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April 2016 Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES

- April 5 – RACE Against Drugs Program for Grade 5 at ODAS Park
- April 7 – Mrs. Madden & Mrs. Molenaar's Class to 4Cats Art Studio
- April 8 – Mrs. Vandenberg & Mrs. Ayers' Class to 4Cats Art Studio
- April 11 – Dental Screening Follow-Up for JK, Grades 2 & 8
- April 15 – P.A. Day (No School)
- April 18 – Grade 8 Graduation Photo Retakes
- April 18, 19, & 20 – Kiwanis Music Festival
- April 22 – Family Movie Night
- April 28 – Character Assembly (Cooperation) & Superhero Day
- May 3 – French Play for Grades 4-8
- May 4 – Jump Rope for Heart Skipping Demonstration
- May 5 – Primary Art Gallery

Message from the Principal

April showers will hopefully bring May flowers, along with the weather ups and downs of this season. With the showers, comes also the mud puddles that make up some of our school yard. Please send your child dressed accordingly – rain coats & rubber boots, as well as sending extra socks!

The students have been busy working on various projects using the Google Classroom, manning the BB8 Robot to learn direction, using the Makey Makey integrating everyday objects into the computer, creating iMovie movie trailers with the iPads, and making hovercrafts! It's great to see the students engaged and learning in so many different ways.

Thank you for your continuing support in our fundraising initiatives. Later this month, we will be introducing a new fundraiser that offers a wide assortment of greeting cards for all occasions. Samples of these will be available prior to the beginning of its launch.

Looking forward to a beautiful Spring!

Sincerely,
Primrose Goss



Lego Club

Thank you for the donations for our Lego Building Club. Students are encouraged to listen to announcements for times and dates. Mrs. Dickie, Mrs. Downer & Mrs. Penny Nie are excited to see all the innovative Lego creations!



It's A Masterpiece!

Families of Grades 1, 2, or 3 students, mark your calendars! On Thursday, May 5th, the Marchmont Public School Gym will turn into an Art Gallery displaying your child's masterpieces. Please drop in for a few minutes between 3:45 and 5:30 pm to view your child's different art projects. We hope you can join us!



Yearbook Cover Contest

It's that time of year again! We need dazzling artwork for our 2015-2016 Yearbook Cover Contest. All submissions should clearly state Marchmont Public School and 2015-2016. Artwork may be completed in marker, pencil crayon or through a computer art program. Please write your name in pencil on the BACK of your artwork. We will need designs for the front and back covers. All artwork should represent all students at our amazing school. All submissions are due to Mrs. Penny Nie or Mrs. Perigo by Friday, April 22nd. We can't wait to see your artwork!

Co-Ed Marchmont Hockey

This year was the inaugural season for the Co-Ed Marchmont Hockey Team. The team had practices at 8 a.m. at Rotary Place from December to February, as well as, exhibition games vs. Shanty Bay, Monsignor Lee and Notre Dame. The team then travelled to Barrie to compete in the Simcoe County District School Championship on March 29. The team competed hard all season long and is looking forward to the Orillia Area tournament on April 13 at the Guthrie Arena. Please come out and support the team! Special thanks to Coldwater Pharmacy, Cancom, Telford Property Management, PT Landscaping and Maracle family for their support.

PACKZ for the Homeless

The Grade 8 students are partnering with 2nd Year Social Service Worker students at Georgian College, working with the Packz for the Homeless Organization. Packz is a non-profit organization that fills back packs with essential items for the homeless population, and gives them to local homeless shelters to be distributed. We are asking for your support for this project to help the homeless in Orillia by filling as many Packz as we can.

Items needed include: warm gloves, long underwear, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, anti-bacterial wipes (not hand sanitizer), water bottle/thermos, Band-Aids, lip balm/chap stick, small jars of Vaseline, small packages of Kleenex, fruit or applesauce cups, trail mix.

