

Marchmont Message - April 2017

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Principal's News

What a mixed bag of weather we've had over the past month! Hopefully the April rains will bring on the May flowers. With the wet weather, comes the mud puddles throughout our school yard. Please send your child dressed for the weather - rain coats, rubber boots & extra socks.

The school has been buzzing with a flurry of activities. Congratulations to our intermediate volleyball and basketball teams for representing Marchmont well in their season. Thanks to the many students who have poured out their heart and soul during the JHL season. Our Junior Rangers did a phenomenal job running our March movie night.

Our After School Numeracy Program has started for some of our Junior students. Primary Intramurals, Lego Club, Junior Basketball and Intermediate Rugby are in the beginning stages.

In class we continue to learn with integrated technology. Over the next few months, some classes have partnered with each other to create a digital book on the topic of "What a Great Canadian Looks Like". Many of our classes have been using many apps for Education to work on projects. Ask your child to share their work online with you!

Please Note...

April Events

Raise the Dough	5 th
School Council Meeting	12 th
RACE Against Drugs - Gr.5	12 th
Science North - Gr. 812 th &	13 th
Good Friday	14 th
Easter Monday	17 th
Jr. Achievement - Gr. 7&8	18 th
Canadian Film Day	19 th
Toronto - Gr. 7	20 th
Natasha Deen Visit	21 st
Movie Night	21 st

Protecting the Instructional Day

The time spent in class during the school day is an important factor that leads to student success. Each day provides for only 300 minutes of instructional time.

Arriving on time in the morning for 9:10 a.m. is essential for success. While it is understood that students need to leave for appointments/events on occasion; we ask that you consider the instructional day when booking appointments. **Please make arrangements for late drop-off or early pick up times to occur during the breaks (10:50 - 11:30 a.m. or 1:10 - 2:00 p.m.).**

The number of interruptions due to late entries and early pick-ups throughout the day have drastically increased. You not only disrupt your child's learning, but also that of the classroom. We ask that you take measures to respect this.

Use of Personal Devices

Students and teachers of SCDSB are able to access use of their personal technological devices through the guest wireless network to support and enhance their learning and instruction. The decision to allow a student to bring a personally owned device to school rests with the parent and the student.

In class we regularly discuss digital citizenship. As parents, please discuss appropriate guidelines for personal use of the Internet with your child(ren) and determine if your child can responsibly manage a device at school.

Please Don't Send "GoGos" to School

We have had numerous problems with students losing, taking, and trading the small GoGo plastic toys. To avoid further issues, please do not send these toys to school. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Intermediate Hockey

Oh, the Good Old Hockey Game! It's the Best Game You Can Name!

Once again this year, students in Grade 7 and 8 have been a part of the Marchmont hockey team. They have enjoyed practices and exhibition games against other local schools at the freezing cold Coldwater, Oro and Brian Orser arenas! Last week, the team also participated in the annual SCDSB tournament in Barrie. At the

tournament, the team started the day with a win, but unfortunately lost in their second game.

Congratulations to all team members: Eddie, Emma, Zander, Aidan C., Kieran, Sam, Andrew, Nolin, Aidan S., Trent, Will, Cam, Owen, Kaya, Isabela, and Cole. A huge thank you goes out to our two volunteer coaches, Mike Colebrook and Roger Silverthorn, for their time and commitment to the team!



Lego Club

We have begun a fun lego building club for primary students. Each week for three weeks from March 27-April 13, 2017, students in one grade (Grade 1, Grade 2, Grade 3) will meet 3-4 times/week to let their creative juices flow and build whatever they like. At the last meeting of the week, students had the chance to show the members 1 what they have been building at school with the option of bringing in special

lego creation from home too. At the last meeting, group photos were taken of the creations and then all creations built from school lego were dismantled for the next week's group. We look forward to seeing these awesome creations!

Mrs. Dickie and Mrs. Kennedy

Volleyball

In January, 33 grade 7 and 8 girls came out to volleyball. We extended tryouts for the month of January to accommodate the numerous snow days and allow many students to learn more about playing volleyball.

As January ended, 14 girls were chosen from a huge amount of talent to represent our school. We further developed some great skills and teamwork in February as we played games against other local schools. On March 2, 2017 our team attended Areas at the Mask and after a fun day of many games we ended the day as Area Finalists! This qualified us for Counties where the 16 best teams of Simcoe County were heading on March 22nd.

