



ELM STREET SCHOOL NEWS
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SCHOOL CALENDAR**MARCH**

- 2 Report Cards
5 Parent Teacher Interviews
(No classes)
15-19 March Break
24 HPV Vaccine (Grade 6 girls)

APRIL

- 2 Good Friday
5 Easter Monday
21 Parent Information Night
for new Grade 1 Parents
2009-10 (6:30pm)
23 School Development Day
(No Classes)

MAY

- 7 Area Association P.D.
Day / CUPE 3260
Convention (No classes)
10 Grade 1 Screening
(current grade 1's stay home)
12-13 Grade 6 Literacy
Assessment
19-20 Grade 6 & Grade 3
Literacy Assessment
26&27 Grade 3 Literacy
Assessment
24 Victoria Day (No classes)

JUNE

- 4 New Grade One Students
for 2010-2011 to visit Elm
Street.
(Present Gr. 1 students
will stay home)
24 Grade Six Closing
Ceremony 1:15 p.m.
25 Final Report Card
25 Last Instructional Day for
Students (full day)
30 Last School Day for staff

Breakfast Program

The Breakfast Program runs every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 8:00 a.m. to 8:50 a.m. It is a volunteer program and we "thank all of you" who give your

time to help with this important program.

We are once again looking for volunteers and breakfast supplies. We are in need of cheese whiz and jam. Your name or supplies may be dropped off at the Main Office. Thank you once again! Elm Street Breakfast Program Committee.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS FROM THE EAGLES NEST!!!

The 5/6 Basketball boys and girls teams had a very successful tournament at Athena February 11th with the boys going 4-0 and the girls finishing with a record of 3-1. Congratulations to all who participated in the tournament and to Mr. Gallant and Ms. McKillop for coaching the teams that day.

Elm Street Eagles Gymnastics:

We had the great pleasure of hosting the PEISAA Zone Gymnastics Competition here at Elm Street School. We had 100 pre-novice boys and girls competing in the morning and 91 Novice, Bantam and Midget competitors in the afternoon. A huge thank you to parents, family members and our Elm Street classes for taking in some of the competition. The students did a great job representing their schools.

Congratulations to all of the Elm Street team gymnasts = way to go!!!! Results from the zone meet are listed below.

An "*" beside the athletes name means they are moving on to compete at Provincials Saturday, Feb. 20th. (only seven gymnasts can represent our school for each team category)

Pre-Novice Girls:

Jenna LeClair = 32nd
Sarah Hynes = 30th
Hope DesRoche = 25th
Kathleen Mann = 22nd
Kara Stewart = 19th
Allie Clow = 18th
*Jenna Woods = 16th
*Taylor Kember = 15th
*Jensen Arsenault = 13th
*Paige Deighan = 9th
*Megan Campbell = 8th
*Emmy Mae Macleod = 3rd
*Tegan Corkum = 2nd

Pre-Novice Boys

Dakota Fear = 13th
Logan Cameron = 13th
*Brandon Hastings = 12th
*Matthew Cassie = 9th
*Izaak Dalton = 8th
*Ben Tanton = 7th
*Caleb Coyle = 4th
*Dylan Mugridge = 4th
*Samuel Gallant = 2nd

Novice Girls:

Taylor Sonier = 26th
Grace Blacquire = 25th
Brianna Cormier = 20th
Katie Strongman = 18th
Abigail Perry = 18th
Alexis Richard = 17th
*Abbey MacFadyen = 14th
*Taylor Arsenault = 13th
*Marissa McInnis = 9th
*Marlee Springer = 8th
*Kyra Doyle = 7th
*Hannah Williams = 4th
*Emily Todd = 5th

Novice Boys

*Kyle MacIssac = 5th
*Tayler Read = 7th
*Jake Arsenault = 3rd
*Brandon Thomas = 1st

Bantam Girl

*Rebecca Smith = 11th

Mrs. McNeill was so very proud of our Elm Street competitors. Way to go Eagles!!! Good luck to all competitors moving on to compete at the Provincial level.

