



Nellie McClung P.S.



Administrator's Message

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Why Character Matters!

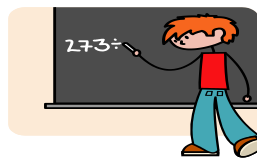
- * If we lived alone, we wouldn't need the virtues of fairness and compassion.
- * If children could raise themselves, we wouldn't need the family virtues of commitment and fidelity.
- * If wealth could simply be found, we wouldn't need the virtues of initiative and industry to create and sustain wealth.
- * If our society were homogeneous, we wouldn't need the virtues of tolerance and respect for legitimate differences.
- * If our political institutions were authoritarian and a few of us were fit to direct the lives of the rest of us, we wouldn't need the virtues of personal responsibility and active citizenry.
- * The facts of our social life give us the broad contours of a conception of good character.
- * It is the character required for a democratic society.

(William Galston, University of Maryland Professor of Public Affairs)

Five Tips to Help Your Child With Reading

1. Cuddle up and read. Quiet times together are opportunities to bond...and read. The cuddling can be as important as the reading. Make it exciting: put some drama into your voice or let your child read every other page. As you go, explain any new words or ideas.
2. Public libraries today are worlds to explore so try to go regularly. Your library has great resources – books, computer games, DVDs, CDs, magazines, newspapers and Internet access. There are also terrific in-house programs such as reading circles for little ones and homework clubs for older children. If you have access to a public library, walk to the library ask the librarian about what is available.
3. Make your kitchen part of your recycling and reading zone". Have fridge magnets available so children can start making words and short sentences.
4. Words are everywhere – take everyday opportunities to read with your child. Your child's world is filled with words — on cereal boxes, street signs, stores, posters, subway ads, etc. Wherever you go, you can always find new words and point them out.

5. Games can be such a great learning tool. Board games or card games such as word bingo or memory and rhyming cards can be a fun way to learn about words, letter sounds, and reading. They can help children realize how much fun learning can be. Check out your local fair or second-hand stores for gently used games. You can even create your own by cutting out pictures, writing words on cards and getting your child to match them.



A special note:

Educators agree that literacy skills develop and improve as a result of a wide range of activities. For example, a child's literacy skills are enhanced when parents who do not speak an official Canadian language read to their children in their native language children will benefit from this reading experience!

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Superintendent: Sharon List

Trustee: Joel Hertz

School Hours:

9:10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Supervision Begins at 8:55

First Bell at 9:05 a.m.

Instruction Begins at 9:10 a.m.

Recess 10:50 a.m.-11:10 a.m.

Lunch 12:50 p.m. –1:50 p.m.

School Colours & Team Name

The votes have been tallied and the winner is.....

School Colours

Burgundy/Silver/White

Team Name

McClung Mavericks

Upcoming Dates

Oct. 4.....Meet the Teacher

Oct. 10.....Thanksgiving

Oct. 17.....School Council

Oct. 24.....PA Day

Oct. 27.....Photo Day

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**Perseverance
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**Courage
Optimism**

Nellie McClung Public School Staff 2011 - 2012 (Revised)

