowledge and leadership.

Good-luck and farewell to M. Maxted who is retiring this year. We will miss his humour and spirit and great ability to work as part of our "team".

We are pleased to have Mme Smith join our staff (for the second time).

AND, good-luck to Mme Soules who will be off on maternity leave next year.

Have a safe and relaxing summer....we'll see you on Sept. 8th!



September

Virtues of the Month

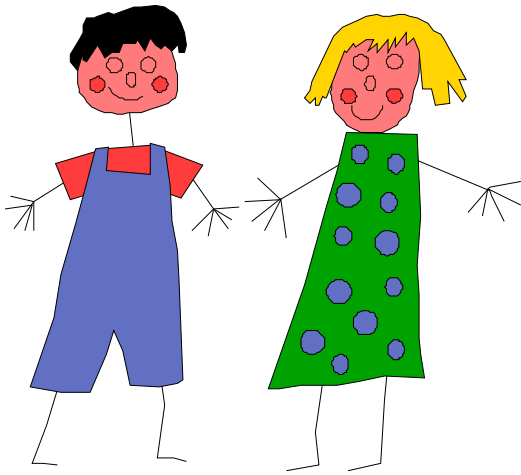
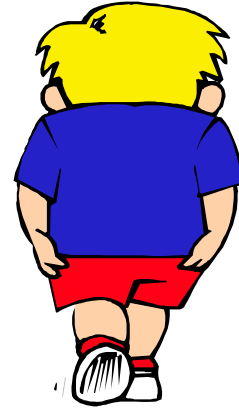
"Team-oriented virtues"

- **Cooperation**
- **Goal-setting**

~Jane Goldspink

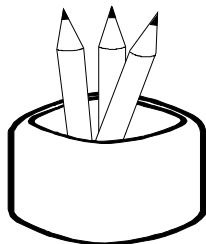
"WHAT IS BULLYING?" SURVEY

Students are anonymously participating in the *What is Bullying? Survey*. In September, we will post the survey for community member, including all our brand-new parents, to access community understanding of bullying. Based on the data from the student and the community survey, we will continue to provide capacity-building towards a more informed understanding of this issue.



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.



CLASS ORGANIZATIONS

The good news is that most requests for teachers were realized, whenever possible. The "bad news" is that parents who requested Madame Ivanski will obviously not have their request met. Also, I am unable to inform you regarding the third grade one teacher as this will not be decided until the fall.

There is a possibility that we may require an additional JK/SK teacher in order to accommodate the recent registrations. Unfortunately, this decision will not be made before this issue goes to print. An extra class **WILL** mean we will need to change our current class lists. Parents will, of course, be informed.

Here is a suggested shopping list:

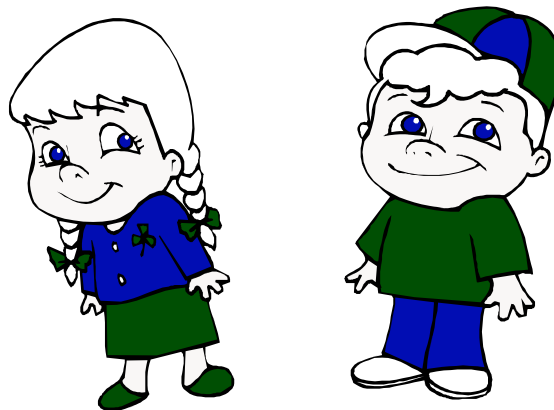
- ↪ Pens (jun. / int.)
- ↪ Duotangs (jun. / int.)
- ↪ Kleenex (prim.)
- ↪ Lined paper (jun. / int.)
- ↪ Calculator (jun. / int.)
- ↪ Pencil crayons
- ↪ Pencil case
- ↪ Glue sticks
- ↪ Binder(s) (jun. / int.)
- ↪ Backpack

Sept. 8—11 ~ JK interviews with teachers and NEW SK students to our school (invitations with your time and date will be mailed at the end of June)

Sept. 14-18 ~ SK at school on their regularly scheduled days

~ JK will be scheduled for one day during gradual entry this week

Sept. 21 / 22 ~ first week of regular JK /SK classes



SUMMER

OVER THE SUMMER....AND INFO FOR THE FALL

During the summer, the school is closed for clean-up, repairs, and so on. Should you need to contact the school, a voice mail can be left, but these will NOT be taken off until the last week of August, when Madam Atkins returns to work.

If it is something critical, please direct inquiries to the Board Office, 519 - 756 - 6301.

We are available to do new registrations and make inquiries.

The Transportation Services will contact families directly before the fall regarding busing times and pick-ups.

RECYCLING AT ÉCOLE DUFFERIN

We are very pleased to be part of a board-wide pilot program regarding recycling. This initiative is in partnership with City Works, and among other things, seeks to find "best practices" for our schools in regards to recycling / reusing / and waste disposal.

Our Environment Club assists in the collection of our recyclable items, under the leadership of Madame Tanasczuk & Madame Gasparotto.

Environmental Stewardship is part of our future....it is great to see our students and staff taking the lead in this regard.



AUTUMN

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

This year has been a very busy time at École Dufferin!
Following is just a "taste" of all
the things that have happened



CURRICULUM

- Oral Language focus
- Data Wall displays overall Oral Language Competencies as rated on CAIT (Canadian Association of Immersion Teachers) reference framework (grades SK - 8)
- EQAO Testing (grades 3 & 6)
- Focused Resource Purchases
- Differentiated Learning
- Multi-disciplinary Approach
- Instructional planning & delivery based on System Standards

CLUBS / ACTIVITIES

- Scrabble, Chess Clubs
- Environment Club
- Builders' Club
- Yearbook
- Choir
- Office Helpers, Lunch Monitors
- Safety Patrollers/Bus Patrollers
- Library Helpers
- École Dufferin Ambassadors
- Milk Program



EXTRA- / CO-CURRICULAR

- Cross-country
- Brantford Classic
- Soccer
- Track & Field
- Badminton
- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Cheerleading / Spirit Club



COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES / ORGANIZATIONS

- Snack Program
- CPF (Canadian Parents' for French)
- Volunteer Program
- High School Co-op Placements
- Meet-the-Teacher Night
- Fun Fair
- Charitable Fundraising Events (Jump Rope; Rotary Run; Food Drive; United Way; Wish Closet; Why Not City Missions)



DUFFERIN PARENT COUNCIL

We are fortunate to have a large DPC who dedicate much of their time and energy towards supporting students, staff, and administration. Here are some of the items that fundraising efforts have provided:

- Curtains in library & classrooms
- TV, DVD players
- Amount of \$5/student for trips
- French Theatre production
- Many specific requests
- Large pull-down screen in the gym

STUDENT SUCCESS PLANNING

Our success planning includes a School Improvement Plan which focuses on improving our students' oral language skills in order to improve their reading and writing skills. In addition, our character education portfolio includes Tribes, the Virtues Project, a problem-solving approach to solving student issues, and a clear Code of Conduct.

Staff regularly review our plans, alter as needed, and continue to work with students, staff, and parents to achieve a focused, multi-disciplinary approach to reducing bullying issues.

