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February Character Trait: Initiative

Upcoming Events

February

- 2 PA Day. There is no school for students today
- 4 Kindergarten Concert 4:00-5:00 pm
- 4 School Council
- 10 Earth Rangers Presentation am
- 16 Family Day. There is no school today. Enjoy your time with family.
- 17 Girls Intermediate Basketball
- 18 Boys Intermediate Basketball
- 18 Term One Report Cards sent home today.
- 19 Electives Day for Grades 3 to 8 / Kindergarten - Gr.2 Skating pm
- 20 Gr. 7/8 Career Fair
- 25-27 Gr. 7/8 Muskoka Woods
- 27 Jersey Day

March

- 4 Int. Girls Basketball
- 5 Int. Boys Basketball
- 8 Daylight Savings begins
- 13 PA Day
- 16-20 March Break
- 27 Jersey Day



Electives ~ Queensville PS and Sharon PS

Junior students (Grade 4-6) from Queensville PS, along with our students from Grades 3-8 have an exciting day of fun coming up on Thursday, February 19th. These students will be participating in Elective Day activities. Activities offered are;

- The Roc Outdoor Adventure Park in Georgina;
- Ceramic Art and In School Activity
- Gymnastics at Pulsars Gymnastics Club in Newmarket and Swimming at the Magna Centre.



Music Notes



The Sharon School Choir is back up and singing and working towards a Spring concert. The Choir is open to all students from Grades 4 to 8. The Choir meets Fridays at lunch recess in the Music Room. New members are welcome to join.

Family Literacy Day

On January 27th, the Primary division celebrated Family Literacy Day with our families and friends in the gymnasium. As part of our celebration, we wrote letters to loved ones, played a variety of board games, made our own books and cozied up with a good story. It was wonderful to see dads, moms, babies, grandparents, aunts and reading buddies enjoying being together and learning all at the same time. Many of our students went home on Family Literacy Day excited about their plans to continue the fun at home with their loved ones. We would to send a heartfelt thank you to families for attending, and also to our generous volunteers for assisting with our event. A special note of appreciation goes to Mrs. Godden, Mrs. Bick and Mr. Baxter's students for making the day special for our youngest learners. We hope everyone had a fun Family Literacy Day!



The Sharon Public School Eco Skyhawks

The sale of our school Cookbook went well but we still have a few left. If you have not already purchased one, please do so. All the money raised will go toward the purchase and installation of a Water Bottle Filling Station.

We are looking at the possibility of selling re-useable water bottles with the school's logo on them in the spring time. All of the money raised will go toward the purchase and installation of a Water Bottle Filling Station.

We continue to monitor our "NO IDLING AT SHARON P.S. Campaign".

We continue to do our community used battery drive so any households that have used batteries, please drop them off at the school and we will dispose of them at a Hazardous Waste Facility.

We are brain storming ideas to improve our school yard greening. If you have any suggestions or can help with this, please contact Mrs. Bechberger or Mr. O'Neil.

If there are any Parents/Guardians that would like to be part of our school's ECO TEAM, please contact Mr. O'Neil or Mrs. Bechberger.



The Energy Conservation Committee has been busy doing school appliance audits. We are trying to determine how much electrical energy we use on a yearly basis to run our fridges, freezers and computers.

BLACK HISTORY/AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH



We join Canadians everywhere in recognizing and celebrating Black History/African Heritage Month. Celebration of Black History/African Heritage Month has been a part of Canadian society since the 1950's. Lieutenant Governor Hal Jackman declared February as Black History month in Ontario in 1993 and it was in 1995 that the Honorable Jean Augustine made the same declaration in the House of Parliament in Ottawa.

These declarations set the stage for acknowledgement of the contributions of peoples of African Heritage to the cultural, economic, political and social fabric of Canada dating back to the early 1600's. They also increased our awareness that people of African Heritage are an integral part of Canadian history.

During the month of February we deliberately reflect upon the legacy of African history in all its various forms, and we join all Canadians in celebrating Black History/African Heritage month. By contemplating on persons of African heritage, famous and not so famous, who have been of significant influence through their ideas, words and actions, we appreciate the place of African history in the history of the world.

School Council

Greetings from our SPS School Council. Parents have commented that they don't know enough about our School Council and what we do so we will have some guest columnists for the next several months to share their views of what we do in support of the SPS community.

Let me start off this month by sharing the basics:

We meet six times a year.

The next 3 meetings are February 4th, April 1st, and June 3rd.

We meet at 7pm in the library and we try to keep meetings to 1 hour.

EVERYONE is welcome.

In fact while we can brag about having one of the most involved and largest councils around (16 voting members), we are always looking for more people to join and share their opinions and experience.

Two concerns that I hear are:

If I show up am I going to get "volun-told" to do something?

Answer: Only if you want to do something! We find it takes people a couple of meetings to understand what we do and then people start to volunteer to participate in some small way.

I think the meetings are going to be uptight.

Answer: That is definitely not the way we operate! We encourage honest sharing and working towards the common good of the school in the friendliest way possible. Some of my best friendships in this community have started at council meetings.

I hope to see some new faces at our next meeting or if you would like to reach out to me to be a part of our community (email distribution list for the agenda/minutes of the meeting) or understand more about our council, please contact me at drennan6526@sympatico.ca.



THE KIDS'
CONSERVATION
ORGANIZATION

Yay for Sharon Public School! We were lucky to be awarded a free presentation by Earth Rangers on February 10, 2015 in the gym. This year, the Earth Rangers are looking to help out the Western Screech Owl, the Eastern Wolf, the Swift Fox and the Bobolink.

A Message from our Trustee

The arrival of February is an exciting and busy time in our schools. It marks the mid-point of the school year, the end of secondary exams and the arrival of mid-year report cards. February also brings us longer daylight hours, the beginning of the end to winter and of course, the excitement of the approaching spring break!

It is my hope that at this point, parents have seen signs of academic growth and development in their children. I encourage all parents to carefully review their child's report card and reflect on the learning that has taken place since September. Now is a good time to celebrate your child's accomplishments and set goals for the rest of the school year.

February may be the shortest of the 12 months, but it is a busy time. There is still lots of learning, and opportunities for growth, ahead. With that in mind, I wish you all an enjoyable and successful second term.

February 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 PA DAY <i>(No School)</i>	3 Pizza	4 4:00-5:00 pm Kindergarten Concert 7:00 School Council Subway	5 Lunch Lady	6	7
8	9 Lunch Lady	10 Earth Rangers Presentation am Pizza	11 Subway	12 Lunch Lady	13	14 
15	16 FAMILY DAY <i>(No School)</i>	17 Girls Intermediate Basketball Pizza Shrove Tuesday	18 Report Cards go home Boys Int. Basketball Subway Ash Wednesday	19 Gr. 3-8 Electives K-Gr. 2 Skating pm Lunch Lady Lunar New Year	20 Gr. 7/8 Career Fair	21
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