Also a special thank you to Tanner Doiron, Ben Gardiner, Marlee Springer, Grace Fisher, Georgia Baker, Brianna Gunning, Marissa O-McInnis, Lucas Beaulieu and Alex MacFadyen for your help and leadership. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Library News

There will be a Scholastic book fair in the library March 1st to 5th. The theme this year is "Destination Book Fair." There will be many great books for students to choose from and contests to enter. The book fair will be open for the parents and general public on these dates and times:

Tuesday March 2nd 2:00 to 3:30

Wednesday March 3rd 2:00 to 5:00

Thursday March 4th 2:00 to 8:00

Friday March 5th 9:00 to 3:00

The library has had another interesting month of learning. Students in Mr. Robichaud's grade 4 class concluded their author study on Beverly Cleary. The students read two different novels The Mouse and The Motorcycle and Ribs. The students had a great time reading these old favorites.

The grade 5 students in Miss Sherry's class finished up a unit of study on Ancient Egypt. Some of the things they did were: made models of mummified cats, learned about the mummification process, facts on King Tut, the lifestyle back then and the importance of the Nile River.

The grade 5 students in Md. Marie-Anne's and Md. Lacey's class are just finishing an author study on 5 of Canadian author Gordon Korman's series of books. The series are On The Run, Island, Everest, Dive and Slapshots. Even though they only read one book they learn about all five series because of the group presentations that their classmates give. Hopefully all students will continue to read these well written books when we are finished.

Haiti Fundraising

Many many thanks to everyone who gave donations to the Elm Street Elementary Haiti fundraising. We were able to raise \$2515.78 to help rebuild schools and buy supplies for the schools. Our funds were sent to the Canadian Teacher's Federation Haiti Trust Fund and were matched by the Canadian Government. Therefore, we really are sending \$5031.56!!!!

The students came up with the fundraising ideas. This is what they did:

-students in 5A collected, cleaned and sorted all the recyclables for two weeks,

-classes 4D, 5/6 and 6D had a bake sale,

-many many pennies were brought in by all students

-candy grams were sold by class 5D.

Students bought suckers at 50 cents each for friends and teachers. 5D delivered them around the school at the end of each day. It was a sweet success, raising just over 250 dollars!

-there was a P.J. and Crazy Hair dress up day were students and staff donated \$1.00 to participate,

-students wore "Hats for Haiti" and the brought in 25 cents to wear a hat all day

-general donations from parents, grandparents and other family members.

IWK/EASTER SEALS TELETHONS

The students and staff are continuing their annual support of these two great causes. One Wednesday a month we are having a "Wacky Wednesday". This is a fun day where everyone can dress up for a great cause. Our next one will be March 24th BEACH DAY!! Please mark April 21st on the calendar for TWIN DAY!! Find someone to dress up the same as. We have had some very creative costumes in the past.

The first ever Elm Street DANCE-ATHON will be held this Friday in the school gym. The 1-2-3 classes will have their dance from 1 pm to 1:40 pm and the 4-5-6 classes will participate from 1:50 pm to 2:30 pm.

Parents are more than welcome to come and get active with their children. It should be a fun afternoon of activity and friendship. The Home and School will be supplying refreshments for the students following the dance.

Students are asked to collect pledges from family and friends and not to go door to door to people they do not know.

If you have any questions please contact your child's classroom teacher.

To show the impact the IWK has on our school family, we would like to put up the names of students who have been patients at the hospital and/or the name of a family member who has been there. These names will be placed on a balloon around the bulletin board in the hall leading to the school library.

The names can be sent in on agendas, notes or with the pledge sheets.

SCHOOL CLOTHING

Anyone wishing to purchase school clothing orders are being taken now until March 12th. Samples and sizes are located in the school library.

What is available? Hoodies, t-shirts and shorts. The colors are: black, grey, white, red, pink and navy. The cost is \$48.00 for all three, \$30.00 for a hoody, \$10.00 for a t-shirt and \$20.00 for shorts.

