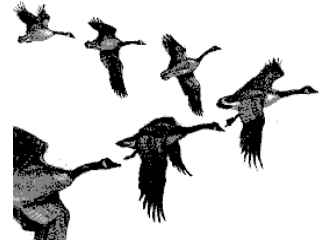


# CPS ONLINE



April 2014

## YRDSB

### Administrator Notes

#### Dates to Remember:

- April 2 - Gr. 2 to Burlington Outdoor Conservation Centre (BORC)
- April 3 - Gr. 4 to BORC
- April 4 - Gr. 7 to BORC
- April 8 - School Council @ 7 pm
- April 18 - Good Friday - no school
- April 21 - Easter Monday - no school
- April 29 - May 2 - Quebec City for Gr. 7 & 8 students

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It is FINALLY Spring, and we won't have to watch the Environment Canada website daily to decide whether it is warm enough for our students go out for recess! As the weather warms up, activities at Charlton are coming fast and furious. Here are some of the activities occurring at the school:

**Artist in Residence (AIR) Project**-Our Gr. 8 students are working with a local artist to create and install a permanent art

#### Focus on Mathematics

We continue our focus on Mathematics this year here at Charlton. Our Gr. 4, 5 and 6 teachers are working with teachers from 2 other neighbouring schools in a 'mini-network', in which groups of teachers create, deliver and debrief lessons given to students to aid in their learning. We are following a similar system in all Divisions at Charlton in order to increase our teachers' collective awareness of effective programming and instructional delivery in mathematics. This process allows us to improve our instruction as a school. In improving our instruction, our ultimate goal is to improve student achievement.

project for our Library. We can't wait to see the results!

**Peace by PEACE**-Our Gr. 5 students have been involved in a Conflict Resolution program run by York University students-see p2 of this newsletter for details.

**BORC**-Gr. 2, 4, and 7 students will have an Outdoor education experience this week for a full day of activities.

**Network**-Charlton teachers are involved in a network

of teachers focused on Mathematics (see below for details) **Quebec City Trip**-our Gr. 7 & 8 students will be going to Quebec City on April 29th for 4 days-what an opportunity! **Spring Concert**-we are starting to prepare for our annual Spring Concert on May 13th. Prepare to come out for a night of song, dance and other demonstrations of our students' talents.

More details to come.



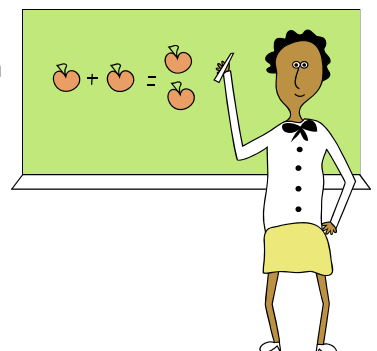
#### **Doing Math with your Child—Top Tips for Parents**

You can aid us in our quest for increased student achievement in Mathematics by following these top tips:

- Build strong, positive attitudes about math. When children feel positively engaged and successful, they are more likely to stick with an activity or a problem to find a solution.
- Begin with activities that meet your child's level of mathematical understanding. Early success in solving problems will build your

child's confidence. Gradually move to activities that provide more challenge for your child.

- If you and your child are more comfortable in a language other than English, use it. Your child will understand concepts better in the language that he or she knows best.



### Character Trait for April–Fairness

*“The future we hold in trust for our own children will be shaped by our fairness to other people’s children.”*  
~Marian Wright Edelman

### Charlton’s School Council

### 20 minute Makeover

Just a reminder that Charlton’s second movie night happens this week—Thursday April 3rd. We will watch ‘Frozen’ starting at 6:30pm. Entrance to the movie will be free and snacks will be also be available for sale. Hope to see you there!!



On Friday April 25th, we will be out in the yard doing our part for the environment. The annual 20-Minute Makeover occurs. At about 2 pm the entire student population helps to pick up trash that has been deposited/blown on the school property (weather permitting). The Senior grades help to clean up the ‘ditch’ where a lot of this garbage ends up. Students are given plastic gloves and garbage bags to help in their cleanup. We make a point of letting students know that they must not touch any glass, sharp cans or anything that looks dangerous.

We usually collect about 15-20 bags of garbage from our yard, which benefits our students as well as the community. Students learn respect for the environment and how important it is for us to live and play in clean spaces.

### Peace By PEACE

For 11 weeks, a group of students from York University have been volunteering their time on Tuesday afternoons, to run a conflict resolution program with Grade 5 students. They talk to the students about solving conflicts, empathizing with others, and working together through cooperation

games and group discussions. We appreciate their weekly efforts, and have enjoyed the interaction between University aged students with our own. We hope to reap the benefits of our students learning to deal with effectively resolving conflict in their lives—something we all can benefit from.

### Did You Know?

We have a new website!! We have begun to manage our our own website and are in the process of building it. Please see –

You must now ‘buzz in’ to the school office in order to enter through the front doors. All other doors are locked.

New window blinds!–the entire school has been outfitted with new blinds on our windows. This will be helpful in regulating the heat in classrooms as the weather gets warmer.

Projections of student numbers for next year at Charlton remain stable. This means we are predicting the same number of staff as well–good news!

### Grade 8 Graduation

It is hard to believe, but our Grade 8 students are now into the final term of their elementary careers. Plans are moving forward. The graduation ceremony will be held on Monday, June 23 at 5:30 pm., with a reception and dance following. It all occurs at Paradise Banquet and Convention Centre, 7601 Jane St. (on the east side of Jane Street, south of Highway 7), . Details will be shared with parents of grade 8 students when we have more information to provide.

