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Bonjour Dufferin Families;

We are rapidly entering the home stretch of our academic year, and things are becoming quite busy around the school.

From May 23-26, students in Grade 3 will participate in the EQAO provincial assessments, followed by Grade 6 from May 29-June 1. We ask that families make every effort possible to have children present at school on these dates. The assessment will take place during the first instructional block (8:50-10:30) and will continue into the second block (11:10-1:10). The assessments will be completed online. Students will have access to a tablet and will be supplied with earbuds during this time.

Happy Mother's Day to all moms and mom figures on May 14. Victoria Day is on Monday, May 22 and the school will be closed. We wish all of our families a restful and relaxing long weekend.

Yours in cooperation,

Mme A. Smith
Principal

dates to Remember

May 1-5-Mental Health Week

May 1– Gr 7 and 8 immunizations

May 2– Jr County Badminton Finals

May 4-Intermediate county badminton finals, Jr. Chess tournament

May 5– Jump Rope for Heart

May 8-12-French Book Fair

May 10-Pizza Day, Virtual DPC meeting at 6:30

May 11-Intermediate Badminton Finals

May 12-Golf Tournament

May 15-18-Alice in Wonderland Performances (see full details later in newsletter, tickets purchase required for audience)

May 22-Victoria Day-No School

May 23-26-EQAO for Gr. 3 (Friday will be a catch up day for absent students)

May 23-Track and Field for Gr. 4-8 at Tollgate Tech

May 24-Pizza Day

May 25-New to Kindergarten Orientation

May 29-June 1-EQAO for Gr. 6 (Thursday will be a catch up day for absent students)

June 1-Learn, Lead, Inspire Assembly

June 2-PD Day-no school for students

Dufferin Parent Council

Our next virtual school council meeting will be on May 10 at 6:30 p.m. Please email Mme A. Smith for the link if you would like to join us. We will be purchasing new school jersey's for our school teams. Mr. Zylstra is in the process of conducting a student vote to help choose the design. We will share our final design choice in the June newsletter.



Inspiring Your Child to Love and Learn

Math

You can do informal math together!

During rainy days, family evenings, and vacation time, find opportunities to play math games and engage in informal math together. When you choose a game that is mathematical in nature, you show your child that math can be fun:

Toys

Toy stores have lots of choices such as *Tangrams*, *Blockus*, *Equate*, *Mathopoly*, *Dino Math Tracks*, *Mancala*, *Dominoes*, and *Connect Four*.

Television

Watch educational television programs, such as *The Prime Radicals* on TVOntario or *Cyberchase* on PBS. These programs also have a complementary websites with many activities to do together, including game apps, math crafts, and songs.

Puzzles

Complete Sudoku puzzles together. You can use pictorial puzzles for young children and then graduate slowly to larger number grids with older children.

Talk Math

Talk out loud about your problem solving strategies.

learning more enjoyable! Select high quality online games, such as *Mathfrog*, *Calculation Nation*, or the *NCTM Illuminations Games*, to provided your children with opportunities to practice and extend what they learn in math class.

Computer Games

There are benefits to playing online games that encourage math skills and thinking process. These games have greater value than mainstream online games that are not designed for education. From a child's point of view, online games are interactive and fun, and make learning more enjoyable! Select high quality online games, such as *Mathfrog*, *Calculation Nation*, or the *NCTM Illuminations Games*, to provided your children with opportunities to practice and extend what they learn in math class.

Class Placements 2023-2024

As we begin to work through staffing processes for next year during the month of May, we will next move to student class placements for next year. We engage in a robust, collaborative process that includes a balance of academic, well-being, and social considerations. As such, class requests from families will only be considered under extenuating circumstances. Class placements for next year will be available to families in late August on the Parent Portal.

Freezie Sales

Popcorn sales continue each Friday until our current stock is sold out. Freezie sales will begin next week for \$2.50 each (cash only). All profits go towards the purchase and installation of a concrete shed outside to store toys for our Kindergarten den.

Head Lice

Over the course of the Spring, we have experienced reports of head lice within the school.. Please do not be alarmed by this. Head lice is not a health or education issue but is a community concern and a social nuisance. It is by no means a statement regarding the cleanliness of any child, their family or their household.

Please examine the head of your child(ren) for head lice/nits every night for the next three to four weeks. If head lice/nits are found, all other family members should be checked. Follow the directions below to get rid of head lice.

