

Nellie McClung P.S.



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With February as Initiative Month at Nellie McClung P.S. we are optimistic that your children and our students display the necessary initiative to engage in a successful second term. Routines are firmly established, expectations have been laid out, additional learning opportunities provided in order to support student efforts. The staff cannot do this alone. We ask for your continued support in our learning partnership. Check for notes in the agenda, read class newsletters, Moodles and Emodos to see what's been covered in class, check timelines for assignments, projects, quizzes or tests and provide a quiet uninterrupted learning environment at home for work completion and test preparation. With Term 1 reports just around the corner, Wednesday February 15, 2012, the "push towards the finish line" has already commenced!



NMPS Literacy

Reading is more than sounding out the words. Understanding what is read involves making connections between print and the reader's experiences. Good readers use a variety of strategies to make meaning from print. Sounding out words may be difficult for some readers.

Throughout the year, students will engage in reading fiction and non-fiction materials where inferencing skills are practiced and reinforced. Children are asked to explain both explicit and implicit understanding of what they've read. Inferencing can be a challenging reading strategy to master. As you read with your child at home, have discussions about hidden information as well as make realistic predictions to help build your child's inferring skills.

Math Resources

Print Resource
<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/document/brochure/earlymath/index.html#how>

Video Resource
http://www.ted.com/talks/dan_meyer_math_curriculum_makeover.html

NMPS Mathematics

Instruction in mathematics must emphasize conceptual understanding and not just procedural knowledge. Students who are assigned activities that emphasize only the rote acquisition of procedures (procedural knowledge) without promoting an active understanding of the concepts underlying such procedures are at a disadvantage, especially in the later grades, when they encounter more abstract concepts. If mathematics becomes nothing but procedures, students attain only a superficial understanding – one that, over time, may disappear completely.

Report Cards

The report card represents evidence of student learning that has been gathered from September to the end of January. Your child's teachers has written clear, personalized comments to provide meaningful feedback about your child as a learner. Space is provided at the bottom of pages three and four to identify steps for improvement together with your child. **Please return the double-sided tear-off form to your child's classroom teacher to go into his/her Ontario Student Record(OSR).**



Council News

Congratulations to Maria and Sonia from our School Council who led our first Family Movie Night. It was a huge success as the turnout was high and the students were engaged. Students and parents need to do a better job of picking up their own garbage and pre-ordering their pizza.

All parents are welcome to our next School Council Meetings scheduled for Wednesday, February 29th and Monday, March 26th at 6:30 p.m. in the library.

Upcoming Dates

- Feb.2....School Council Movie night
- Feb.2.....Groundhog Day
- Feb.3.....P.A. Day
- Feb.3.....Registration Begins
- Feb.10, 13, 14.....JK/SK Field Trip
- Feb.14.....Report Cards go home
- Feb.20.....Holiday "Family Day"
- Feb.28...Gr. 4/5's Scientists in School
- Feb.29...Character Assembly "Initiative"
- Feb.29.....School Council Meeting
- Mon/Wed/Thurs.....Milk Days
- Nov.30-Mar.7(Wed's only).....Pizza Day

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NMPS Character Committee



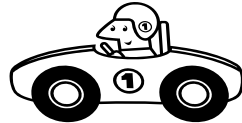
Thank you to Mr. Birenbaum (right), new vice principal at Forrest Run P.S., for working with us to create our Touchstone.

NMPS School Touchstone

At Nellie McClung our voices are heard
Multiculturalism and diversity sculpt the face of our community
Through our eyes we appear different, but deep down we are all the same
We are responsible for our actions, words, and learning
The world is our home; we treat it with kindness and respect
We are a second family and accept people for who they are
Bullying is not an option
We are global citizens, believing one school can make a difference
Setting our own standards and striving to surpass them is our road to success
We cherish all the possibilities
There are no limits
Like Nellie McClung, we believe in standing up for what's right

WE ARE THE MAVERICKS!!

Do you drive your child to or from school?



Please continue to slow down and be respectful of one another in the parking lot. **It is not acceptable to block others in, take up multiple spaces or park in a way that prevents the safe passage of other people or cars.** A gentle reminder safety is ALL our responsibility, so please report any concerns or potential hazards to the office immediately.



Initiative



We act without being prompted by others. We are eager to do what needs to be done without having to be told to do it. We take the first step towards the achievement of a goal!

Inside Shoes

Please consider footwear that can be reserved for indoor wear only (usually running shoes). This will help keep feet dry and warm and the classrooms clean. Wheely shoes are not permitted at school.



