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# FAIRCLOUGH GAZETTE

## Principal's Message

June 2013

\*\*\* Please note that our extended library hours end this Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. The Library Resource Centre will not be available to students after this date. We hope that you have found having access to the library and its technology beneficial throughout the school year. \*\*\*

## Principal's Message

May was a wonderfully busy month at Ellen Fairclough P.S. Our students were engaged in a range of activities both inside the classroom and out and it was difficult to fit everything we wanted to do into our schedules. What an amazing problem to have!

The You're the Chef program for students in grades 6 to 8 saw our students learning how to cook a variety of healthy recipes under the leadership of volunteers Milly, Kelly, and Kevin. Our badminton team, coached by Mrs. Girdler, went to the Area tournament and had fun competing against other schools in the area. Our intermediate boys' basketball team, also coached by Mrs. Girdler, won a tournament at Legacy Public School, earning our school another banner and they are practicing hard for the upcoming Area tournament. Our grade 6 to 8 students were competing in the E.F.B.A. 4 on 4 house league basketball tournament. While competitive in nature, all players demonstrated great sportsmanship and were good to each other as the tournament went on and it was a really fun, positive experience for all participants.

We had our school's track and field meet for our students in grades 4 to 8, where the emphasis was on trying to improve on personal bests in a supportive environment. I thank Mrs. Girdler for her organizational efforts, as well as all of our staff members who spent the day outside running the various events. Without their efforts and support, the event wouldn't have been able to proceed. It was a great day for our students! Our community classes competed in two different track and field experiences, one related to the Special Olympics 2013 Games that will be happening this summer in Ontario from July 11<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup>. On both days the students had a great deal of fun competing and cheering each other on. I thank the staff in Mrs. Wascher and Ms. Robb's classes for offering our students these exciting opportunities!

One of the highlights of the month had to be the Legacy Run, a fundraising event in support of the Markham-Stouffville Hospital. The students and staff were challenged to raise \$1000 so that the school could take advantage of the \$500 Canadian Tire gift card that was being offered as an incentive. Not only did we meet our goal but we exceeded it by a great deal. We ended up raising over \$2350.00 for the hospital. The event itself was a great deal of fun with Andrew and Dr. Bear from the hospital in attendance cheering the runners on. I thank all of the students and staff who were able to make a contribution. I also thank Ms. Robb and her team for helping to organize the event. I believe this is an incredibly worthwhile endeavour as we all benefit from the amazing service that is provided when one of our family members needs support from the hospital. Well done Falcons!

It was wonderful to meet our new students coming into junior kindergarten next year as well as their families at our Kindergarten Orientation evening. The students also recently had the opportunity to come to school for part of a day to meet our teachers and to receive a Welcome to Kindergarten gift bag. We were really excited to have the opportunity to spend some time with our newest students and their parents! I thank our amazing kindergarten team for their organizational efforts in offering these important transition opportunities to our families.

The last Conversation Café of the year was very well attended with the topic being Getting Ready For Summer. 25 fun and educational experiences for families were shared, details of which can be found later in this newsletter. I thank Ms. Lowry and Ms. Kaur for their organizational efforts in planning the series of Café's that were offered throughout the school year.

Finally, it is with very mixed emotions that I share with you that it was announced at the Board meeting on June 4<sup>th</sup> that I am being transferred to Cedarwood P.S. as of Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. Changing schools is part of the renewal process for both the individual and the community and, after 8 fortunate years as principal at E.F.P.S., it is time for that to happen here. I have cherished every moment of my time at Ellen Fairclough and I leave with many amazing memories and experiences from my time working in this wonderful community. I think back to our opening year and how special that was, and then think about the wonderful students, parents, and staff who have been part of, and who have passed through, the school community over the years.

Ellen Fairclough P.S. truly is an amazing place. Recently one of our grade 8 students, unprompted, described it as being a second home for him and a place where he felt safe, valued, and respected by all. I thought that was a really nice description and one that I was proud to hear. In my last newsletter I will share a few more reflections, but please know that I am looking forward to the rest of June as many exciting events, such as the Multicultural Fair, Kindergarten Graduation, and the Grade 8 Graduation, are still to come!

