**ELM STREET SCHOOL NEWS**
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**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

**APRIL**

2  Good Friday
5  Easter Monday
9  Provincial Learning Day (No Classes)
16  Heritage Fair
21  Parent Information Night for new Grade 1 Parents 2009-10 (6:30pm)
23  School Development Day (No Classes)
29  Early Years Evaluation in Gym

**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
29  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

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**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.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

The Scholastic Book Fair was a huge success. We were able to purchase $1143.50 worth of books for the library. Many thanks to everyone who visited. The next Scholastic fair will in the new school year (2010/2011) during the first set of parent-teacher interviews.

There will be a used book sale the last week of April. The money will go towards to IWK telethon. Most things will be 25 cents.

The students in Md. Lacey’s and Md. Marie-Anne’s class are finishing up their author study on Gordon Korman. It has been a great 6 weeks of reading and learning. Mrs. Linkletter and Mrs. Howatt have really enjoyed their time with these great students.

Md. Christine’s grade 4 class are working on a “Seasons” unit of study. All strands of learning are being touched and students have many fun centers to work on. A few are: art (making butterflies), science (creating an insect dictionary) and listening to various books.

In April Md. Enman’s grade one class will be coming to learn about farms and Mrs. Larsen’s grade 3 class will be doing animal research.

Just a reminder that a few students have overdue library books. Bills will be going home next week. Please check with your child to see if they are one of them.

**IWK/EASTER SEALS TELETHONS**

The Dance-A-Thon was a huge success. Students, staff and parents had a great time dancing in the gym. Many thanks to the Home and School for providing refreshments for the students. Thanks to Md. Lacey for providing the music.

To date we have raised $3418.14 for the telethons.

The top fundraising class for the Dance-A-Thon was class 1C. They raised $360.10

The top individual fundraisers were:
- Kylee Hill 1B
- Selena Ford 1C
- Shane Bulger 1C

Great job to everyone!!

During the book fair students bought tickets to win a jar of...
candy and a $10.00 gift certificate for the book fair. We raised $40.00 for the telethons. The winners were: Harper Arsenault in 3B and Kirsten Fisher Compton in 5D.

Yesterday we had another Wacky Wednesday. Students and staff had a great time dressing up in beach themed clothing. The next Wacky Wednesday will be April 21st. This will be TWIN DAY. Students and staff are to partner up with someone and dress alike. Twins in the past have been very creative. Have fun!!!

**MUSIC NEWS**

The East Prince Music Festival will be held the week of April 19th here in Summerside. This is a very exciting time for our students. They will experience performing in front of others, receive an adjudication on their performance and also enjoy listening to groups from other schools.

On Tues. April 20th our grade 1, 2, and 3 classes will be performing in the Music Festival at Trinity United Church beginning at 9:15. Each grade level will be performing two songs. They will be travelling by bus and a permission form will soon be going home with all the details.

On Wed. April 21st our Primary Choir and our Elementary Choir will be performing. This also takes place at Trinity United Church and begins at 9:15. Each choir will be performing two songs and then they will combine to perform two additional songs. Primary Choir members are reminded to wear black bottoms and white tops for this performance and the Elementary Choir members to wear their black and whites.

These performance are open to the public with a small admission fee at the door so please come and enjoy two wonderful musical mornings.

**Robert Munsch Competition**

5C(Mme Marie-Anne) and 3B (Mme Carolyn) have entered a Scholastic writing competition. Students had to write a new Munsch book following the author’s style. They also had to illustrate it like Michael Martchenko. Together, through shared writing, the 49 students wrote and illustrated *Trop, C'est Trop! (Enough is Enough!)*. It is inspired by a true story about a little dog who wandered into our classroom during l the Elm Street School renovations last year. We will be having a book launch at a later date. As well, a copy will be made available to borrow from the library. We will keep you informed of our progress in the competition. Great job 3B and 5C!

**4B News!**

Mme Christine’s class worked on a novel study in French about a girl, Sophie, who dreamed of playing hockey. They then completed their own retell booklets on each chapter, adding their own illustrations and an “About the Author” section. In science, 4B learned about bridges and are embarking on a project that involves building their own bridges following specific criteria. We also did resource based learning in English at the library with Mrs. Howatt. Students learned about the 4 seasons through science, math, reading, writing and art centres. Our writing and art projects are displayed on the library bulletin board.

**Principal’s Message**

March has come and gone and we have seen small glimpses of spring. The excitement of the end of year begins to bud in the minds of the older students and the challenge of keeping them focused becomes our focal point. This month’s theme was DILIGENCE and has allowed us to encourage them to “Never, Never, Give Up”! We have recognized many students for their successes in sporting events over the past month (ie. Dance, figure skating, hockey), and used this - and the Olympics - to make connections to this character trait. With the grade 3 and 6 assessments around the corner we hope to keep this idea alive in their minds.

In closing, we would like to wish everyone a very Happy Easter holiday! We encourage you to drop by the school any time and would like to remind ALL VISITORS to pick up a visitors pass in the office upon arrival. The safety of all child is important to us.

Tracy Beaulieu

**Words to Live By:**

Watch your thoughts, they become words.
Watch your words, they become actions.
Watch your actions, they become habits.
Watch your habits, they become character.
Watch your character, it becomes your destiny.

(Frank Outlaw)

Go Eagles Go