



ELK LAKE PUBLIC SCHOOL OCTOBER 2009



"A community of lifelong learners committed to continuous improvement"

From the Principal's Desk

September has once again been a very busy month at our school. Many thanks to everyone who helped us with the installation of the new playground equipment. The pupils are enjoying it very much. I would also like to once again thank the many people who donated money and supported our fundraising projects. Without your assistance this undertaking would not have been possible. Hat day was held on September 11th and resulted in a fun time for our students. We also celebrated Grandparents Day on Friday, September 11th. Several parents and grandparents attended this event hosted by Mrs. Mullin's class.

Thank you to all who attended our Welcome Back Barbeque and official opening of our playground facilities. If you were unable to attend our barbeque and did not get your family picture taken please drop into the office of if you prefer you might like to send a digital family picture of your own.

Our Terry Fox National School Walk raised \$481.34 for cancer research. Thank you for opening your hearts to this very worthwhile cause.

Jim Bott, Principal

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The first meeting of the School Advisory Council will be held on Tuesday, October 6th at 4:30 p.m. We are pleased to welcome new members. Please contact the school if you are interested in serving on this council.

NUTRITION FOR LEARNING

We are once again fortunate to have Mrs. Coutu organizing this very worthwhile program, along with the help of volunteers. Please feel free to volunteer your time. You can either call the school or contact Mrs. Coutu directly at 678-2486.

FOCUS FOR THE MONTH

The focus for the month of October will be "WISDOM".

NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

The week of October 5th – 9th is National Fire Prevention Week. Our school will participate in a fire drill during that week. Fire Prevention Week is organized to increase public fire safety awareness and to encourage children to practice home escape plans. We encourage you to talk with your children about fire safety in your home. Our local fire department will visit the school during the week as well.

SCHOOL PICTURES

School pictures will be taken on Tuesday, October 13th, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

INTERIM REPORT CARDS

Interim report cards will be sent home on Friday, October 23rd. These are intended to provide you with an idea of how your child has been achieving in the classroom during the first eight weeks of school. If you have concerns about your child's progress, please do not hesitate to contact his/her teacher.

BLACK AND ORANGE DAY

Friday, October 30th will be our Halloween recognition and we will once again be celebrating in black and orange! There will be fun activities throughout the school and we encourage all of our students and staff to get into the spirit by dressing in their spookiest Halloween colours! We will also have the draw for the Halloween Cake in the afternoon. Your child will be bringing home tickets to sell for this.

LITERACY

As part of our Reading/Literacy program we strongly encourage our students to read, preferably to an adult, every night for approximately 15-20 minutes. The staff will encourage students to take books home. Please indicate in your child's agenda if you have listened to your child read, read to him/her or observed your child reading.

HEAD LICE (PEDICULOSIS)

The Fall season quite often presents itself with the presence of head lice in some students. Parents, please check your children regularly for these tiny, flat insects. They are 1-2 mm long (approx. half the size of a pinhead), oval shaped, gray to brown in colour and can be very difficult to see. They may look like dandruff but they are firmly glued to the hair and cannot be flicked off. They must be scraped/stripped off of the hair. Per District School Board Ontario North East policy, children cannot attend school if they have head lice. Children who have had head lice may only return to school once they have been treated with special shampoo and ALL nits (eggs) are removed from the head. A shampoo treatment should be applied twice, 7 – 10 days apart, still checking daily to remove all nits (eggs). Thank you for your cooperation with this very important subject.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

The Timiskaming Health Unit will be at the school on October 23rd to inoculate all grade 7 students who have not previously been immunized for Hepatitis B and Meningococcal C.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEK

The week of October 19th is Local Government Week. During that week we will be talking to the students about local government and how it works. We will also be visiting the Township of James Municipal Office.

THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON

On Friday, October 9th, instead of having a Loonie Lunch, the students will be preparing a Thanksgiving Luncheon for their peers. The students will prepare and cook the food, set tables, make centre pieces, etc. and enjoy the fruits of their labours as well as be mindful of all the things that we are thankful for in our daily lives.

OCTOBER HAPPENINGS

- o October 6th - School Council 4:30 p.m.
- o October 9th - Thanksgiving Luncheon
- o October 12th - Thanksgiving Day Holiday
- o October 13th - Picture Day (9:00 a.m.)
- o October 19th - 23rd - Local Government Week
- o October 23rd - Interim Report Cards & Immunization Clinic
- o October 30th - Black and Orange Day & Cake Raffle