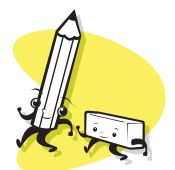
On a related note, it is my pleasure to announce that Mr. Mohamed Hamid, currently principal at Highgate P.S., will be the incoming principal at E.F.P.S. I have known Mr. Hamid for a number of years and I think very highly of him both as a person and as a principal. I know that I am leaving the school in very good hands and feel really happy about that. I also know that everyone will extend a warm Fairclough welcome to Mr. Hamid as he transitions to his new school community.

*P.Battler*

## Tentative School Organization for 2013 – 2014

Please note that this organization is tentative and changes may need to be made depending on final enrolment numbers in September.

<b>JK/SK</b>	13/12	25
<b>JK/S</b>	14/11	25
<b>JK/SK</b>	14/12	26
<b>1</b>	20	20
<b>1/2</b>	9/11	20
<b>1/2</b>	9/11	20
<b>2</b>	20	20
<b>3</b>	20	20
<b>3/4</b>	13/10	23
<b>3/4</b>	14/9	23
<b>4/5</b>	18/9	27
<b>5/6</b>	18/9	27
<b>5/6</b>	18/10	28
<b>6/7</b>	12/15	27
<b>7/8</b>	19/8	27
<b>8</b>	28	28



## Student Busing Eligibility

Did you know that students' busing eligibility changes throughout their school career? Your son/daughter's eligibility to ride the school bus may change according to their grade and distance from home to school. Below are the provisions for eligibility identified in the Board's Transportation Policy #680:

All YRDSB students in Grades JK-3 who live within 1.2 km of their school are not eligible for transportation

All YRDSB students in Grades 4-8 who live within 1.6 km of their school are not eligible for transportation

All YRDSB students in Grades 9-12 who live within a transit served area are not eligible for transportation.

To view Board Policy #680 Student Transportation, please visit [www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca](http://www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca). For more information about bus transportation and to determine your son/daughter's eligibility please visit [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com)



## Kindergarten Registration

Registration for September 2013 kindergarten students has begun. Children born in 2009 are eligible for junior kindergarten this September 2013. Children born in 2008 and are currently attending public school are eligible for senior kindergarten in September 2013.

### Documents that are required for registration are as follows:

Proof of child's age - Birth Certificate, if born in Canada.

- Passport, P.R Card of the child and parents if born outside of Canada.

### **Proof of Residency :**

If you own:

- ◆ Purchase Agreement
- ◆ Town of Markham Tax Bill

If you rent:

- ◆ Landlord/Tenant Lease Agreement

Applications cannot be accepted without these documents . For further information please call the school.



\*\*\*\*\* Please note that hand written letters will not be accepted \*\*\*\*\*

**Our preparations for the 2013 – 2014 school year are underway, and our success depends on accurate projections of the school population. If you are moving out of our school area, please complete the form below and return it to the school as soon as possible or contact the office and let us know the information requested below.**

My child(ren) \_\_\_\_\_ (name(s)),  
who is/are in currently grade(s) \_\_\_\_\_ will not be attending Ellen Fairclough Public School in  
September 2013, We will be moving to \_\_\_\_\_ (please provide name of new school: If  
known).

## Library Resource Centre News

The LRC continues to be a busy place at Ellen Fairclough. Many classes have been working on a variety of activities and as usual, our students are reading, reading, reading!

Primary Classes and our Community Class students have been coming to the library to share this year's Blue Spruce picture books. We have been enjoying various activities related to some of this year's nominated titles. Be sure to check Kate and Pippin, written from Ms. Robb and Ms. Wascher's classes. You can also read problem solving ideas written by our Grade 1 and 2 students. They were writing from Bird's perspective. After voting wraps up, we will announce the winning book at an assembly in June.

The Intermediate students were excited to hear that Wesley King won this year's Red Maple award with his novel, The Vindico. Everyone is looking forward to reading the sequel, The Feros. I have it on my book buying list for the summer!

We are getting close to the end of the school year! All books are to be returned to the library by June 14<sup>th</sup>. Students, a reminder to get your books returned on time!