Our day at Counties began with two of the top four County teams who were extremely experienced and skilled. We learned to persevere in a challenging situation, be positive and support each other. It has been a very long time (not in these Coaches' time) since Marchmont has been represented at Counties for Volleyball and every team member should be extremely proud that we did our best and made our school community proud! Congratulations Marchmont Volleyball girls: Amy, Anna, Avery, Emily, Emma P, Emma T, Julie, Kayleigh, Lauryn, Megan, Olivia, Peyton, Reagan, Susannah! Thanks also to Mrs. Graham for helping coach us!

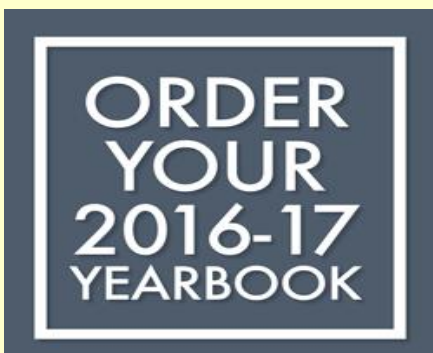
D. Kennedy and S. McNiven

Yearbook Cover Contest

We need front and back covers for our 2016-2017 Yearbook! Each cover should include Marchmont Public School and 2016-2017. The cover should be in full colour and represent all the grades and activities at our fabulous school! Names should be written on the back in pencil. Students whose covers are selected will win a free yearbook!

All submissions should be submitted to Mrs. Penny Nie or Mrs. Perigo by Friday, April 21st. All submissions will be featured in the yearbook. Get creative and show your school spirit!

Order your yearbooks now! The order form is attached to this newsletter.



Canadian National Film Day

On April 19, 2017 Marchmont will be participating in the biggest film festival ever! National Canadian Film Day is a Canada 150 celebration of Canadian films put on by REEL Canada and the Marchmont Youth Arts Council. Students of the YAC have been busy organizing this fun event to celebrate Canadian film. Parents are invited to come out and enjoy a film with us.

The schedule is as follows:

9:15 - 11:10 a.m.: K to Grade 2 will be watching "Snowtime" (La Guerre des Tuques)

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.: Grades 3-5 will be watching "Snowtime" (La Guerre des Tuques)

Snowtime! (La Guerre des tuques) is a Canadian film from Quebec, released in 2015. Directed by Jean-François Pouliot, it is an animated remake of the 1984 film *The Dog Who Stopped the War*.

Intermediate Basketball

The Marchmont Mustangs intermediate basketball season for both the boys and girls was filled with both success and missed opportunities.

Girls

The Intermediate Girls' season ran in November and December and began with a loss in the Final of the Eastview Secondary school Tournament. In an extremely tight close game they lost to W. R. Best by one point missing a shot at the end to win. It was a bit of a heart breaking loss for the girls, one they would recover from and never experience that feeling again that season.

During their regular season they went a perfect 8 and 0 beating several other schools in the Orillia Area. This resulted in them being ranked first at the Orillia Area championship, Marchmont's, 6th in 7 years. After three successful games the Mustangs were City Champions, first in the area, which gave them a birth in the county event the following week.

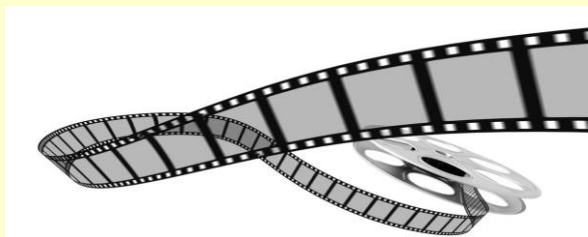
At the Counties the Mustangs had to deal with a couple of key injuries but still managed to defeat five other opponents and win the County championship. The first Girl's county basketball championship for Marchmont.

2:00 - 3:30 p.m.: Grades 6-8 will be watching "The Whale" (A Documentary)

This touching documentary tells the story of a young killer whale, Luna, who gets separated from his family on the rugged west coast of Vancouver Island, British Columbia. Narrated by Ryan Reynolds.

Students in grades K-5 will be eating lunch in the gym. If possible, pack a 'dry' lunch that day (sandwiches, etc.). Soup might be a little messy.

We hope to see you there!



