



News from the Office

It is hard to believe that we are entering our last full month of the school year. Of course, from the weather, you would never believe that it was spring. But, here we are, in May, and we continue to have so many wonderful things going on around Mount Joy. This month, we said good-bye to Mrs. Wang, who has left for some well-needed rest in preparation of the arrival of her new baby, who is due in June. We also welcomed back Mrs. Larouche, who will be taking on Mrs. Wang's kindergarten class with Mrs. Vardy. Welcome back!

As we begin to look to next year, we invite you to share with us your thoughts regarding the best placement for your child for September. We ask you to consider the conditions under which you feel your child will best flourish. We cannot accept specific teacher requests, as staffing models change. However, we do appreciate your advice on class and instructional approaches that you feel are most conducive to your child's learning. Please put your thoughts into a letter, and address the letter to Mr. Pettigrew. In order to assist us in the class placement process, we would need all such letters submitted by Friday May 23.

We also ask if you could please send us a note if you know that you will be moving over the summer and that your child will not be returning to Mount Joy in the fall. This information will help us in making decisions as we prepare to assign students to new classes for next year. Thank you for your assistance.

MOUNT JOY COMMUNITY NIGHT

Wednesday June 11th, 2014
6:00 — 8:00

We invite you all to join us on WEDNESDAY JUNE 11 at our COMMUNITY NIGHT. Our staff and students will be hosting a number of wonderful activities that highlight the great things that take place here at Mount Joy each and every day. The evening will be run by student leaders, and will be supported through the generosity of the School Council and the volunteerism of staff and community members. On this special evening, there will be family sports games, arts performances, an arts show, active games, prizes, henna tattoos, martial arts demonstrations, and so much more. The festivities begin at 6:00 and will run until 8:00. We look forward to seeing you there.

Have a wonderful May!

Mr. Pettigrew & Ms. Brndiar

Principal: Mr. Ken Pettigrew
Vice Principal: Ms. Carolyn Brndiar
SOAA: Ms. Alison Fenson
Secretary: Ms. Shenaz Sunderani



Superintendent of Schools: Mr. Dan Wu
Trustee: Mr. Allan Tam
School Council Chair: Mr. Kevin Martin



Library News

The library has been a busy place this spring. We have enjoyed hosting many children in the library for clubs, quiet reading or book sharing, homework and research projects. Most of all, we have enjoyed having conversations with students about all of the books they have read, old and new. We hope to keep this excitement up over the next two months, as the school year comes to an end. One way that we would like to encourage summer reading is through our connections with the Markham Public Library (Cornell, Markham and Angus Glen branches). The library will be visiting our school this month to provide students with an opportunity to get a library card for their summer reading. Imagine all of the wonderful experiences you can have with your children at the library this summer. Reading throughout July and August is a great way to connect with your children, encourage a love of reading and spend time as a family. It is also an important factor in keeping students engaged and learning over the summer. The research is clear that children who don't read during the summer can lose many months of hard work and progress in reading. Registrations will be available within the next few weeks and will be sent home with all students.

Upcoming Dates in the Library

Week of May 5th: Final Forest of Reading Votes June 5: Last day to take out books

Week of June 9th: Scholastic Book Fair June 13: All library books must be returned

Happy Reading,

Mrs. Horsley and Mrs. Gorman



Together We're Better Conference

Written By: Lucky

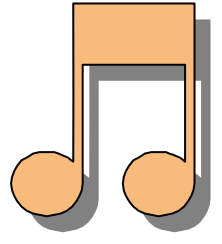
On April 24th 2014, several grade 7 and 8 students attended a student conference at Bill Crothers Secondary School. The grade 8 students who attended were Darren, Joey, Luxshikka and Piranavan. The grade 7 students who attended were Lillian, Jathikka and Abdul. This conference was about equality and inclusivity and it was called "Together We're Better" conference. Several other schools also attended this conference that has been going on for 21 years, encouraging students everywhere to create a positive and safe learning environment.

At this conference we learned about several things. We started off our day with a very interesting performance by some First Nations people who talked about Turtle Island. We continued our day by breaking into small groups visiting one of twenty workshops set up around the school. Each workshop discussed a topic related to equality and inclusivity, for example, Gender Equality. We were each able to attend 2 workshops and by the end of the day, we had a lot to tell each other. We all learned a great deal from this conference and it also gave us a deeper understanding of certain issues in the world such as bullying. As we were packing up to return back to school, we could not wait to share what we had learned with our other classmates and teachers, but, we were also disappointed to leave. Overall, the conference was an amazing experience and we would like to thank Mr. Berger for giving us this opportunity!