## Conversation Café

On Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. 28th, we were pleased to have parents and kids participate in our session on **Getting Ready for Summer**. We used this as an opportunity to share about what's available in Markham and around the GTA. If you missed our workshop you can still get a copy of the activities sheet (**25 Fun and Educational activities for you and your child!**) in the office. You can check out the main town of Markham website to find many helpful links at: [www.markham.ca](http://www.markham.ca) The information here is available in many languages. Just click on the google translate tab in the upper right hand corner.

Thank you for joining us this year. We are always looking for new ideas and topics to cover. Please feel free to contact us at 905 294-9455 extension 229. We look forward to meeting with parents and families again in September.

**Have a great summer enjoying enriching activities with your children!**

**Mrs. Heather Lowry and Ms. Harpinder Kaur**



### May Music News

<b>Kindergarten</b>	The boys and girls in Kindergarten participated in a short musical play called "Wake Up, Little Tulip". Everyone had a turn playing an instrument and performing one of the roles.
<b>Grades 1 and 1/2</b>	The students in grades 1 and 2 are practicing their singing: diatonic scales, tongue twisters, pitch matching and songs. Their singing skills are improving steadily.
<b>Grade 2/3</b>	The modern day version of "Hansel and Gretel" has been fun for everyone. All of the groups have successfully presented their work to their peers, and have learned from each other. Congratulations to everyone!
<b>Grade 3/4</b>	The students in the 3/4 class have been concentrating on Dance this month. We have discussed and explored the Elements of Dance, and have looked at where we find dancing in our school and our community. Students are now working on group presentations.
<b>Grades 4, 4/5, and 5/6</b>	The junior students have been busy at home practicing for performance tests. All students have had several opportunities to play the assigned songs as part of their evaluation. Students have also completed written music notation assignments during class. The boys and girls have completed a variety of responses to our TSO trip: timelines outlining the history of the TSO, computer generated and hand drawn posters about the music we heard, and personal reflections. Well done, boys and girls!
<b>Grades 6/7, 7/8, and 8</b>	Our band students have all been playing individual performance tests this month. The testing has been ongoing throughout the month of May, in all three classes. Those students who listen attentively, participate purposefully, and apply the concepts taught to their practice at home have had good success. Good job, ladies and gentlemen!

### French News

May has been a busy month in room 224! Grade 4 students have started a unit about healthy living, and they will create a nutritious snack to share. The grade 5's are working on activities that share personal information with their peers. The grade 6's are sharing personal time capsules, while the grade 7's were introduced to active living and healthy eating. Grade 8's will follow two students on an "Amazing Race" through French-speaking countries around the world. June promises to be just as exciting *dans la salle de français!*

*Mme Rampartab*

### Roots of Empathy

The Theme for Roots of Empathy this month is "Who Am I?" as the students explored their feelings of empathy, compassion and attitudes towards their peers and Baby Claire's life in the future. The students created wishes for Claire, to be surrounded by others who are caring and kind, and a safe school with good friends to help her in the future, Maybe Baby Claire will be lucky enough to go to a wonderful school with great students and teachers like Ellen Fairclough.

