



CHARLTON-SAVARD PUBLIC SCHOOL

OCTOBER NEWS

Newsletter #2

October 5, 2009

From the Principal's Desk

I am happy to have September behind me and look forward to the upcoming school happenings. Thank you to everyone who attended our "Welcome Back BBQ" bought books and participated in the Terry Fox Walk. We had a great cook and helpers that day.

World Teachers' Day is Monday, October 5th and I would like to thank our dedicated, caring and cooperative teachers for their great effort to make CSPA a great place to have your children educated. Karen Gamble

CHARACTER EDUCATION

Since October is the month we reap the crops, our two qualities for this month are Thankfulness and Cooperation. Both of these virtues make a school a more pleasant place to be, as well. Be sure to enforce and reward these qualities at home.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Thank you to the parents who committed to being members of our School Advisory Council. They are: Kim Overholt (chair), Tanya Emmell, Gisele Rodgers, Rhonda McCallum (secretary), Linda Minnett, Darlene Rodgers and Donna Saunders. Tara Ruel is the teachers' representative and Anne Blancher the non-teaching member. Two students, Cassandra Minnett and Rebecca McCallum will share the student representative position. Remember, all parents are welcome at any School Advisory Council meeting. We held our first meeting on Wednesday, September 16th. The new council decided to follow-through with suggestions from last year's council to purchase some benches and another picnic table. There is a concern about shade in the school yard, so in the spring we may try to find some umbrellas to attach to the tables. More fundraising ideas and other school business will be discussed at our next meeting on Thursday, October 8th at 6 p.m. in the school library.

SPORTS HAPPENINGS

Both Mr. Watorek and Mrs. Pittman are busy training our students for sporting events. Mrs. Pittman is working with Grades 3 - 8 students in cross country running. Their meet is in Cobalt on October 8th. The students taking part may bring their own lunch or purchase food at the run. The students will be bussed with the EPS students taking part. Mr. Watorek was practicing days 1, 3, & 5 with our soccer players, but their tournament was cancelled because of the weather and may be rescheduled in the spring. We have dates for other upcoming sporting events: badminton tournament – October 27 at TDSS & NLPS, volleyball tournament on December 3 at TDSS and NLPS. We look forward to our students participating and having a fun time. We thank the organizers, the teachers and District School Board Ontario North southern region for making these special days available.

INTERIM REPORT CARDS

Interim report cards will be sent home on Friday October 9th and hopefully, they will add to your Thanksgiving celebration. These report cards are a snapshot of what the teachers are observing in language and math. Our focus is more on work habits and behaviours which greatly influence school success. If you would like to meet with your child's teacher after reading the interim report, please call the school and set up an appointment.

PICTURE DAY

Get your smiles ready and put on your favourite clothing for our yearly school picture day on Tuesday, October 13th, right after Thanksgiving.

EQAO RESULT FOR SPRING TESTING

Early next week Grades 4 and 7 students will be bringing home their individual results from their EQAO testing and a covering letter to explain their scores. Because of our numbers, our school scores are not posted on the EQAO website. Our scores were better in reading than in writing or mathematics, however they were all below the board scores. The good news is that our Grade 6 reading scores did improve by 17% from the year before! Our staff will carefully review the school results and focus our Teaching Learning Critical Pathways for this school year on writing and mathematics while maintaining our emphasis on reading.

VOLUNTEERS

Mrs. Cousineau is working on scheduling our wonderful volunteers for hot dogs, snacks, breakfasts and helping in the library. Thank you to those who signed up to help at our school. We hope to be organized for next week. There will be a training session for the library volunteers on Wednesday, October 7th at 2 p.m. with Mr. Beausoleil.

HOT LUNCHESES

Remember to order in advance for our hot lunches. October 9th will begin our pizza lunches and we will alternate between hot dogs and pizza. One hot dog or a small piece of pizza will cost \$1.50. All orders must be prepaid.

MILK PROBLEMS

We had problems with milk last week. The truck broke down on the Monday so milk was not delivered until Wednesday afternoon. We will give students milk at snack and lunch until they have received the ones that they had purchased. The two week period of free white milk for JK, SK and Grade 1 students has ended. We thank the Red Cross for supplying this milk for our students.

IPM, BARBEQUE AND TERRY FOX WALK

Students, staff and volunteers seemed to have a wonderful day at the International Plowing Match. The weather cooperated and no one got lost. Thank you to those who helped out. It was nice to see some families at our barbeque and join us for our walk. We thank Mrs. Shea for organizing the walk for CSPS. We collected \$142.75 to send to the Terry Fox Foundation. We also thank Mrs. Stickney for organizing our book sale. It was an excellent opportunity for students to get some new reading material. We will display the books again later on in the year.

BLACK AND ORANGE DAY

Charlton-Savard Public School will have their black and orange celebration on Friday, October 30th. If parents would like to send treats for their child's class, PLEASE check with the teacher first. Often there is a lot of waste. During the last block the students will be divided into 4 teams and each team will visit each classroom for an activity. Children will return to their own rooms for the last 20 minutes

HALLOWEEN DANCE

Our school will host a Halloween Dance for students in grades 5 to 8. The admission will be \$2 if in costume and \$3 if you do not wear a costume. Pop and treats will be sold for \$1. Students will bring appropriate CDs to be played. Students will be responsible for the music and the canteen. The dance will begin at 7 p.m. and end at 10 p.m. All students must be picked up at that time. This will be a fundraiser towards a school trip in the spring.

OCTOBER EVENTS



October 2, 16, 30 Hot dog days



October 7 Library training for volunteers at 2 p.m.

October 8 Cross Country Run

October 8 School Council Meeting at 6 p.m.



October 9 Interim Report Cards

October 13 Breakfast program begins

October 15 Lunch program begins



October 9, 23 Pizza days



October 12 Thanksgiving Day holiday



October 13 Picture Day

October 30 Black and Orange Day



October 30 Hallowe'en Dance for Grades 5 to 8