Music Notes

Congratulations to our Mount Joy Band for their superb performance at Music Alive in March. Our group of 40 hard working instrumentalists have been practicing since October and performing at Mount Joy assemblies throughout the year. At the festival the band represented Mount Joy admirably and received a Gold Standard. In addition to our ensemble, 10 Mount Joy band members also participated in the Markham Area Band which performed at 10 elementary schools in our east area. Congratulations to Lillian, Jathushika, Eric, Steven, Puja, Sanjana, Varsha, Izabela, Patricia and Alyssa for their commitment to making great music. Next up for the band is participation in the Wonderland Music Festival on May 28. Watch for us to perform here at Mount Joy during our community night on June 121.



Junior Girls Basketball

For the past 2 months our junior girls basketball team has practiced extremely hard to prepare for their area tournament. The girls learned to work together as a team and used tournaments and exhibition games to further their skills culminating in a very successful area tournament on April 24th at Sam Chapman P.S. The girls showed amazing sportsmanship and exceptional teamwork throughout the tournament leading to a 4th place finish. Congratulations to all the girls and we look forward to next year!



Junior Boys Basketball



Congratulations to the Junior Boys Basketball team! The season was extremely short, however, the boys never gave up. It was a privilege and pleasure to coach the boys and see them grow as a team. They trained with dedication and intensity and improved their basketball skills. The boys left the area tournament with a win against James Robinson Public School. Although the season has come to an end, the boys have an upcoming scrimmage against Wismer Public School. Go Mount Joy!

FEED THE DEED

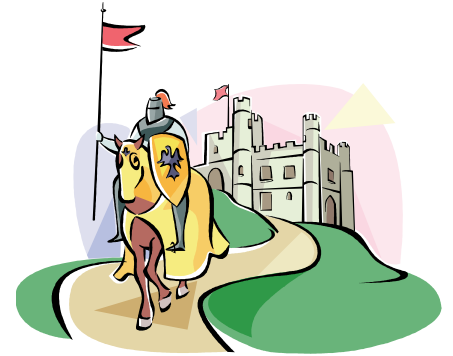
Hello everyone! It's Lucky and I'm Mubeen from Ms. Braiantsis' class. We are here to write to you about Feed the Deed. As most of you already know, our class got nominated by Ms. Surani and Mr. Graham's class. Once we were nominated we went straight to work and brainstormed potential ideas. In the end, we came upon the decision to raise money for Greensborough's Grade 8 graduation. Not only that, we decided to personally walk over and give it to them. We raised over \$50, and during our literacy block on Monday, we walked over to Greensborough to deliver our donation. They gladly accepted it and they promised to continue "Feed the Deed" at their school. Now our class would like to nominate Mr. Sennema's class. Good luck guys and let's see what you can do!



MEDIEVAL TIMES

In our class, we learned about medieval times! The medieval time period was in between the 500's and 1500's. A lot of things have changed from the 500's to the 1500's, like the castles. First the castles were built out of wood and the towers were square. Sadly, the wooden castles were not very protective, even though they were easy to build. You could not see enemies around the corner when on the square towers. So then the knights returning from battles gave new ideas from the castles they attacked. They then developed stone castles, which had very thick walls and round towers. The castles were very cool back then!

Guess what else a castle needed? Knights! Knights were armored defenders and attackers! They served their lord or king. The knights had to go through a specific process before they could become a knight. First they started up as a page. The pages started training at the age of 7 and served the lord and lady meals. Then they became squires at the age of 14. They practiced fighting with real weapons. They also served a knight by taking care of his horse and polishing his armor. They then became a knight at the age of 21. At the dubbing ceremony they were dubbed either by the knight who trained them, their father, or even the king! When they became a knight they had to learn the code of chivalry. They had to be loyal to their king or lord. The medieval time period was really cool!



Written by: Arwen and Dillani

Support Our Mabel's Labels Fundraiser!

We are one step closer to eliminating our lost and found! Mount Joy Public School is fundraising with Mabel's Labels, the leading provider of cute, durable personalized labels that are as tough as they are cute.

Sticky Labels, Peel and Stick Clothing Labels, Bag Tags, Allergy Alert labels & more... there's a label for everything your kiddo brings for the day.

Personalize your labels with names, initials, phone numbers - whatever you choose. Cool icons help even little ones identify their own belongings.

Dishwasher, microwave, laundry safe and kid tested! Easy, online ordering gets your labels dispatched within one business day to your door.

Visit <http://www.mountjoy.mabelslabels.com/> to place your order while helping us raise funds.