## Getting Ready For Summer—25 Ideas And Activities

1. York Region District School Board- Summer Institute Program
2. Markham Library
3. Heritage Museum in Markham
4. Markham Parks and Recreation
5. [www.citypass.com/toronto](http://www.citypass.com/toronto) \* One ticket booklet saves 43% on admission to:
6. Casa Loma- [www.casaloma.org](http://www.casaloma.org)
7. CN tower- [www.cntower.ca](http://www.cntower.ca)
8. Metro Zoo- [www.torontozoo.com](http://www.torontozoo.com)
9. ROM- [www.rom.on.ca](http://www.rom.on.ca)
10. Science Centre- [www.ontariosciencecentre.ca](http://www.ontariosciencecentre.ca)
11. Pick your own farm- Whittamore's Farm [www.whittamoresfarm.com](http://www.whittamoresfarm.com)
12. Family farms and petting zoos- Forsythe Family Farm  
[www.forsythefamilyfarms.com](http://www.forsythefamilyfarms.com) and Lionel's Farm [www.lionelsfarm.com](http://www.lionelsfarm.com)
13. Go swimming: [www.markham.ca](http://www.markham.ca)
14. [wps/portal/Markham/RecreationCulture/ProgramsActivities/AquaticsAndSwimming](http://wps/portal/Markham/RecreationCulture/ProgramsActivities/AquaticsAndSwimming)
15. Board Games
16. Craft items- found at the dollarstore
17. Sidewalk Chalk and Bubbles- found at the dollarstore
18. Plant Flowers
19. Scotiabank CHIN Picnic- June 29-July 1st [www.scotiabankchinpicnic.com](http://www.scotiabankchinpicnic.com)
20. Black Creek Pioneer Village- Mid Century Carnival, The Greatest Show On Earth:  
July 13 & 14, July <http://www.blackcreek.ca/v2/events/carnival.dot>
21. Canadian National Exhibition (CNE)- August 16<sup>th</sup> - September 09<sup>th</sup>  
[www.theex.com](http://www.theex.com) Hot and Spicy Food Festival- August 30<sup>th</sup> -September 02<sup>nd</sup> <http://www.harbourfrontcentre.com/summer/hotandspicy>
22. Visit the waterfront: Centre Island/ Centreville: <http://www.toronto.ca/parks/island/centre-island.htm> / [www.centreisland.ca](http://www.centreisland.ca)
23. Toronto Harbourfront: [www.harbourfrontcentre.com](http://www.harbourfrontcentre.com)
24. Put on the sprinkler: Water your children while you water your garden!
25. Picnics in the park: Bruce's Mills, Too Good Pond (Unionville), Rouge Park

If you want to travel further, you can check out the tourism Ontario website:  
[www.ontariotravel.net](http://www.ontariotravel.net)



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Recreation, Culture and Library Programs Inside

## ▶ Markham Goes Mobile

### Building Markham's Future Together



Look out for the summer recreation guide, just recently delivered in your Economist and Sun Newspaper. It is full of recreation activities for you and your family. If you missed the guide, it is also available at [www.markham.ca](http://www.markham.ca). For questions about summer recreation programs, please call (905) 475-4731.”



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2013 York Region District School Board Summer Institute Programs

For Elementary Students Kindergarten to Grade 8:

The York Region District School Board's Summer Institute is a program that offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum for children and youth from Kindergarten to Grade 8.

Weekly sessions are offered at twelve elementary schools throughout the region from **July 2, 2013 to August 9, 2013.**

Program and registration information is available on the YRDSB website [www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca](http://www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca) for further information: Email: [performance-plus.si@yrdsb.edu.on.ca](mailto:performance-plus.si@yrdsb.edu.on.ca) or contact the Summer Institute office at 905-884-2046 ext. 240

Summer Institute Site	Address	Dates
Armadale P.S.	11 Coppard Ave., Markham	July 2 to Aug. 9
Crosby Heights P.S.	190 Neal Drive, Richmond Hill	July 2 to Aug. 9
Discovery P.S.	120 Discovery Trail, Maple	July 2 to Aug. 9
Lakeside P.S.	213 Shorecrest Road, Keswick	July 2 to Aug. 9
Lake Wilcox P.S.	80 Wildwood Ave., Richmond Hill	July 2 to Aug. 9
Maple Leaf P.S.	155 Longford Drive, Newmarket	July 2 to July 26
Milliken Mills P.S.	289 Risebrough Circuit, Unionville	July 2 to July 26
Oscar Peterson	850 Hoover Park Drive, Stouffville	July 2 to July 26
Prince Charles P.S.	684 Srigley Street, Newmarket	July 2 to Aug. 9
Sixteenth Avenue P.S.	400 Sixteenth Ave., Richmond Hill	July 2 to Aug. 9
Unionville Meadows P.S.	355 South Unionville Ave., Markham	July 2 to Aug. 9
Woodbridge P.S.	60 Burwick Ave., Woodbridge	July 2 to Aug. 9





## Students of the Month



At the Celebration Assembly on May 31<sup>st</sup>, the character trait of “**Responsibility**” was highlighted as was the following statement from our Touchstone: “**At Ellen Fairclough, as a living school, we take responsibility for our actions. We learn from our mistakes.**” The following students were recognized for their positive contributions to school life and for “Living the Touchstone”.