Boys

The Intermediate boys' season ran in February and March.

The boys played 8 regular season games and only lost one game to Orchard Park, by a basket, in the last few seconds. This ranked the boys second heading into the area championships. During the Areas they won the first game quite easily, but ran into a slow first half trailing by 15, against the 3rd ranked Monsignor Lee team. They recovered taking the lead for a moment in the second half, but lost to the eventual area champs by 3 points. Those same area champs, who the Mustangs had beaten during the season, came in third at the counties. That heartbreaking loss finished a very promising season for the boys.

Mr. Davidson would like to thank all the players on both teams this season. It was a great year at Marchmont with both Mustang teams having a lot of success. The journey for most of these players began when they started playing basketball and rep basketball in grade 3 and 4, some coached by Mr. Davidson back then. Good luck to the grade 8 players in your future high school basketball experiences.

Parent workshops to help understand Individual Education Plans

The Simcoe County District School Board's Special Education Advisory Committee and Special Education Department are offering informational workshops for parents/guardians to enhance collaboration between parents and schools in the development of a student Individual Education Plan (IEP). These workshops are free to attend and open to all interested parents/guardians.

Workshops take place from 6:30 to 8 p.m.:

- April 11: Lions Oval PS - 25 Brant Street West, Orillia
- April 12: Bear Creek SS - 100 Red Oak Drive, Barrie
- April 13: Mundy's Bay PS - 340 Sixth St., Midland
- April 18: Chris Hadfield PS - 211 West Park, Bradford
- April 19: Alliston Union PS - 211 Church St. North, Alliston
- April 20: Admiral Collingwood ES - 15 Dey Drive, Collingwood

Starting school in the fall? Kindergarten orientation session on May 30, 2017

This spring, we are hosting an orientation session to welcome new Kindergarten students and their parents to our school. Come experience what life is like in Kindergarten! Explore areas of the program, meet Kindergarten educators and have the chance to ask questions. Our school's session takes place on May 30, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

We look forward to welcoming you! For more information, visit www.scdsb.on.ca, click on 'Programs,' 'Kindergarten' and then 'Kindergarten Orientation.' School start dates for September 2017 are as follows:

- Senior Kindergarten (Year 2) students will begin school on Tues. Sept. 5.
- Junior Kindergarten (Year 1) students will begin school on Thurs. Sept. 7.

Other Events

School bus evacuation training takes place April 3 to 7

The Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC), in partnership with school bus operators, is offering school bus evacuation training to all home-to-school transported students the week of April 3 to 7. During this week, school bus drivers will educate students on how to evacuate a school bus safely in an emergency situation. For more information, visit main.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca/.

Moving to Find Balance: Free Parent Forum on April 25 offered by Seasons Centre

Seasons Centre for Grieving Children is presenting an educational forum for parents called *Moving to Find Balance: Resilient Children and Youth Connecting Physical Activity to Mental Health*. This event, free for all parents, will explore how you can incorporate more activity in your own life, how you can encourage children to get moving and how to access family-friendly local resources that are low or no cost. The event takes place on April 25 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Liberty North Events Facility (100 Caplan Ave. in Barrie). The evening forum is free to attend, but you must register. For details, visit <http://www.grievingchildren.com/events/signature-events/>.

Events at our school in celebration of International Day of Pink

Our school will be hosting several events during the week of April 10 to 14 in honour of the International Day of Pink, which is Wed. April 12. This day celebrates diversity and promotes standing up to bullying. It is a day of action which started in Nova Scotia when two straight high school students saw that a gay student wearing a pink shirt was bullied. The two students intervened, but wanted to do more. They purchased pink shirts and within a few days got everyone at school wearing pink, standing in solidarity for diversity and standing up against discrimination, gender-based bullying and homophobia.

Use the Safe Schools tool to report bullying, drug use or vandalism

The SCDSB has an 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>.

Students invited to share their work for Mental Health Awareness Week

In celebration of Mental Health Awareness Week (May 1 to 7), the SCDSB invites submissions from students or classes about the importance of well-being. Student work will be incorporated in a gallery of work that will be displayed at the SCDSB Education Centre during Mental Health Awareness Week. Submissions can be in the form of art, music, technology, literature and/or multi-media presentations. Entries must be received before April 14 at bit.ly/SCDSBWellbeing.