GRADE 6 CLOTHING

This is the time for any students in grade 6 who wish to order clothing with the "10" on the back. All the students in grade 6 will be signing the "10" and it will be placed on the back of the hoodies and t-shirts. This is the only time this year that they will be available. Orders should arrive the first or second week of April.

Bridge Builders Beware

March 5 is the date for the P.E.I. Engineering Week Bridge Building Competition at the Charlottetown Mall. The entries must be submitted by Friday, March 5 by 5:00 pm. Entries can be sent in advance to the Engineers P.E.I. office by 4:00 pm on Wednesday, March 3. For more information, contact Engineers P.E.I. at info@engineerspei.com

Parent Survey for the Early Childhood Development Framework Project

Parents of children who would be directly impacted by the work in the Early Childhood Development area are invited to complete a survey asking: *What do you think is important for children in their pre-school years?* The Parent Survey for the Early Childhood Development Framework Project is now live, and can be accessed on the Dept of Education and Early Childhood Development website.

<http://www.gov.pe.ca/education/index.php3>

World School Milk Day Poster Contest

Elm Street had a number of students submit posters to this competition and we were lucky enough to have Julie Woods selected as the overall winner for P.E.I. Congratulations!!

Lock Down

The students and staff are doing a great job with our school's lock down drills. We had another lock down drill on February 16th and things went as planned. Please feel free to ask you child about it. The more we practice and talk about it the more comfortable they will be in knowing what to do.

CULTURAL CELEBRATIONS

French Awareness Week will begin on Monday, March 8th with a tintamarre. It is an Acadian tradition to parade around and to make noise so that people will take notice that they are there.

Students are encouraged to wear the colors of the Acadian flag (blue, white and red with a yellow star). They may also bring noisemakers. The tintamarre will be followed by an assembly where Canadian Parents for French will make a special presentation. There will be other activities during the week for the entire school population (not just French Immersion students). We want to give everyone a little taste of French culture.

Class 2B News

Many students in class 2B participated in a spell-a-thon to raise funds for earthquake victims in Haiti. During five weeks, they studied eight words per week and their family members sponsored them a nickel or a dime for each correctly spelled word. The coins were counted in math class. The total amount raised was more than \$45. Little people and small amounts can make a big difference!

3A EXTREME! News

There is a challenge in our class: How many stickers can you collect from Mrs. Larsen? 3A EXTREME! students are being asked to pack healthy snacks and lunches. If they have at least one item from each of the four food groups, then they receive a sticker as a prize for packing healthy foods. Are you a healthy eater?

We were very pleased to have Lucine Knight, a Dental Hygienist, visit our class and share some great ways to keep our teeth clean and healthy. Remember to brush and floss every day! This week, our class sent Mrs. Howatt a persuasive letter convincing her to purchase Patricia Polacco books for our school library. "These are great books!" Why? We feel many emotions from her books and they help students and teachers to examine new books. We are awaiting her response, but we are very confident that our class has persuaded her to buy these awesome books!

Principal's Message

March is a few days away and the excitement of March Break is already being felt. I feel like I should start with an apology to parents. My comment in the last newsletter was that we made it through the winter - so far - without a storm day. Following that day we had our first storm... then anotherthen another. If I had only known! :0)

I want to send out a huge THANK YOU to our Home and School executive and all the parents that contributed to Teacher Appreciation Week in any way. We ate very well and now we have to deal with the repercussions of that. We are blessed to have such a wonderful school community.

This Friday we will have our dance-a-thon held in the gym. We hope to see many of you there as we dance to help raise funds for the IWK hospital. This is a facility that many of our students have had to use and we are proud to raise funds for it in any way we can. No matter how small - penny or child - every little bit can make a difference.

And finally, I would just like to remind all parents that when you enter the school please check in at the office and pick up a visitors pass if needed.

Thank You