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FAIRCLOUGH GAZETTE

October 2013

Principal's Message

(***Please note that the important dates to be remembered are now found on the calendar page at the end of each month's newsletter.***)

The month of November brings with it cooler temperatures, autumn colors, and our Elementary Progress Report Card.

The progress report card:

- encourages early and ongoing communication between you and your child's teacher
- tells you how well your child is developing the learning skills and work habits we know are essential for success
- continues to report on all academic subjects – such as language, math, social studies, science and technology – but instead of assigning a grade or mark, it will tell you how well your child is progressing: “very well”, “well” or “with difficulty”

To support our new Progress Report Card we will be having interviews the evening of November 14th and during the day on November 15th. A notice will be sent home where families can indicate their preference for time.

We have had our Fall School council meeting and at that meeting we have selected our new School Council. Please join me in welcoming back Mrs. Krishna Perinparajah as our chair, Mrs. Amna Ahmed as our Co-Chair, and Mr. Shahzad Ahmed as our Treasurer.

I would also like to take this time to welcome Ms. Michelle Cook to EFPS. Ms. Cook is teaching our Grade 5/6 class this year.

We have a number of community engagement initiatives that we are developing here at school. Depending on interest, we may have the opportunity to host an Adult ESL class one day a week as well as the possibility of running several afterschool sports programs in partnership with the Town of Markham. Please see the information about these programs on the following pages.

Your Partner in Education,

Mr. Mohamed Hamid

Adult English as a Second Language Classes (ESL)

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Are you interested in:

- get a better, higher paying job?
- be able to communicate better with your child's teachers?
- understand Canadian culture better?
- be able to better communicate with your child's friends?



EVERYONE is welcome to join.

The classes will run in the mornings once a week from January until June 2014

If you are interested, please contact the school office @ 905-294-9455 as soon as possible to indicate your interest.



Afterschool Activity Programs in Partnership with the Town of Markham

We excited to once again let you know about the potential for after school programing for Ellen Fairclough PS students. These fun activities range from Indoor Soccer, Music Theater, Ballet Dance for Grade 4 to 8 students and Gym Games for Grades 1 to 3. The school will be subsidizing the cost, however, please note that there will be a small fee for these programs. This remains a great opportunity for some active time with adult supervision at a very reasonable cost.

If you are interested in having your child participate in this please either:

Complete a brief survey (<http://bit.ly/1h6jCNT>)

Complete the survey included in this newsletter and send back with your child to school



Library Resource Centre and Technology News

We had our annual pumpkin decorating activities this month. We had a fabulous collection of pumpkins! There were clowns, glitter, bats, minions and more. They were great! Thank you to the staff and students for joining in this great Falcon activity.

Our school Book Fair was in September. We raised just over \$420.00 to put towards purchasing new resources for the LRC to support our students. Thank you to all our parents and students for supporting our fund raiser. A special thank you to the staff and students for helping with this year's Book Fair.

Many classes have been working in the library resource centre this month. Our Grade 5 students have been using online and non-fiction text while researching energy sources and conservation. Ms. Cook's class has been researching Ancient Civilizations and Explorers after completing an short introduction to some of our online resources. The Grade ½ classes have been sharing fall stories and completing different activities related to our stories.



As usual, many classes have been enjoying signing books out of the Library Resource Centre. It is great to see the enthusiasm put into reading. Keep on reading Falcons!!!



Music Room News for October 2013

Congratulations and thank you to all students who have joined our Junior/Intermediate Choir and our Intermediate Band.

Kindergarten Music And Dance	Our Kindergarten students visit the Music room every week to sing and dance to their favourite songs, such as “Elephants Have Wrinkles”, “The Freeze”, and “The Counting Song”.
Grade 2 Music and Dance	In Music, the students are singing diatonic scales, tongue twisters, and unison songs. They are learning about beat and rhythm, dynamics, and tempo, as they sing their songs. In Dance, students have reflected on how the performers in “Stomp” used found materials such as brooms, basketballs, and garbage can lids as props.
Grade 3 and 3/4 Music and Dance	In Music, students have been singing scales in stepwise motion and in thirds, and tongue twisters, to improve their pitching and their diction. They have sung rounds and have practiced a choral chant about the provinces of Canada. In Dance, students have discussed the elements of dance using anchor charts posted in the classroom. They have studied and annotated a poem entitled “and My Heart Soars”. They then created dances that reflect the emotions and feeling in the text.
Grade 3 Drama	In Drama, students have continued to play cooperative games, and have reflected, in their journals, on how to work together effectively.
Grades 4/5 and 5/6 Music	In Music, students have sung major scales (ascending and descending, in stepwise motion and in thirds), and selected repertoire. In written assignments, students have learned about the staff, treble clef, note names and values, and dynamic markings.
Grades 6/7, 7/8, and 8 Music	Our band classes are progressing well. This month, students have been signing out their instruments and practicing at home, to reinforce the skills taught in class. All classes have had performance tests this month: the first five notes for beginners, and the Bb+ scale for experienced players.

French News

October has been an exciting month in Room 224! The grade 4s created booklets with school and classroom vocabulary. Grade 5s have completed on sports cards, and they are learning about famous Olympic athletes. Grade 6 students created and presented posters to try and solve a crime. Grade 7s are learning about *Le Cirque du Soleil*. The grade 8 students have written and presented skits about a youth having a very difficult day. All of them were unique and creative!

Bon travail tout le monde!
Mme Rampartab

Roots of Empathy



Our roots of empathy baby, Ivy is now 5 months old, and meeting her milestones. She is able to lie on her tummy, hold her head up, smile, and hold a cookie or toy. She is very alert, watches the students and loves to listen to songs and lullabies. Ivy enjoys finger plays such as The Itsy Bitsy Spider and If You Are Happy and You Know It. We are looking forward to next month and seeing how baby Ivy is progressing with her milestones. The milestones, are like a report card for babies!

Ms. Neal

Brook's Farms

On Friday, October 18, Mrs. Wascher and Ms. Robb's class visited Brook's Farms in Mt. Albert. The students and staff enjoyed a day outside in the sunshine riding the zip lines, climbing hills, running through corn mazes and choosing a pumpkin in the pumpkin patch. Brook's Farm is a wonderful place to visit and spend some quality time with your family.



BORED WITH BREAD?

Stock up on a variety of whole wheat and multi-grain wraps, pitas or soft tortilla shells, mini bagels - then let your imagination go! Tasty fillings include:

- Beans, salsa, and shredded mozzarella cheese
- Hummus and grated carrot
- Egg salad made with chopped celery
- Salmon salad topped with shredded lettuce
- Sliced turkey with honey mustard
- Shredded cheddar cheese (i.e. 20% MF or less), cucumber and red pepper



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WITH EPPS'S BREAKFAST CLUB

November 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Hinduism Diwali  CHANGE CLOCKS	4	5	6 Grade 8 MCI Visit AM	7 Crime Stoppers in the Library. Jr. 11 - 12pm, Int. 1 - 2pm, and Parent Q&A 2- 2:30pm .	8	9
10	11  Remembrance Day	12	13 Ashura	14 Photo Retake. Parent/Teacher Interview Night.	15 PA DAY (No School) Parent/Teacher Interview - All Day	16
17	18	19 Grade 8 Girls HPV Shots. Intermediate Boys Volleyball. (Area Tournament)	20 Intermediate Girls Volleyball. (Area Tournament) Sir Wilfrid Laurier Day National Child Day	21 Pizza Day (Parent Council)	22	23
	25	26	27	28 Pizza Day (Parent Council) Fire Safety Gr. 1	29	30 