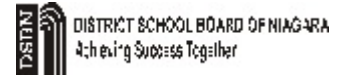


McCulley Messenger

Do your best, do what's right!



NOVEMBER 2009 NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I would like to begin by thanking every member of the E.I. McCulley community for their support of our recent Dance-a-thon. A special thank you goes out to Mrs. Stewart who did a fabulous job entertaining us for the day. Not only were we able to raise \$1286.00, but we had a good time doing so!

This month, as we celebrate Remembrance Day, we ask everyone to reflect on how fortunate we are to live in a country such as Canada, where we enjoy many rights and freedoms. Although our children may not fully understand the sacrifice that has been made by many Canadians who have lost their lives at war, it is important for them to recognize the role these Canadian heroes have had in allowing us to live free. It is also important for all of us to acknowledge the role we have in keeping peace in our school, community and world.

Term One will be coming to a close at the end of this month, with reports going home on Wednesday, December 2nd. Later this month, an interview preference letter will be coming home so that you can arrange a time to meet with your child's teacher.

Please feel free to contact me at the school if you have a question or concern.

Mrs. R. De Luca-Gates

INTEGRITY IS NOVEMBER'S THEME

Integrity is all about standing up for what you think is right, even when others may try to convince you not to. Integrity is being honest with yourself and with others. Integrity helps us to listen to the little voice in our head that is called our conscience. Our conscience helps us to do the right thing and to tell the truth. Integrity is doing the right thing, even when nobody's looking. You are demonstrating integrity when your actions match your words. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "The time is always right to do what is right".

OCTOBER STUDENT STARS



JK/SK a.m.	Tanner, Jadin
JK/SK p.m.	Emma, Joshua
SKF	Travis, Aisha
Gr. 1R	Sarah, Nabeedah
Gr. 1/2C	Carly, Madison, Madeline
Gr. 2/3B	Kyle, Josh
Gr. 2/3S	Steeley, Kiefer
Gr. 3/4D	Taylor, Lamarr
Gr. 4/5S	Jonathan, Savannah
Gr. 5/6G	Claire, Rickellie

NARROW FOCUS GOAL

Our teaching staff has worked together examining a variety of data (EQAO, PM Benchmarks, CASI, teacher-created assessments) to determine the academic needs of our students. Based on this data, we have decided that our school-wide focus this year will be on Reading for Meaning. In the first phase of our focus, teachers have been planning together to develop reading activities that will provide students with opportunities to extend their understanding of what they have read by making connections between what they have read to their own knowledge and experience, to other texts they have read and to the world around them.

Our goal for this year states: **By May 2010, 100% of students will improve their achievement in Reading for Meaning (expectations 1.1 to 1.9 of Ontario Language Curriculum) and Reading Unfamiliar Words (expectation 3.2 of Ontario Language Curriculum) within or by a level, as evidenced by written and oral responses to teacher-prepared reading performance assessment tasks.**

DESTINY HAS ARRIVED!

We are pleased to announce that DSBN Libraries are now providing at home, 24/7 digital access to the school library catalogue. By connecting to the following website, <http://destiny.dsbnet.edu.on.ca> and clicking on our school name, you will have full access to the resources available in our school's library. Students are able to view the entire library collection, along with a brief synopsis of every resource and additional features such as student-created reviews. In addition, Destiny Quest will allow you to easily find the newest library purchases and a list of the Top Ten most popular materials among library patrons. We hope that you will find DSBN Destiny Library Manager to be helpful when completing assignments or when exploring library materials for leisure reading. This is just one more way that we are achieving success together through access to our school library collections!

PARKING REMINDERS

Please refrain from parking in the spot reserved for those who are handicapped. If you do have the appropriate sticker, please ensure that it is displayed in a visible location. If you do not have the appropriate sticker, you face the prospect of a \$300.00 parking ticket. Please set an example for our students by following the rules that are in place for the safety of everyone in our community. Thank you in advance for your co-operation in leaving this spot available for those who truly need it.



We also ask that you are careful when parking in the row of parking spots closest to the soccer pitches. There is a pathway marked for walkers who enter the school from the west. Please ensure that when you park, your car is not interfering with this pathway. Thanks!