What to Look For:

Nits are very tiny eggs, half the size of a pinhead and oval in shape. They may look like dandruff, but they are firmly glued to the hair and cannot be flicked off. New eggs, which are close to the scalp, are tan coloured and are difficult to see. Nits that are farther away from the scalp appear white. Nits are most often found above and behind the ears, at the nape of the neck at the crown of the head.

How to Get Rid of Head Lice:

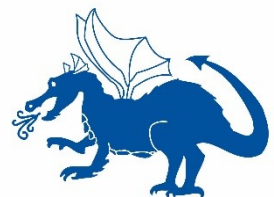
Treating head lice requires at least two treatments one week apart. Get a head lice shampoo, cream rinse or lotion from your drugstore. Read the directions carefully and follow them exactly. Remove all of the nits. Head lice products kill many of the nits, but not all of them. Apply a second treatment in one week. Continue to check the head and remove any remaining nits.

To Remove Nits:

Work in a brightly lit area – bright sunlight is best. After treatment, comb and part the hair in small sections. Use your thumbnail against your first finger to strip the nits from the hair starting from the roots right down to the tips. Place the nits in a bag and throw them out. You can also comb out the nits holding a fine-tooth comb on a downward angle. Special combs are available at the drugstore.

Please notify the school if head lice or nits are found.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation in supporting the health and well being of our students and school community!



C'est avec fierté que les nous vous présentons

Alice in Wonderland

This original school musical will be held in our school gym, as follows:

Monday May 15th at 11:30 – dress rehearsal for Cast A, all classes to attend
Tuesday May 16th at 11:30 – dress rehearsal for Cast B, all classes to attend
Wednesday May 17th 11:30 – Show #1
Wednesday May 17th 6:00 pm – Show #2
Thursday May 18th 11:30 – Show #3
Thursday May 18th 6:00 pm – Show #4

The show runs approximately 75 minutes and will be video recorded.

The play will feature our own original script and will include a variety of musical numbers from the classic story Alice in Wonderland. Over the course of two days the show will feature performances from every single one of our classes, and will spotlight our Grade 7 and 8 students in leading roles. Each class will perform as follows:

Cast A classes: Wednesday May 17th 11:30am and 6pm

Classes/Songs/Theme

- o KNG Mad Hatter scene: Mice, Tea pot dance medley : Roarke / Morel
- o Caterpillar scene (mushroom stomp)/Super Mario: Solis Caro 1/2
- o Cheshire Cat scene -Jazz Ding Dong : Combo Burton 2/3 and Simmonds 3
- o Sea Shanty scene The Wellerman : Haughton 6
- o GR 7 Cards and Band : Smith Grade 7
- o Gr 8 Leads/extras : Macoretta /Norden 8
- * choir members already in attendance

Cast B classes: Thursday May 18th 11:30 am and 6pm

Classes/Songs/Theme

- o KNG Mad Hatter scene /Mice, Tea pot dance medley : Bailey / Rochette
- o Caterpillar scene (mushroom stomp)/Super Mario: Gonçaves 1
- o Cheshire Cat scene -Jazz Ding Dong : Guy 4/5
- o Sea Shanty scene The Wellerman : Szydlowski 5/6
- o GR 7 Cards and Band : Norden or combo for both nights
- o Gr 8 Leads/extras : Macoretta /Norden 8
- * choir members already in attendance

* The choir will perform as part of our show. HOWEVER, choir members will only perform as part of the choir on the day that their class performs.

§ If your child performs as part of Cast A, then they will perform with the Cast A choir on Wednesday May 17th only.

§ If your child performs as part of Cast B, then they will perform with the Cast B choir on Thursday May 18th only.

Students should be dressed in costume to best portray their role. We are working each day on building props and accessories at school, and gathering materials that we can use to embellish our costumes. We need your help! We have put together a Facebook page with ideas and suggestions for costumes and outfits that can be put together to help bring your child's role to life. Please visit us at: <https://www.facebook.com/Dufferin.Costumes/photos>. Let us know if you have any questions!

Tickets for our shows will cost \$3.25 each and will be available for purchase through School Cash Online ONLY.

In order to give all families the opportunity to see their child perform, we are asking that families choose one performance only, for each cast to attend. This would mean selecting either the 11:30 show or the 6:00 pm show. Families who have children performing in each cast will be able to select one show on each day. After each family has had the opportunity to purchase tickets, we will open any remaining tickets up for purchase.

Thank you

Mme Coretti, Mme Norden