

Home and School News Update, June 2010

1. HOME AND SCHOOL JUNE COLUMN

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“It is June already and another school year is just about finished. There is growing excitement among our children surrounding summer holidays. However, as parents and guardians we have to remember that our duty as ‘life-skills educators’ for the summer months increases in importance. In this day and age, it is all too easy to rely on the ‘Digital Babysitter’ when the children are at home, however, this is both detrimental to their health and their development.....”

Click here for column: <http://www.edu.pe.ca/peihsf/featured.html/>

2. CONGRATULATIONS to Montague Cons.Home and School/ Blogs

Montague Home and School Association is building a new playground Sept. 25/10....

Montague - <http://www.viddler.com/explore/tbk/videos/144/>

Glen Stewart Blog - <http://glenstewarhomeandschool.blog.ca/>

Spring Park Blog - <http://sphs.bulman.ca/node>

Tignish Blog - <http://tignishhomeschool.wordpress.com/>

3. EDUCATION SUMMIT

Home and School Presidents/Chairs have been invited by the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development to attend the Education Summit, June 4, 5, 2010, Delta Hotel. Please put this item on your next Home and School meeting’s agenda to find what was discussed during the Summit session concerning PEI’s education system. Click here for Ministry of Education website press release...www.gov.pe.ca/eecd/index.php3?number=news&newsnumber=7053&dept=&lang=E

4. UPDATE: PROVINCIAL PRIMARY MATH ASSESSMENT (PMA)

- Field testing was completed in 9 classrooms in April.
- Parent Brochure is now on-line and will also be given to teachers to send home in the fall.
- Sampler of questions is on-line and a copy to be given to teachers at the School Contact Meeting on Sept. 16.
- Grade 4 students from all school districts will be participating in the PMA 2010.
- PMA administration dates are October 5 and 6 - over 2 days .
- The marking board will be held at La Belle Alliance from Oct 25-28. Grade 4 teachers will be invited to mark. If additional markers are required, an invite will be extended to Grade 3 teachers. (Grade 4 teachers will receive results of students' work at the end of the marking board as they did this year).

5. WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN

Welcome to Kindergarten workshops are happening across PEI in elementary schools. Parents and teachers are working together to welcome parents and Kindergarten children into our school system. To find out more about the WTK program, click on the following link:

www.thelearningpartnership.ca/Page.aspx?pid=552

6. OTHER RESOURCES

- ❑ How Well Does My Child Hear and Talk? - Most children are able to listen to simple stories, songs, and rhymes by the time they are one to two years old. Learn more...
<http://support.weta.org/site/R?i=frVwTEbBbh0heFEJbwqgaw>

- ❑ * The Great Word Quest - PBS KIDS introduces The Great Word Quest, a series of online literacy games with activities to help strengthen critical reading skills, phonics, vocabulary, and comprehension.
http://support.weta.org/site/R?i=icFDonP074xSH_XiP0nW_g

- ❑ Calling All Young Scientists - education.com has put together a great set of grade-leveled project ideas as well as down-to-earth tips on how to best support your child's scientific exploration, writing, and presentation skills.
http://support.weta.org/site/R?i=7C_v5iqV7HKb620SySODHg

- ❑ BOOKS AND AUTHORS - * Family Scrapbooks Filled with Poems: Our Interview with Julie Andrews & Emma Walton Hamilton.
<http://support.weta.org/site/R?i=nPCapZLxqORneJc4xysFkw>

MEMORABLE QUOTE

"Take chances, make mistakes, get messy."

-- Miss Frizzle (from "The Magic School Bus" series by Joanna Cole)