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News from the Office

To all of our Mount Joy families, we wish you a very Happy New Year! With the change of the calendar comes the opportunity to reflect upon achievements from the year that has passed, and to set new goals for the year ahead. We look forward to the continued pleasure of working alongside you and your family in the service of your child's academic and social-emotional well-being.

As we begin 2015, we have a few staffing changes that we would like to share with you. Mrs. Grech has returned from her maternity leave and is excited to be meeting her Grade 4 class. We thank Mr. Liu for his service, and wish him well in his future endeavours. Ms. Kumabe has returned from her assignment with the Research Department, and is excited to be working with the intermediate community class. We would like to thank Mr. Morris for his dedication to this class throughout the fall term, and are happy that he will continue to serve the Mount Joy school community in a new role. We would also like to thank Ms. Trabucco for her hard work and commitment to the students of Mount Joy, and we wish her well in her career.

It was a pleasure to have so many of you join us at our first ever Family Math Night on December 18. The evening was an exciting opportunity to bring mathematics alive for families. We hope that you had a chance to try our "Escape It" room adventures where families worked together to solve math problems to escape the mysterious classrooms of Old Miss Crabtree. There were also many math games, computer applications, and math stories to help us spread the message that, indeed, MATH IS FUN! We hope to make this an annual event.

Once again, happy New Year!
Mr. Pettigrew & Mrs. Di Stefano

Please Join Us For **Snuggle Up & Read Night**

For Families with Children in Grades K-2


Thursday, January 29th

6:30-8:00 pm

Come and enjoy the wonders of reading with your children and partake in an exciting evening of early literacy activities!

In the coming weeks, you will hear more about our Family Literacy Night, which we will host on Thursday, January 29. This event will be for families of students in Kindergarten through Grade 2. Stay tuned for more information.

We look forward to seeing you!

 **Principal:** Mr. Ken Pettigrew
Vice Principal: Mrs. Christina Di Stefano
EOAA: Ms. Alison Meechan
Secretary: Ms. Nuria Costa
Trustee: Mr. Allan Tam
Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Dan Wu
School Council Chairs: Ms. Anita Jarchow
Ms. Karen Ngai

Family Math Night At Mount Joy



Math Homework Help



As part of the Ministry's Provincial eLearning Strategy, the Ontario Ministry of Education and the Independent Learning Centre launched a new project called **Homework Help**. All Ontario Mathematics students enrolled in Gr. 7 – 10 have access to this resource, including **many new features and online resources**.

Students log on to Homework Help and using an interactive chat room, they can obtain personalized tutoring from a certified Ontario Mathematics teacher. Chats take place Sunday to Thursday evenings from 5:30 – 9:30 pm. **Homework Help is no cost, live, and anonymous.**

Registration Information

Students may register using their Ontario Education Number (OEN)* and Date of Birth at homeworkhelp.ilc.org.

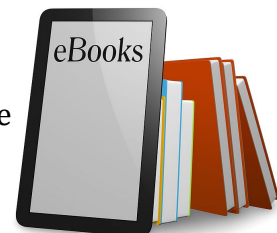
Literacy News

It's hard to believe that the first half of the school year has already gone by. With the Winter break over, we want to start the New Year off right with a resolution to bring literacy alive at home. Listed below are a number of websites that you can use with your child. Also included are activities that are fun, engaging and fit in with the holiday spirit.

Websites

www.raz-kids.com

RAZ Kids is an online-guided reading program with interactive eBooks, downloadable books, and reading quizzes. It is fun and interactive and geared towards our primary readers. Students already have accounts and passwords to access their accounts.



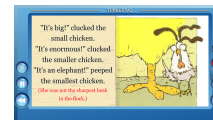
www.currents4kids.com

Currents4Kids is an online social studies resource and learning tool featuring weekly articles about important news stories. This Canadian online resource empowers students to understand and explore current events around the world. The site encourages non-fiction reading that helps build students' vocabulary and background information.

www.tumblebooks.com

Tumblebooks is your answer to building reading, math and multiple literacy skills. Tumblebooks has over 1000 titles and is perfect for those students in K-6. The collections also provide enrichment to students who are reading independently with a variety of high interest material. It also provides support to students who require skill building with a variety of exercises that can be matched with other areas of the curriculum.

Login: mountjoy
Password: books

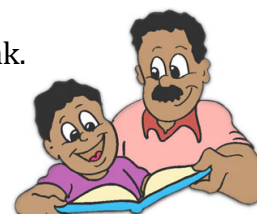


www.newsinlevels.com

This is an on-line newspaper aimed at those students who may need some practice with reading non-fiction texts or for those new to the English language. The website is updated daily with news stories that can be viewed in 4 different reading levels (from more picture based Level 0 to basic vocabulary Level 3). Moreover, the website also has a feature to listen to the article read to you as you follow along.

Post Holiday Activities

- Create a recount of the holiday break (Oral, Written, Illustrated)
- Did you make a delicious meal this break? Explain how to make it again by creating a procedural writing piece (Oral, Written, Illustrated).
- Create a conversation about some of the books you read over the break.
 - Favourite part of the story
 - Character you liked or connected with
 - Main Idea/Author's Message
- Write a poem about part of your holiday break or about your holiday
- Write letters or thank you cards for any parties you attended or gifts you may have received



Community Tea



Join us in the Library for some coffee/tea and treats on Friday, January 30th at 8 am and find out what's happening at Mount Joy!



Our School Council has just initiated a monthly Family Tea inviting all parents, grandparents, and guardians. This is an opportunity for families to meet and mingle, to share ideas, to ask questions, and to find out more about the role of School Council in the life of Mount Joy.

Reminder that the **Fundscrip** campaign is still active and it's an easy way to support our students at Mount Joy. You can register at www.fundscrip.com using our invitation code **JXK336**.

For more information on school council or to be added to our distribution list, please email mountjoyvolunteers@gmail.com.



Spot Light on Student Voice





Family Math Night

By Emily Cianferro and Dillani Wijendran

On December the 18th, 2014 our school hosted our first ever Family Math Night. Our families and the students of our school were greeted with live music organized by Mrs. Coote, our school music teacher. We then were able to play various games with one thing in common, math! The game we were most interested in was the Escape It room. We were super excited to go inside. Once inside the room you had 15 minutes to solve four problems, with each answer we got a combination that would unlock one of four padlocks. Once we solved all four problems and unlocked the box we got a key that allowed us to exit the room. We also enjoyed playing beanbag toss, and guessing how many candies and school supplies were in each jar at the front of the school, the closest guesses won prizes. We would definitely recommend that you come to Math Night next year! We think that you will love all the games and math challenges that the school puts on for you, your friends and your family to enjoy!



January 2015

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
5 First Day Back from Winter Break	6	7 <i>Pizza Day</i> 	8	9
12	13 <i>School Council Meeting 6:30 pm</i>	14 <i>Pizza Day</i> 	15	16 <i>PA DAY</i>
19	20	21 <i>Pizza Day</i> 	22	23
26	27 <i>Sushi Day</i>	28 <i>Pizza Day</i> 	29 <i>Subway Day</i>	30 <i>Community Tea 8:00 am in the Library</i>

Looking ahead to February

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
2	3 <i>Sushi Day</i> <i>School Council Meeting 6:30 pm</i>	4 <i>Pizza Day</i> 	5 <i>Subway Day</i>	6
9	10 <i>Grad Photos</i>  <i>Sushi Day</i>	11 <i>Pizza Day</i> 	12 <i>Reports Go Home</i> <i>Subway Day</i>	13



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