Staff Name	Position	Room /Ext
Abballe, Melissa	GR SK/1	133
Ackles-Dold, Shannon	GR 3/4B	225
Batko, Barbara	Community Class	123
Bow, Brian	Music	117
Caplan, Lauren	JK/SK	105
Derakshandeh, Farshad	GR 6/7A	206
Di Cristofaro, Amy	DECE	106 / 400
Direito, Christina	EA	/413
Feldman, Tracy	GR 5/6A	208
Ferreira, Elana	DECE	111 / 404
Fortis, Trisha	JK/SK	101
Fraser, Shara-Lynn	JK/SK	106
Gauer, Adina	GR 1/2D	122
Gordon-Rak, Rose	Library/Lit. Teacher	116 / 186
Guerriero, Lina (Michela)	JK/SK	110
Holmeshaw, Donna	SSC/Prep	222
Kelly(Dunn), Janet	CYW	123
Knopman, Jason	GR 1/2C	120
Kurtz, Tina	GR 7/8B	209
Lam, Penny	GR 4/5B	202
Macri, Daniela	ADH	/411
Mateo-Adegbaju, Jesica	DECE	110 / 401
Mauti, Stephanie	GR 4/5C	227
McGraw, Wendy	DECE	133
Mirahmadi, Samareh	DECE	114 / 410
Morra, Karey	ADH	/412
Okell, Jen	GR 2/3A	131
Pachkina, Elena	DECE	105 / 402
Pimentel, Kathleen	DECE	101 / 403
Pollishuke, Kim	GR 7/8A	210
Preskow, Jessica	Prep	226
Rotman, Adriana	French	204
Sanders, Nichole	Spec. Ed. Asst.	/ 414
Scott, Tiffany	JK/SK	111
Sevel, Steven	GR 3/4A	224
Sherwin, Kelli	SERT	223
Short, Kim	GR 4/5B	203
Sieger, Marnie	GR 1/2A	119
Sobel, Bonnie	JK/SK	114
Tranter, Katie	GR 1/2B	121
Urback, Cheryl	FLL	219
Vien, Lisa	Reading Recovery	127
Williams, Diana	CYW	/409

Office/Caretaking Staff

Shatz, Traci	Head Secretary
Schlosser, Candice	VP
Thompson, Wendy	Principal
Fraser, Zabrina	Secretary
Chorley, Maja	Lead Caretaker
Johnson, Chris	Caretaker
Weeks, Jason	Caretaker

Office Hours:

8:30-4:30

If your child will be absent or late please use our 24 hour voicemail system. CALL THE SCHOOL AT 905-303-8113 AND PRESS 6 TO LEAVE A MESSAGE ON THE ATTENDANCE LINE.

Please look in the “**Gallery**” section of our website to see **pictures of your child** engaging I school activities.

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Safe and Caring Schools

October is

Responsibility Month

Three Key thoughts for discussion at home:

If you want children to keep their feet on the ground, put some responsibility on their shoulders.

-Abigail Van Buren

The willingness to accept responsibility for one's own life is the source from which self-respect springs.

- Joan Didion

I believe that every right implies a responsibility; every opportunity, an obligation, every possession, a duty.

- John D. Rockefeller, Jr

Terry Fox Foundation

On Wednesday, September 28th the entire school participated in the Terry Fox Run. Students have been collecting donations of nickels, dimes, quarters, loonies and toonies throughout the week. We collected almost \$915 which will be donated to the Terry Fox Foundation.

Illness and Appointments

Thank you to all parents who call in or send in a note if their child is to be away ill or at an appointment. It is also important that parents with ill children keep them home to avoid spreading any contagious germs. Thank you for your co-operation.

No Child Without

There is a new free medical identification service for elementary school children called No Child Without. This program is funded by the Canadian MedicAlert Foundation. With the rise in childhood diabetes, asthma and allergies, thousands of children have a medical condition that should be communicated to school staff, friends, and medical personnel in an emergency.

For more information please visit www.medicalert.ca/nochildwithout

Meet the Teacher Night

October 4th
6:30pm-7:30pm

This is an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and explore the school.

Formal presentations will not take place in classrooms.

Halloween

Halloween is an evolved tradition celebrated by some students in our community on October 30th. **We will not be holding Halloween parties or parades for our students.** Please continue to promote healthy eating habits for your child's recess snack(s) and lunch.



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LUNCH AND HOMEWORK DROP OFFS

For your convenience, lunches and homework may be placed on the table in the front foyer. Please ensure that they are clearly labelled with your child's name and teacher's name. Please be aware that students will not be interrupted during class time, and office staff will notify students at morning recess (10:50 a.m.) and at the beginning of lunch (12:50 p.m.)

A good night's sleep – don't leave home with- out it!