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SAFE ARRIVAL FOR STUDENTS

It is important that students arrive on time before the bell in order to be in class for attendance. Attendance is taken at 9:10 a.m. and students who are not present will be marked absent and a phone call is made home. If your child is going to be late or absent from school, please **CALL THE SCHOOL AT 905-303-8113 AND PRESS 6 TO LEAVE A MESSAGE ON THE ATTENDANCE LINE.** Please include the students full name, teacher name, and the reason for the absence. Parents and visitors must report to the office when entering the school. Every visitor is asked to sign-in and wear a visitor's badge. If your child is being picked up by someone else other than parents/guardians, the office requires a note or a phone call with the name of the person coming into the school.

Your Comments, Concerns or Compliments....

If you have any comments or suggestions about our school, please write in the space below.

Comments:

Please print your name and your child's name in the space provided.

Parent's Name

Child's Name

Grade

Teacher

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Help your children with their abc123s using online videos

Every day at school, your children learn important skills. As a parent, you can help develop and strengthen those skills by encouraging your children to apply what they've learned in the classroom to regular activities at home and in the community.

Pointing out words on signs or buildings helps children practice their reading and learn new words. A trip to the grocery store provides a great opportunity for a math and vocabulary lesson. Your refrigerator can act as a central learning zone where you post puzzles or games.

To complement these activities, a series of video podcasts is now available online at **ontario.ca/abc123**. These videos will help you identify lots of ways to support and develop your child's reading, writing and math skills. They are aimed at parents of children from preschool through Grade 6, and feature real families just like yours, learning together through everyday activities.

New videos will be posted every month and are available in English and in French.

All you need to watch the video podcasts is a computer with a media player, such as Windows Media. You can watch the videos online on the abc123 website, or download them to your computer for future viewing. You can even put them on a mobile device, like an iPod, with video capabilities and watch them on the go!

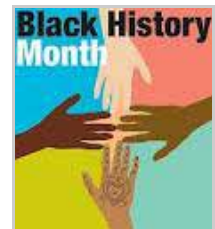
Complete instructions about how to download the videos are available at **ontario.ca/abc123**.

Besides the video podcasts, the abc123 website offers tip sheets and guides for parents who want to help their children improve their skills in reading, writing and math. These tips and guides are available in English and French, as well as:

Arabic	Portuguese
Simplified and Traditional Chinese	Spanish
Farsi	Tagalog
Hindi	Tamil
Korean	Urdu
Punjabi	Vietnamese

February is African Heritage Month

Throughout the month, daily morning announcements will celebrate the significant contributions that African Americans and Black Canadians have made and are making to our rich ethnic diversity. Teachers will continue to incorporate equitable and inclusive instructional resources from a variety of perspectives. Students from Mrs. Feldman's class present a play about Rosa Parks to our Junior and Intermediate students on Friday February 24th . The time of the performance is 11:15 a.m. All parents are welcome.



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Sunday Jan 29	Monday Jan 30	Tuesday Jan 31	Wednesday Feb 1st	Thursday 2nd	Friday 3rd	Saturday 4th
			Pizza Day Milk Day	Milk Day School Council Movie Night Groundhog Day	PA Day Registration Begins	
Sunday 5th	Monday 6th	Tuesday 7th	Wednesday 8th	Thursday 9th	Friday 10th	Saturday 11th
	Milk Day		Pizza Day Milk Day	Milk Day	JK/SK Field Trip (Safety Village)	
Sunday 12th	Monday 13th	Tuesday 14th	Wednesday 15th	Thursday 16th	Friday 17th	Saturday 18th
	Milk Day JK/SK Field Trip (Safety Village)	JK/SK Field Trip (Safety Village) Reports Cards go home	Pizza Day Milk Day	Milk Day	School Council Potluck	
Sunday 19th	Monday 20th	Tuesday 21st	Wednesday 22nd	Thursday 23rd	Friday 24th	Saturday 25th
	Holiday Family Day	Valentine's Day	Pizza Day Milk Day	Milk Day	Black History Month Assembly (Gr. 4-8, 11:15)	
Sunday 26th	Monday 27th	Tuesday 28th	Wednesday 29th	Thursday Mar 1	Friday Mar 2	Saturday Mar3
	Milk Day	Scientists in the School Gr. 4/5's	Pizza Day Milk Day "Initiative" Char- acter Assembly Gr. 1-3 2:00 p.m. Gr. 4-8 2:40 p.m. School Council Meeting			