



CHARLTON-SAVARD PUBLIC SCHOOL

NOVEMBER NEWS



Newsletter #3

November 2, 2009

From the Principal's Desk

None of us were expecting a snow day so early in the year, but the Tri-Board School Transportation made a wise decision to cancel buses. Please be sure that children are dressed for the weather. It is easier to take off a layer than being too cold.

We are working hard at preventing the spread of germs. Please remind children to wash their hands regularly, sneeze or cough into their elbow and keep hands away from their face and mouth. Gargling and nose rinsing has also been recommended as safety precautions. Please keep children at home if they are not feeling well.

Halloween celebrations were great! Most children wore orange and/or black. The activities planned by the teachers and students were varied – some scary, but all were entertaining. The witches fingers and brew were a nice treat! Our Grade 5 - 8 Halloween Dance was a success however sickness kept some home.

The Wacky Wednesday Group is leaving their sound equipment at our school for us to use for special occasions. Many thanks! Karen Gamble

CHARACTER EDUCATION

As we approach report card time, Charlton-Savard is promoting the quality of EXCELLENCE to encourage all students to do their best. Our other important quality for this month is CARING as we collect food for needy families. To be a school family, we must care about everyone and treat all school members and school property with respect. We trust all will show excellence and caring.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

The School Advisory Council will meet on Thursday, November 12th at 6 p.m. All parents are invited to the meeting. Plans will be completed for our first Movie Night – Friday, November 20th (more information will follow). The breakfast program on Tuesdays and the snack program on Thursdays are up and running. Some parent volunteers were trained to correctly shelve books. We thank Tanya Emmell for picking up discarded books from the Englehart Public Library for us. Our next big school fundraiser will be cheese. Watch for the order forms to come home soon.

CROSS COUNTRY RUN AND BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

Mrs. Pittman took a group of 22 students to the cross country run in Cobalt. Everyone did their best, had a great time and the weather cooperated, as well. Thanks Mrs. Pittman for giving up your break time to train our students and for taking them to the meet. On October 27th our Grades 6, 7, and 8 students travelled to New Liskeard to take part in a badminton tournament. Congratulations to Presley Oulahan and Rebecca McCallum for their first place finish in girls doubles and Ethan Graham and Austin Grimaldi for their second place boys doubles finish. All students did a great job and represented our school very well. Mr. Watorek's guidance and recess practices certainly helped our students' badminton skills to improve.

JK – 5 OUTING TO ELK LAKE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Our primary and junior students had the opportunity to spend part of a day at Elk Lake Public School as we shared the expense to bring "Donna and Andy" to entertain us with their music. To add to our trip, ELPS staff invited us to share a delicious lunch with them. Our students had the opportunity to play on their wonderful new playground equipment. Our students would certainly like equipment like that!

REPORT CARDS

Report cards will be sent home on Wednesday, December 2nd. Teachers have been assessing their students since the beginning of the school year. Teachers follow the Ontario Curriculum guides' overall expectations for each grade and subject for the year, as well as the specific expectations as listed in the documents. Our hope is that our students meet these expectations. If they do, they will receive a B- to a B+. An A- to A+ is only awarded if a student demonstrates that he or she has exceeded the expectations. You will have time to review your child's report card before your interview on Thursday, December 3rd or Friday, December 4th. The sign up sheet will be sent home later.

GAMBLING AWARENESS PRESENTATIONS

On Friday, November 20th Shawn Roy, a counselor for the YMCA Youth Gambling Awareness Program, will talk to our grade 4/5 students and our 6/7/8 students about gambling and the addiction to it. The groups will have different presentations.

SPIRIT DAY

Our Spirit Day for November is BACKWARDS DAY. When students get dressed in the morning they should put as many clothes as possible on backwards. We'll have the camera ready!

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

There will be no school for students on Monday, November 16th but staff will be hard at work. Teachers will be in the school working on their report cards.

HEAD LICE

Please remember to check your children regularly for head lice. We have completed two checks already but we trust that parents are doing their own checks at home.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Our students will walk to the Remembrance Day Service at the cenotaph on November 11th to honour our veterans.

NATIONAL CHILD DAY

Parents and their children are invited to participate in "National Child Day" at Englehart Public School on Friday, November 20th. It begins at 1:00 p.m., but parents could take their children after school hours as the displays are set up until 7:00 p.m. At 5:30 p.m. there is a presentation from the Muskoka Wildlife.

ROTARY CHRISTMAS BASKETS

Each year the Rotary Club of Englehart provides baskets of food and gifts to needy families in the Englehart and surrounding area. Yearly, Charlton-Savard Public School assists with this endeavour by collecting non-perishable food items. Staff also contributes by donating the money collected on "Dress Down Fridays" to the Rotary Club. Please send in non-perishable food items to help other families have a nicer Christmas. The Rotarians will pick up our donations at the school.

ABSENCE REPORTING

Please remember to call the school if your child is staying home from school and state the reason why your child is home. You may call at any time because there is an answering machine on the phone. Keeping an attendance register with reason for absence is a requirement of the Ministry of Education. If your child is absent and you have purchased milk, hot dogs or pizza ahead of time, we would appreciate if the money that you had paid for these could be donated to the school fund. It would save us a lot of extra work trying to keep track of who is "owed" milk or food.

NOVEMBER EVENTS

November 6, 20	Pizza Days
November 11	Remembrance Day
November 12	School Council Meeting at 6 p.m.
November 13, 27	Hot dog days
November 16	Professional Development Day
November 20	Gambling Awareness Presentation
November 20	National Child Day –EPS – until 7p.m.
November 20	Movie Night at 6:30 p.m.
November 27	Backwards Day

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