CROSS COUNTRY

The cross country team had a great season of running this year. The team's dedicated runners practiced early in the morning, three days a week in order to prepare for the multi-school meets at Burgoyne Woods. Cross Country team members included: Erica, Sarah, Makayla, Katrina, Dainon, Josh, Ben, Lucas, Trinity, Clinton, Joey, Oti, Jamie, Heather, and Mikayla. All runners did a great job with these challenging runs. Special mention goes to Makayla, Dainon and Mikayla who, based on their results in the first two meets, qualified for the DSBN finals at Firemen's Park in Niagara Falls. All three did a super job at the finals: Makayla - 12th, Dainon - 19th, and Mikayla - 26th. Thanks to all of the runners for being such great representatives of E.I. McCulley. Also thank you to all of the parent drivers who helped us get to the meets, and to those parents who came out to support our student-athletes. Great job, everyone!

Mrs. Chilcott & Mrs. Ditto

Thanks to Mrs. Chilcott and Mrs. Ditto for the time they spent coaching our team.

JUNIOR CO-ED SOCCER

Congratulations to our Junior Co-ed Soccer team who finished their season as Consolation Champs. Well done! Team members are:

Teeshk	Joshua	Dakota	Lucy
Makayla	Mikayla	Jessica	Oti
Monique	Michael	Jeremy	Travis
Brandi	Lamarr	Dainon	Jamie

Thanks to coaches Mr. Shanahan and Mr. VanBreda, as well as to parents who provided transportation.




NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER DRAW

My
child(ren) _____
Class(es) _____ a
nd I have read the newsletter.

Question: *When is the Remembrance Day Assembly?*

Answer: _____

Signature: _____

 - Please answer the question and return this ballot to the office for a chance to win a prize!

Congratulations to Erica H. in 3/4 who won October's Newsletter Draw

DANCE-A-THON A SUCCESS!

As mentioned earlier, we were able to raise \$1286.00 at our Dance-a-thon. This represents about one-half of the amount needed to purchase a complete SMART Board and projector package.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

The next meeting of our Council is Wednesday, November 11th from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the school library. Babysitting is provided. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend.

Meeting dates for the year are: Dec. 9, Jan. 13, Feb. 10, Mar. 10, Apr. 14, May 12 and June 9.

A CHILDREN'S BEREAVEMENT WORKSHOP

for children ages 6 through 12

Saturday, November 7

10 am to 3 pm

(Lunch provided)

Tintern Church of Christ

4359 Springcreek Rd, Vineland

- Music
- Story Creating
- Puppets
- Activities
- Take home craft
- Sharing Circle

Orientation/Registration

Session 1 week before,

October 31, 10 am at same location

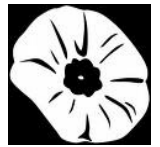
Inquiries should be directed to Sandy McBay,
905-563-5268 or smcbay.rcvv@gmail.com

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and Rose Cottage Visiting Volunteers

**Breakfast Club is open daily
from 8:15 to 8:40 a.m. All
students are welcome to attend!**

LEST WE FORGET

On Wednesday, November 11th, we will be holding a Remembrance Day Assembly in our gym. We will have an earlier fitness/nutrition break on that day so that we can begin our Assembly by 10:50. Poppies will be available to all students courtesy of the Legion. We are accepting donations for poppies. Please forward your donation to your child's teacher by November 11th. Students who participate in Guides, Scouts, Brownies or Air Cadets are invited to wear their uniform to school on that day. All parents and guardians are welcome to join us on this special day.



READ TO YOUR CHILDREN...READ WITH YOUR CHILDREN...KEEP ON READING!

Learning to read and becoming a proficient reader involve both decoding (the ability to read the words on the page with fluency and accuracy), as well as comprehension (the ability to construct meaning from the text). By reading aloud to, and with your children, by asking them questions about what they have read and by having them share their thinking about what they have read, you can help them with both decoding and comprehension. Here are ways for you to help at home:

- ★ Re-read favourite books
- ★ Make up different endings for favourite books
- ★ Read information books – get excited about your child's interests
- ★ Read magazines and newspapers, share your reading
- ★ Celebrate success, attempts and learning
- ★ Show your child how to find things out, look for answers and research questions
- ★ Use the Internet...wisely
- ★ Share the Internet with your child...wisely
- ★ Help your child experience all kinds of reading materials; e.g., instructions, cereal boxes, street and traffic signs
- ★ Ask questions and find the answers together
- ★ Value your child's ideas and opinions
- ★ Show your child that you read, too