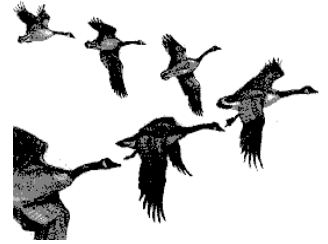


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Administrator Notes

Dates to Remember:

- May 12-School Council Mtg
- May 14-Spring Concert
- May 21-K4K
- May 22-Welcome to Kindergarten
- May 26-June 5-EQAO for Gr. 3 & 6

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

If you are able to volunteer at our Gr. 4-8 Track & Field day on Wednesday June 4th please let Ms. Lusch know-905 738 5497

Principal:
Ritch McNaughton

Office Assistant:
Marg Speed
Cheryl Ebidia (Wed,
Thurs, Fri)

Superintendent:
J. Parappally

Trustee:
Joel Hertz

This is the time of year when we begin to make decisions for next year. The Ministry of Education has maintained a cap for primary class sizes (students in grades 1-3). We anticipate having a majority of combined classes, as we organize the school based on enrolment projections. When organizing classes, we take into account a number of important factors to provide an optimum learning environment for your child. These include: class size, a

range of student performance levels, gender balance, special needs and promoting positive social relationships, while minimizing unproductive associations. As we begin to plan student placements, we invite your input regarding your child's needs. Should you have any information that you believe is relevant to your child's placement next year (e.g., conflict with other students, learning styles,

twins' placements), please put this in writing to Mr. McNaughton (ritchie.mcnaughton@yrdsb.ca) by **Friday May 16, 2014**. Since teaching assignments are continually being adjusted to the end of the school year and sometimes into the summer months, we ask that you do not make a specific request for a staff member. All final decisions regarding student placements remain the responsibility of the school principal.

Gr. 7 & 8 Trip to Quebec City

Quebec City, home to beautiful tourist destinations, culture, and history. Fortunately, this year's grade sevens and eights had the chance to explore this fascinating part of Canada. As we entered Quebec City, everyone instantly took notice of everything around us, from the signs that told us what streets we were on to the smaller things: for example, every house looked different! Very different to Thornhill, the houses in Quebec had their own style to them whether they were built all out of stone or had many windows and chimneys, each stood out. But of course we didn't spend the entire trip looking at houses, we went on different walking tours, exploring both upper and lower towns of Quebec City. Even through the Plains of Abraham where the battle between the British and the French took place, we walked right along the battlefield! We learned about the history of Quebec City through

workshops such as, re-enacting the battle between the French and the British. Some of us had the opportunity to try on costumes similar to the ones the soldiers wore and held replica guns that were used! We also learned about Canadian history: the founders of Quebec/Canada, when Canada was established and when the provinces were created; all of this taught through three short movies that had our attention locked to the screen. Since Quebec is known for its art and culture it would make sense that we visited the copper museum where we learned about the process of making copper art and meeting some of the family members whose ancestors were involved with creating the massive copper doors in the Basilica church. We also had the chance to tour inside the Basilica church inspecting all the

different sculptures and art pieces. Even though our days were packed full we did have the opportunity to try different French cuisine, walk around town, and go gift shopping. However this trip couldn't have been completed without the assistance of Alyson and Kiera; our tour guides who brought us to these breathtaking places and also taught us a lot of information about Quebec. We spent the last night with Kiera and Alyson partying up the Palace Royal where the schools that worked with Temple and Temple all got together dancing the night away. On behalf of the Charlton grade sevens and eights; we'd like to thank Mrs. Faraone, Mme. Praisler, Mr. McNaughton, Mrs. Chan, Mr. Kim, and Mr. Goron for planning this trip and making it happen!
~Michelle L.

Together We're Better

On April 24, a team of grade 7 and 8 students attended our Board's 21st annual Together We're Better Conference. We joined about 1200 other Intermediate Division students at Bill Crothers Secondary School. This conference was about equity and inclusivity, showing us that we should include everyone and treat everyone fairly.

One highlight of the day was hearing Itah Sadu speak. She is a storyteller and author. Not only is she a great speaker overall, but her message was inspirational and powerful. "Just because *you* feel good doesn't mean others feel the same way.

Another highlight came from *Tribal Vision*, a First Nations educational group. They explained several misunderstandings we have about First Nations peoples. They also showed us some traditional dances and talked about how varied the cultures are. One dance they showed us was the Hoop dance where a woman dances combining 5 hoops into shapes like a butterfly or a flower. Finally, she formed a globe with the hoops and the narrator explained the symbolism: "If one hoop drops, the whole world falls apart." We got how it connected to the message of inclusion.

Finally, we liked another speaker's quote, "You leave a legacy wherever you go. **You** decide whether it will be positive or negative."

~Leeor L. and Amy C.

Character Trait for May—Integrity

"Have the courage to say no. Have the courage to face the truth. Do the right thing because it is right. These are the magic keys to living your life with integrity."
~W. Clement Stone

SPRING CONCERT

Save the date—Charlton talent will be on display on Wednesday May 14 at our annual Spring Concert. Start time is 7 pm—don't miss it!!

Warm Weather Clothing Policy

As the weather becomes warmer, here is a reminder of some items to remember from our Dress code:

Students are expected to dress in neat, clean clothing appropriate for a school environment. Midriffs will remain covered at all times, and tank tops or tops with thin straps (less than 3 fingers in width) are not permitted. Offensive language or graphics on clothing, as well as clothing referring to alcohol, drugs, smoking or sex is unacceptable. As well, shorts and skirts

should be no shorter than mid thigh (with arms straight down, shorts or skirts are no higher than students longest finger). Undergarments should not be visible.

If a student's clothing is deemed inappropriate, he/she will be asked to change. Parents or guardians may be notified to either pick up the student, or to bring in a change of clothing.

Did You Know?

- Charlton families donated **over 2000 items** to Humanity First, a local food bank...a GREAT example of our collective Character—well done Charlton!!!
- Full day Kindergarten—all schools in the province will have full day Kindergarten as of September 2014.
- K4K at Charlton—we are pumped to be fundraising for both Ontario hospitals and Charlton PS through K4K this year. The event will occur on May 21st.
- Charlton's Junior Girl's Basketball Team, under the coaching of Mr. Kermally, made it through the qualifying tournament, all the way to the Area Championship finals—the best Charlton has done in the school's history. Way to go Cheetahs!!
- Our new and evolving website can be accessed at <http://charlton.ps.yrdsb.ca/>



Summer renovations

This summer will be busy at Charlton, despite the fact that students will not be in the building. We are having all of our hallway floors replaced, which will give the entire school a facelift. As well, there will be a major renovation to turn our lunch room into a Community Classroom for students with Multiple Exceptionalities. Next year, all students will eat lunch in their classrooms.

We can't wait to see the results in Septem-