Literacy News

Today a reader, tomorrow a leader.

-Margaret Fuller

As we finally start to move into spring, there is an electric energy in the air at Mount Joy. The students and teachers have been working hard to channel this energy into meaningful opportunities for discussion. Some classes have been continuing their work on creating positive talk communities. An effective talk community is one that engages students, builds on one idea at a time, and promotes positive ways for students to agree and disagree with each other. Many of the strategies practiced in class can be further reinforced at home.

- sitting face-to-face when talking
- maintaining eye contact
- look interested in what is being said
- stay on topic
- ask the speaker questions
- agree and disagree in a polite way, and give reasons for your ideas
- give lots of personal examples to support your ideas



EQAO Assessment



The grade 3 and 6 students will soon be taking part in the Education Quality and Accountability Office's (EQAO's) Assessment of Reading, Writing and Math. Grade 6 students will be writing from Mon. May 26—Wed. May 28, 2014 and the Grade 3 students will be writing from Mon. June 2—Wed. June 4, 2014. Please do not book any appointments for your child during the three days as students must complete the entire assessment. Thank you.

Grade 8 Graduation

This year's Grade 8 Graduation will be on Wednesday, June 25, 2014. The ceremony will begin at 5:45p.m. Please mark this date in your calendars. Grade 8 parents, more information will follow.



Dress Code

At school, we strive to create an effective and safe learning environment that supports mutual respect, social and emotional growth. It is important that students dress appropriately for the task of learning. Clothing which demonstrates respect for self and others is expected at all times. During the warm weather, when it gets here, students are expected to wear something comfortable but appropriate for a school setting. Crop tops, spaghetti straps, short shorts, tube tops, spandex, muscle shirts or any clothing that is transparent or contains offensive words, symbols or messages is not suitable for school wear. Tops should be long enough to completely cover the stomach and lower back areas. No undergarments should be visible. Staff members will require students who have chosen inappropriate dress to change into something more acceptable.



Unionville Meadows Summer Institute

Ride the summer adventure with us!



AVAILABLE AT THIS LOCATION

AVAILABLE AT THIS SITE

- optional lunch
- extended child care (a separate YMCA registration form is required)

During the literacy block, students are engaged in fun and enriching learning activities that address reading, writing, media and oral communication expectations from the Ministry of Education curriculum documents under the supervision of YRDSB Teachers and Administrators.

During the activity block, students are engaged in purposeful, intentional learning which is embedded within the following electives:

- Actor's studio
- Ball Hockey
- Comic Book Wizard
- Cricket
- DigiArt
- Field Invaders
- Music Mix
- Naturally Curious
- Racquet Sports
- Ready, Set, Cook
- Rock Hounds
- Simple Machines
- Soccer
- Sportacular Fun
- Street Ball
- Tech World
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Visual Arts
- Wacky Science World



Weekly out trips for **Clubhouse & Words Alive** students at no additional cost!

Weekly Outdoor Education trips will be taken to Bruce's Mill!



Contact Information:

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Cost for YRDSB student:

\$115
per
week



May

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<i>May is Asian South-Asian Heritage Month</i>			1	2
5 <i>Music Monday</i> <i>(Lunch from 12:00-1:05)</i>	6 <i>School Council Meeting</i> <i>6:30p.m.</i> Sub Day	7 <i>Pizza Day</i> 	8	9
12	13 <i>Sub Day</i> 	14 <i>Pizza Day</i> Gauss Math Contest <i>(Gr. 7 & 8)</i>	15 <i>Henna Hand Art</i>	16
19 <i>Victoria Day</i> <i>(No School)</i>	20 <i>Sub Day</i> Cricket Game	21 Welcome to Kindergarten <i>(6:00-8:00pm)</i> <i>Pizza Day</i>	22 Leave for Niagara Falls <i>(Grade 8's)</i> <i>Cricket Game</i>	23 Return from Niagara Falls
26 <i>EQAO (Grade 6)</i>	27 <i>EQAO (Grade 6)</i>	28 <i>EQAO (Grade 6)</i> Pizza Day <i>Band at Wonderland</i>	29	30

Looking ahead to June

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 <i>EQAO (Grade 3)</i>	3 <i>EQAO (Grade 3)</i> School Council Meeting <i>6:30p.m.</i>	4 <i>EQAO (Grade 3)</i> Pizza Day	5	6 <i>P.A. Day</i> <i>(No School)</i>
9	10	11 <i>Pizza Day</i> Mount Joy Community Night (6-8pm)	12	13



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