To help begin to collect these items, the Grade 8s are holding at dance during the recesses on next Friday, April 8th with one of the items listed above as the price of admission. We will appreciate any support given!

Marchmont Extra-Curriculars

- JHL (Junior Hockey League) Intramurals continues with Mr. Clendinning
- Junior Girls Basketball coached by Mr. Davidson & Mrs. Vandenberg (Games are held on Thursdays – April 7, 14, 21 & 28 at the MASC)
- Junior Boys Basketball coached by Mr. Vodarek (Games are held on Tuesday - April 5, 12, 19, & 26 at the MASC)
- Violin Club led by Mrs. Vandenberg & Madame Lyons Bowman. Good luck to our Beginner, Intermediate & Senior violinists as they compete in the Kiwanis Music Festival
- Wrestling Team coached by Mr. Hagman – tryouts have just begun

April 19 event with brain injury survivor Forrest Willett: “The Journey from Hopelessness to Happiness”



Forrest Willett is a SCDSB Learning Centre graduate, author and brain injury survivor. All parents and students are invited to attend this event to hear Forrest's inspirational story, and learn more about assistive technology tools in our classrooms. It takes place on April 19 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the SCDSB Education Centre, located at 1170 Highway 26 in Midhurst. You can also view the event from home via livestream at: <http://scdsblive.ca/>. This event has been made possible by a Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant from the Government of Ontario.

Inside Inside Out: Nurturing children’s emotional resilience – Parent Forum on April 26

Seasons Centre for Grieving Children is presenting an education forum for parents inspired by Disney Pixar’s animated film *Inside Out*. This educational event, free for all parents, will explore how service providers, parents and caregivers can nurture emotional intelligence in children and in themselves. The event takes place on April 26 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Liberty North Events Facility (100 Caplan Ave. in Barrie). For details, visit <http://www.grievingchildren.com/events/other-events/>.



New Safe Schools tool to report bullying, drug use or vandalism

The SCDSB has developed a new online Safe Schools Reporting Tool, which is available on our school website homepage, <http://mar.scdsb.on.ca>, as a Quick Access button. Students and parents can use this tool to submit a report online if they witness inappropriate behaviour such as bullying, drug use or vandalism. Students are still encouraged to speak to a trusted adult at school or home if they have any concerns. This form isn’t a substitute for having a discussion with a teacher or principal. Student safety and well-being are always our top priority. For more information, please contact the school or visit <http://scdsb.on.ca/ReportAnIncident>.

Ensure your child’s immunization record is up to date

All families are required to provide the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) with a record of their child’s immunization information. This is required by law under the Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA). The SMDHU can suspend students whose immunization records are not up to date.

You can update your child’s immunization record in one of the following ways:

- Online at: www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/immsonline
- Fax: 705-726-3962
- Call: 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 ext. 8807

The health unit hours of operation are Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



Student Film Festival –

Students invited to submit films by April 13

The SCDSB is holding a Simcoe County Student Film Festival. Students from Kindergarten to Grade 12 are asked to submit short videos around the theme “What does bringing with me.” by April 13. Visit www.scdsbfilmfest.blogspot.ca/ for more information and to submit your film! Artists and their families will be invited to view the film festival submissions on the evening of May 17 at the SCDSB Education Centre.

Message from the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit: Free Dental Services

Taking care of your child’s teeth is an important way to keep them healthy. All it takes is a pea-sized amount of fluoridated tooth paste and helping your child brush for two minutes, twice a day. If you don't brush your child’s teeth regularly, bacteria can build up to form a clear sticky film on teeth called plaque. Brushing your child’s teeth regularly helps to remove plaque and prevent it from forming.

Another important part of taking care of your child’s teeth is visiting a dentist. If you cannot afford to take your child to the dentist there is a FREE program for dental visits called Healthy Smiles Ontario. If your family qualifies, your child(ren) will receive regular dental services at no cost. Children do not need to have an urgent dental condition to qualify. To find out more or to book an appointment, call the Health Unit’s Oral Health team at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 x8818 (Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.).

