

News From the Office

March 2011

As you can see from the list on page 2, there are many upcoming events this spring. Our playground is drying out, basketball, soccer and skipping are coming alive on the playground and everyone is getting more active. In early April we will be training some of our grade 5 and 6 students in the LEAD program which is a collection of games and activities that they can mentor the younger children at during recess.

A BIG THANK YOU!!! to Mrs Schneider, Mr Kotan, Mr Steeds and WOSS volunteers for supporting our basketball teams. Thank you to Mr Kerr and Mrs Schneider for starting and mentoring the VEX robotics team, who placed third in their first competition last week! Thanks to Mrs Ralph and Mrs Beach for hosting a grade 1 information night. Thanks to the great parent volunteers in our school supporting students and helping out with hot lunches and smoothies!

Montclair Spring Fundraiser – *Stand Up To Cancer* Supporting The Princess Margaret Hospitals - Ride To Conquer Cancer

This spring, Montclair will *Stand Up To Cancer*. We will participate in our first school-wide walk-a-thon fundraiser to benefit The Princess Margaret Hospital Research Centres for the Cure of Cancer.

At Montclair, we can make a difference in the lives of those who battle Cancer daily. Your dollars make a difference, as your donation will go directly into the hands of those medical researchers and physicians working to better the lives of patients.

Many families at Montclair have been affected by cancer personally or through friends and family. Each of us work to support families and friends through treatment by providing emotional support.

Please consider a donation to Montclair *Stand Up To Cancer*, you will be represented by our own grade 6 teacher Ms. Dinning, as she will ride 200km on June 13/14 in the Ride To Conquer Cancer. Ms. Dinning will ride from Toronto to Hamilton to Niagara Falls in the 2 day ride supporting Montclair and Princess Margaret Hospital Research. Details to follow after our kick off assembly April 7th!

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Important Dates

March 9, 16, 30 Pizza Days

March 11th Milk Orders Due

March 12-20 March Winter Break No School

March 28th and April 26th Pita Days

March 25th-Shirt and Tie Spirit Day

April 6, 13, 20, 27- Pizza and Salad Days

April 4th James Hull music presentation –Juniors

April 8th PD Day

April 7th –Ride For Cancer Kick off assembly

April 4th- Council Meeting all are welcome to attend

April 11th- T Shirt Fitting day Grade 8

April 14th- Grad Photos, Team Pictures, New student Photos

April 15-Teacher appreciation Lunch

April 20th- Grade 7/8 vaccinations

April 22-25 Easter Break

April 26th Bag To School

April 29th- Ride to Conquer Cancer Day

Litterless lunches

Help our eco-team to achieve gold status this year by using reusable containers for lunch items. If the students have wrappers or other garbage we are asking them to take them home on Tuesdays so we have zero garbage on those days.

Parking...Help make it Safe

- A reminder that the lot on the south side of Montclair is for staff parking only.
- The reason for this is that the students use the centre lane of the parking lot as an access to and from the front of the school. Moving car traffic is dangerous during dismissal time
- Please park at the high school, on a side street, or use the kiss and ride at the front of the school
- A reminder that the street in front of the school is a no stopping/No parking zone
- Beginning in April, parents will be helping us to supervise this area. If you would like to join the safety brigade, please call the school

YMCA of Oakville Before and After School Programs

The YMCA provides licensed Before and After School programs in many schools throughout Oakville. Children four to 13 years-old are cared for in a fun, safe, stimulating program at their school or a school nearby! Our programs operate from 7:30 a.m. until start of school and again after school until 6 p.m. every school day of the year. P.A. Day, holiday programs and summer camp programs are offered when school is closed. We hire qualified staff, provide healthy snacks and involve the children in a variety of indoor and outdoor activities.

Note: A limited number of JK and SK spaces are available in all of our programs.

Registration for YMCA Before and After School new participants begins May 16. Parents of children currently enrolled can pre-register from May 2 to 13. Registrations will be accepted by YMCA staff in the program location at the school.