Kids ages 5 to 12 need 10 to 11 hours of sleep each night. But are our kids getting it?



Jodi A. Mindell, PhD, says, "Children are clearly not getting enough sleep."

At www.sleepnet.com, we are told that insufficient sleep has been shown to cause difficulties in school, including disciplinary problems, sleepiness in class and poor concentration. Recent research has also revealed an association between sleep deprivation and poorer grades. Students who reported that they were getting C's, D's and F's in school obtained about 25 minutes less sleep and went to bed about 40 minutes later than students who reported they were getting A's and B's.

The following effects of too little sleep are listed on www.insomnia-connection.com/sleep-deprivation.html:

Stress and anxiety; anger, irritability and depression; lack of focus and difficulty in concentrating; short term memory loss; and suppression of the immune system, leaving kids vulnerable to colds, the flu and other viruses.

Educate yourself and your children about the importance of sleep at the fun and informative website www.sleepforkids.org. Kids can play games and learn about healthy sleep habits, while parents can pick up helpful facts and tips to help the whole family get a better sleep.

It's time to remind children about being safe in our com- munity.

This is a good time for parents to learn about and review ways to protect their children from potential dangers.

Here's what children need to know:

- Their name, age, telephone number, address, city and province. This can be done through rhyme or song.
- How to contact their parents at any time, by memorizing cell or work numbers.
- How and under what circumstances to call 911.
- To never approach or enter a stranger's vehicle. A responsible adult would never ask a child for directions or any other question for that matter.
- Make sure they know they have a right to say "no" to an adult, especially when the adult is asking them to do something they have been taught is wrong or feels uncomfortable. Reminding children of this right is important because children are taught from a young age to respect adults.
- To always tell parents where they will be and to never enter someone's home without their parent's permission.
- If home alone, never admit it when answering the phone. Never answer a knock at the door or speak through it. Adults can be very persuasive. Teach your child to call you if there is a knock at the door and if they fear for their safety, teach them to call 911. Make sure they know that police officers are there to help them and would not get mad if it were a false alarm.
- If they think they are being followed or are in danger they should run home or to a public place. If someone grabs them, they should try to get away, yelling and screaming while doing so.

It is important to play in safe areas, never take shortcuts and stick with a buddy whenever possible.

It is never too early or too late to teach children the importance of personal safety. Common sense, communication and consistency are the keys. Remind children to alert a responsible adult if something strange happens that makes them feel uncomfortable. Remember, crime prevention is everyone's responsibility.

For more information on this subject, contact the York Regional Police Community Services Bureau at 1-866-876-5423, ext. 7980, or by e-mail at info@police.york.on.ca, or visit www.police.york.on.ca

Child Care

Before and after school child care is provided by **Fun on the Run**. For more information: funontherun.nelliemcclung@rogers.com or call Fun on the Run at (905)265-7458.

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Safety Awareness Week September 19 to 23, 2011



During Safety Awareness Week, Ms. Spilberg from Jewish Family and Child Services and RCMP Officer Bouhadana discussed safety awareness tips with our students around how to respond if you feel you are being bullied, characteristics of quality friendships, street safety and cyber safety. A big thank you to RCMP Boudhana and Ms. Spilberg for investing time to share valuable messages with our students.

KARATE KIDS CLUB



We are excited to announce that the *Karate Kids* program will be coming to Nellie McClung P.S! This 40 minute class will run during the lunch hour recess in the school gymnasium. It combines fun fitness activity, character education lessons and non-contact basic martial arts movements. The class is designed to build self confidence, self discipline and fitness levels in a non competitive environment. Offered to **grades 1 to 4**, the program will run once a week on every Tuesday starting **October 18th until February 28th**. Enrolment flyers containing full details will be distributed to the students in October.

This is a popular program that is currently running in over 85 schools across Ontario. You are invited to visit their website for more detailed information at www.karatekids.ca or call 416 482-8198.

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.

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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