JK/SK Ms. Sutherland  
JK/SK Ms. Dolabjian  
JK/SK Mrs. Mascoll  
Gr.1 Mrs. Clark  
Gr.1/2 Mrs. Sivarajah  
Gr.1/2 Ms. Ginsler  
Gr.2/3 Ms. Persaud  
Gr.2/3 Mrs. Scott  
Gr.3/4 Mrs. Crawford  
Gr.4 Mrs. Vivian  
Gr.4/5 Mrs. D’souza  
Gr.5/6 Ms. Pang  
Gr.6/7 Mrs. Girdler  
Gr.7/8 Mr. Andersen  
Gr.8 Mrs. Hughes  
Mrs. Wascher  
Ms. Robb  
Mme. Rampartab  
Mrs. Partch  
Mrs. Beckford  
Mrs. Walji  
Mr. Vitella

Bavushana S, Rowena A.  
Hadi R, Rithikha K , Sakena H.  
Ashvitha M, Haider J.  
Basit K, Yousef S, Arushan U.  
Diluxykaa P, Ameen S, Arian S.  
Manav K, Omar S.  
Amrinder B, Humza H, Harrish J.  
Veondre M, Jebira P, Adya P.  
Bonisa N, Shehryar A.  
Dominic L, Harish N, Jirosh B, Vasu P.  
Anmol Preet K, Kushvir S, Amna F.  
Rahulan S, Geerthan K, Vishali S.  
Shehryar N, Peravina S, Zaid K.  
Nivatha N, Salman I, Kaarusan S, Branavy B.  
Thiviya T, Arjun S, Maarya H, Ameen M.  
Harmonie H, Joanne C, Gajahnany S.  
Nathan C.  
Hassan T, Riya P, Vicky T.  
Manav K, Praageeth L, Radha P.  
Yathoo V .  
Safiyah M.  
Jamal N, Somesh J, Amanda P.

**Congratulations to all! Keep showing that FALCON spirit!**

The character trait of **Optimism** will be highlighted in the month of June. The focus Touchstone statement that will be highlighted is “We have the spirit to try, and the courage to fly”.

“Whoever is happy will make others happy, too.”—Anne Frank

“Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.”—Mother Teresa

“Everything that is done in the world is done by hope.”— Martin Luther



# June 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3 Gr. 3 & 6 EQAO Administration.	4 Gr. 3 & 6 EQAO Administration.  CanBike Tune Ups	5 Friday on all Timetables.  Gr. 3 & 6 EQAO Administration (Make Up day)  Pizza Lunch	6 Area Tournament Intermediate Boys Basketball.  Special Olympics Day.  Kindergarten classes to the Zoo.  Last day of Extended Library Hours	7 P.A Day No School for students.	8 
9	10 CanBike. (grades 2-8)  Area Track and Field Meet.  Fairclough's Got Talent Auditions (12:00-1:00 p.m.)	11 Area Track and Field Meet (Rain date).  Gr. 3's to Pioneer Village.  Community Classes to Safety Village.	12 Gr. 1-3 Fire Safety Visit.  Multicultural Fair. (5:00 p.m.)	13 Fairclough's Got Talent Auditions (12:00-1:00 p.m.)  The NED Show Yo-Yo Presentation (1:30 pm)	14 Gr. 8,s Field Trip.  Primary Play Day. (p.m.)  Library Books should be returned by today please.	15
16 	17 Gr. 6 VIP presentation	18 Grades 1 and 2 students to Green Acres Farm  VIP presentations: Gr. 8 Volunteer  Appreciation Tea (2:45-3:45 p.m.) - in library .	19 Pizza Lunch.  Regional Track and Field @ Stouffville	20 VIP presentations: Gr. 3 & 7.	21 Primary Play Day (a.m.)  Fairclough's Got Talent (1:00 pm) <small>National Aboriginal Day</small>	22
23 	24 Gr. 6 VIP Presentation.	25 Gr. 6 VIP presentation.  Character Assembly (10:20 a.m.)	26 Gr. 6 VIP Presentation.  Grade 8 Graduation - 5:30 p.m.  Term 2 report cards sent home.	27 Last day of school - dismissal at 11:10 a.m.	28 P.A Day	29 
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