

# Nellie McClung P.S.



## Administrator's Message

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**“We cherish all the possibilities, there are no limits”**

This is a line taken from our school touchstone (see page 2) and it reflects our January character trait, optimism.

### **Celebrating our success....through athletics**

Recently the Jr. mixed volleyball team completed their regular and post seasons. The team participated in a mini tournament where we hosted Anne Frank P.S. and Bakersfield Public school.. At the area tournament, the volleyball team finished in an impressive 3<sup>rd</sup> place. All Jr. members on the volleyball team displayed great sportsmanship and dedication throughout the course of their season. Overall, the team enjoyed great success and are looking forward to another great season next school year.

The Intermediate Boys basketball team had a season to remember. They practiced 4 times a week, often twice a day, to refine their skills in order to reach their full potential. Each member of the team always played for his teammate and constantly encouraged one another to become the best player possible. The Intermediate boys' team is one of the most successful Nellie McClung sports teams ever.

Some of the highlights of the season included winning 2nd place at the Forest Run invitational tournament. During all exhibition games, the team finished with a proud 10 wins and 3 losses.

The team carried on their regular season successes into their playoff semi-final games, to face Bakersfield P.S. in the final. The boys showed their willingness to play together and defeated Bakersfield by a score of 28 to 21. Winning the Area Qualifier tournament gave Nellie McClung an automatic birth into the second round of playoff matchups. Again, the boys played an inspiring tournament at the Area Finals and finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place after losing a heart breaker matchup by 7 points. The team finished the season with an incredible round at the Area Qualifier tournament. After winning their first three round robin games, the boys easily breezed through their quarter-final and overall record of 21 wins and 6 losses.

Congratulations!

Thank you to Mrs. Short, Mrs. Feldman, Mr. Raha, Mr. Gerson and Mr. Bartolomeo for coaching these very successful student athletes.  
**GO MAVERICKS GO!**

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**Superintendent: C. La Touche**

**Trustee: L. Aversa**

### **Daylight Savings**

Saturday, March 8th, 2015

### **March Break Begins**

Mon., Mar. 16th - Fri., Mar. 20th

### **EQAO Testing for Grade 3 students**

May 25 to June 5/2015



### **Upcoming Dates**

- Mar.13.....PA Day (No School)
- Mar.16-20.....March Break
- Mar. 30/31.....Lice Squad
- Mar.24.....Hep B/HPV shots (7&8)
- Mar.25.....Grad Photos
- Apr 02.....Crazy Hair Day
- Apr 03.....Good Friday( no school)
- Apr 06...Easter Monday (no school)

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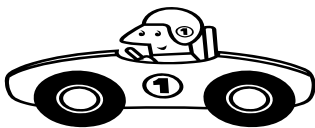
## ECO TIP

*Save on trees, money and reduce waste by using cloth towels for cleaning and drying items, instead of using paper towels.*



## 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.



We are global citizens, believing one school can make a difference.

## 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**

## Lost and Found

Our lost and found boxes are still full! Whether your child has lost some valuable clothing items or not, please take a moment to drop into the school and take a look at the lost items. **March 4th to 6th everything will be displayed in the front lobby all unclaimed items will then be donated to a local charity.**

## Thank You From the Office

Thank you to all those who continue to phone the school when your child is ill or will be late. This allows us to concentrate on those students who are absent without notification. As we know you will agree, every second counts when a child is missing!

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# Honour Roll Awards

Term 1 2014-15

*Congratulations to the following students who received **Honour Roll with Excellent (or 5 excellent but one Good) in Learning Skills***

Grade 1

Paige T  
Sloane Z

Grade 6

Aidan M  
Liza P

Grade 2

Yuli S  
Emma S  
Lily W  
Jordan R  
Emma S  
Isabella S  
Jackson B  
Ilana M  
Julian C  
Joseph C  
Sadie G  
Jordyn B

Grade 7

Leona T  
Kaitlin Y  
Eden L  
Daniel J  
Libby A  
Jerah G

Grade 3

Leah S  
Eman K  
Agam L

Grade 8

Chelsea K  
Julia K  
Martin T  
Danielle Z  
Micaela H  
Nicole P  
Kelly G  
Maysa A  
Rebecca A  
Michal F  
Sabina G  
Tatyana G  
Andrew H

Grade 4

Jaden S  
Maria T  
Cate W  
Shani S  
Ava W  
Naomi R  
Lauren B  
Mishel F  
Alison K  
Maya G