Monthly and daily rates are available. For more information visit www.ymcaof oakville.com, and click on Child Care under the Kids section. Before and after child care programs are part of Junior and School-aged Child Care. If you require child care immediately, please contact Gillian Beaver at 905- 845-5763, ext. 312 or gillianbe@oakville.ymca.ca.

Junior and Senior Kindergarten Registrations are Underway!

As our staffing is based on the number of registrations we have, we ask you to let family, friends and neighbors know that we are currently accepting registrations for fall of 2011 for our JK and SK programs. Applications can be printed from the hdsb.ca website or you can come in and pick one up.

You will also need:

- Proof of Address- a lease or Tax bill
- Proof of age- a birth certificate or passport
- Proof of immunization

Change of Address, Change of Phone Number, Change of Contact Information?

It is really important that we always have current information should we need to reach you. If there have been any changes since September please give Mrs. Lagendyk or Mrs. Edwards a call at the office to update the information.

Are you moving?

If you are planning a move for the fall of 2011, please notify our school that you will be leaving and the new school that your will be moving to. This ensures that all schools can plan for the correct number of students this fall.

Technology News

The Ontario Educational Resource Bank (OERB) is an amazing site full of over 22000 student resources in all subject areas from K-12.

- Access to ministry online courses
- Tutorials and quizzes
- Interactive activities and much more
- A great tool to help kids at home

<http://resources.elearningontario.ca/>

Login: hdsbstudent (all lower case)

Password: hdsb (all lower case)

Also on March 28th, our grade 7 and 8 students will be registered on the new HDSB homework help site <https://homeworkhelp.ilc.org> please have your child show you how the site will support their learning in grades 7-12

Milk Orders

Milk orders are due on March 11th. Just a reminder that all milk is paid by term this year (in the past we had full year payment as an option)

Toonie Hat Day

The Halton Learning Foundation supports our school every year with donations from their funds. This year we have been granted over \$2500.00 for new reading materials and calculators, as well as support for some families through the Barriers to Learning Fund which helps provide clothing and school supplies. Each year we do one fundraiser to help fill the funds back up. This year this hat day raised \$414.00, thank you for participating.

Lunch Ideas or March...Green for St Patricks day..Green for growing...

How many green things can you pack in your lunch? Celery, broccoli, lettuce, olives, kiwi, limes, How many more green items can you think of to add to our green lunch items list? Drop your ideas off at the office!!

Montclair School Council/Montclair Home and School News

Treasurer's Update

Thanks go out to all families who helped us raise money through pizza lunches, pita lunches, smoothie purchases, holiday store purchases, bags2school donations, x-traco cloth fundraiser sales and the dance-a-thon fundraiser. Your funds have been put towards the following so far this year:

- * playground fund
- * tournament and referee fees
- * haunted house
- * birthday books
- * 3 cultural/in school presentations

Funds will also be used for the hip hop sessions and Grade 8 graduation in June.

Playground Committee:

A new playground will cost between \$40,000 - \$50,000. We are asking for funding from the Town of Oakville as well as the HDSB. By the end of the year our own fundraising efforts should hopefully bring our total funds raised within the school to \$30,000.

Parent Involvement Survey:

Watch for a parent involvement survey which will be coming home with your child on March 24th to be returned by March 30th. We are looking for vital input from you, our parents. The survey will only take a few minutes to complete and we would like feedback from as many families as possible. Your entry could win you one of four Chapters gift certificates.

Council By-Laws:

A Set of Council By-laws was approved by the council. These by-laws were an amalgamation of the by-laws from Munns and Lorne Skuce. These will be reviewed and revised if necessary on a yearly basis. This document will be published on the website shortly.

Year-End BBQ:

A committee has met to start planning the year-end BBQ / Family night on Thursday June 16. Stay tuned for further details on this fun event. Favourites like games, BBQ, bouncy-castles, raffle for baskets, jar swap and hip hop presentations will be returning again this year. Mark the event on your calendar! You won't want to miss it.