Grade 5

Milena T  
Katerina S  
Jake S

*Congratulations to the following students who received **Honour Roll with a mark of 79.9 % or higher in Math:***

Grade 6

Liza P  
Noah B  
Aidan M  
Adi S  
Benjamin F  
Lucas H  
Brandon L

Grade 7

Emily S  
Yoni S  
Alex A  
Owen H  
Jonathan A  
Daniel A  
Libby A  
Jerah G  
Daniel M  
Eden L  
Leona T  
Kaitlin Y  
Daniel J

Grade 8

Elena O  
Nicole P  
Julia K  
Jonas H  
Micaela H  
Chelsea K  
Benli R  
Adam S  
Daniele Z  
Andrew H  
Seena Z  
Martin T  
Yahalom Z  
Matan S  
Filip B  
Anna B  
Ian B  
Yashar B  
Maysa A  
Rebecca A  
Zane C  
Jessie D  
Sabina G  
Kelly G  
Kamiliya G  
Bardia F  
Michal F  
Tatyana G

*Congratulations to the following students who received **Honour Roll with a mark of 79.9% or higher in Language:***

Grade 6

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Adi S  
Noah B  
Aidan M  
Brandon L  
Hannah D  
Benjamin F  
Lucas H

Grade 7

Emily S  
Leona T  
Kaitlin Y  
Jerah G  
Owen H

Grade 8

Paige K  
Julia K  
Tyra K  
Micaela H  
Miranda K  
Chelsea K  
Elena O  
Danielle Z  
Jonas H  
Martin T  
Sabrina S  
Adam S  
Nicole P  
Michal F  
Ian B  
Zane C  
Yashar B  
Maysa A  
Rebecca A  
Michelle E  
Alexa F  
Tatyana G  
Kelly G  
Sabina G  
Kamiliya G  
Andrew H

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## Parent Corner

### Moving?

We are now in the early stages of planning for next year. If you are moving or plan to be moving over the coming months, please be sure to let the office know as we are already planning for our students and staff.

### Emergency Information

If you have a change in home phone number, work numbers or emergency contact information, please be sure to let the school secretaries know so that we can update our records accordingly.



### Earth Hour Saturday, March 28th 8:30pm

Earth Hour started off in Sydney, Australia in 2008. In 2008, millions of people in over 30 countries switched off their lights for Earth Hour.

On March 29th at 8:30pm, people around the world will unite and switch off for Earth Hour. We can all participate.

Everyone in Canada is encouraged to participate. Let's support the efforts of the Worldlife Fund Canada. Participating in Earth Hour is a simple way to show that you want to be part of the solution. For more information, visit [www.earthhour.org](http://www.earthhour.org)



**"We would love to help at school but we both work and don't have time. We feel guilty about not being involved"**

You don't have to be a volunteer to be involved in your child's education. Research shows that learning at home is one of the beneficial ways to help your child succeed. **Tips: Show an interest, make everyday an opportunity to learn, work and play together, and help them find math everywhere.**

**I really want to help but I don't understand what the teacher expects. When I went to school we didn't do it like that.**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

### Re: 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 Grade 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)

You don't need to know how to do the homework to help. When teachers and parents are on the same page students do better in school.

**Tips: Praise successes, give them the confidence to seek help from the teacher.**

Resource: Council of Ontario Directors of Education

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## **The Child and Family Services Act (CFSA)**

### *Did you know that...*

- The Child and Family Services Act (CFSA) was amended in April 2000.
- This law requires schools to report concerns regarding children who may be in need of protection.
- The definition of a child in need of protection because of suspected child abuse or neglect has been expanded.
- Every person who has reason to believe that a child is or may be abused or neglected must report his or her suspicions immediately to the Children's Aid Society. School staff do not have a choice if they suspect that a student is or may be in need of protection. They **MUST** report their suspicions to the Children's Aid Society.
- When staff report concerns to Children's Aid, they must also share with Children's Aid any information about the concern which might otherwise be confidential.
- It is not the school's responsibility to investigate suspicions, evaluate the situation or assign blame.
- Staff can be fined \$1000 for failing to report that a student is or may be in need of protection.

Staff has a legal responsibility to report any suspicions to Children's Aid. It is not necessary for staff to be sure that a student is or may be in need of protection. All that is needed is "reasonable grounds to suspect" abuse or neglect. "Reasonable grounds" is defined as being what the average person would suspect given his or her training, background and background and experience.

# **Nellie McClung Annual Year-End BBQ**

**Save the date!**

**Thursday, June 11th, 2015**

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