



Mt. Pleasant School April 2017



From Mrs. Symons' Desk...

Hello MPS Families,

Spring is finally upon us and students are outside enjoying the milder weather.

March was a busy month., with lots of curriculum covered and class trips to make the learning real.... as well as a focus on untying the knots of prejudice and mental well being. Did you have a chance to get on the GEDSB website and make a pledge to maintain your well being? Taking care of yourself is super important! Our weekly Zumba sessions made for happy Fridays!!

This month there are many things planned...there are several trips planned, as well as an EcoSchool Conference for members of the Green Team. Teachers are going to be busy developing communication skills in math, as students participate in "Number Talks" and "Bansho". Student council is planning a Spring Fling Dance!

Our Calendar Lottery fundraiser is in full swing! Tickets went home on April 3rd and are \$5 each. These tickets are an easy sell since there are over \$5500 in prizes and 75 chances to win. I encourage you to sell as many as you can....we have some fabulous prizes for top ticket sellers! Please let us know if you need more tickets!

Dates To Remember:

- Wed. Apr 5: Grade 6 & 7 to the Heritage Warplane Museum
- Int. Trip parent info session: 7:00—8:00 PM
- Fri. Apr 7: Grad photos...SK and Gr. 8
- Tue. Apr 11: Mr. Archer's class to Bite of Brant
- School Council meeting at 6:30
- Wed. Apr 12: Green team members to EcoSchool Conference
- Thur. Apr 13: Spring Fling Dance
- Fri. Apr 14: Good Friday, no school
- Mon. Apr 17: Easter Monday, no school
- Wed. Apr 19: Jr badminton tournament
- Thur. Apr 20: Mrs. MacPherson and Mrs. Henderson hosting Glenhyrst
- Mon. Apr 24: Intermediate Badminton Tournament
- Thur. Apr 27: Gr. 7s to "What Makes Our Community Work"
- Mustang Rodeo Assembly
- Fri. April 28: PD Day...no school
- Pizza Days: Apr. 7, 13, 21, 27
- Hot Lunch Day: Wed. April 26

Social Justice Begins With Me

This month's theme is local and global citizenship....how do we treat each other? How do we treat the earth? This is a great tie-in to Green Earth Day which will be celebrated on April 21. The Green Team will be working to complete the EcoSchool Application. The school will participate in a variety of challenges. Classrooms will be learning about environmental issues. The Green Team will be developing a plan to develop the green space on the jr/int yard. It will be a busy month!



Mark it on your calendar: MPS open house on Wed. May 3



School Council News

It's Fun Fair planning time!! Woot! Woot!!

The School Council has a meeting scheduled for

Tuesday, April 11th 6:30 PM.

Come out and enjoy the fun!! Babysitting is available.

Please feel free to come and participate in this worthwhile volunteer group.



Mustangs Making us Proud!

Grade 6

Leadership Project

Mrs. Black's class was busy with their crochet needles and created this wonderful blanket, which they raffled off (along with many other items!)

They raised \$473.00 for the Diabetes Canada. These funds will be going towards Research for a cure for Type One Diabetes. Aletha was the happy winner of the blanket....I'm sure it will be a well cuddled blanket! The class would like to send out a huge THANKS to everyone who purchased tickets and helped us raise the money.



Speech Contest 2017

Mount Pleasant School was represented by Natalie Mateljan at the Royal Canadian Legion District B Public Speaking Contest on Saturday, April 1st. Natalie spoke about "Feet" as she competed against students from Grimsby, Burlington, Brantford and Tillsonburg. She placed second! Congratulations Natalie!

Calendar Lottery Is Here!

| MT. PLEASANT MUSTANGS | | Mt. Pleasant School Calendar Lottery.....May 2017 | | | | | | MT. PLEASANT MUSTANGS | |
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| \$5627 in prizes.....76 Chances to win!! | | | | | | | | | |
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | | | |
| Daily draws to occur at 8:45 AM at Mt. Pleasant School 667 Mt. Pleasant Rd. Mt. Pleasant, Ont (Sat. & Sun. draws will be on Monday) | 1 fitbit \$169 Donation: Maple Electric Orian Rug \$319 Donation: Shaw family goos \$25 | 2 ESSO \$35 ESCAPE KEY \$30 Starbucks \$25 Donation: TD Bank | 3 Leg Smart \$65 Donation: D. Trifunovic BRIFTECH AUTO SERVICE \$60 Donation: Vonk I Can Sew That \$50 | 4 ESCAPE KEY \$128 MUSEUMS \$25 Orian Rug \$360 Donation: Shaw Family | 5 Elkin Natural Health Centre \$50 DEVILINS \$25 Hand Made Soaps \$25 Donation: Linds Elliott | 6 SHOPPERS DRUG MART \$124 Donation: Lynden Park Mall Latitony's \$100 Donation: C. LAUSTINA ESSENTIALS \$25 | | | |
| 7 MOTHER'S \$25 Donation: Maple Electric Starbucks \$25 Donation: TD Bank | 8 BOSTON PIZZA \$25 Chef in a Box \$25 DesLina's \$25 | 9 Light up bottle \$25 donation: J. ESCAPE Dana's Hair Design \$25 10 Donator's, Barford ON N9R 5K1 DEVILINS \$25 | 10 BRIFTECH AUTO SERVICE \$60 Donation: Vonk BILLS \$50 | 11 Maple Leaf \$103 Hand Made Soaps \$25 donation: L. Elliott Westmorland Pet Retreat \$60 | 12 Elkin Natural Health Centre \$25 SHOPPERS DRUG MART \$98 ARBONNE \$60 donation: J. ESCAPE | 13 Go Pro Camera \$100 Donation: Mt. Pleasant Septic Service TRIP \$50 Donation: Lubco Electric | | | |
| 14 Ontario Science Centre \$44 ESCAPE KEY \$50 Donation: Maple Electric Campbell Century 21 | 15 Orian Rug \$179 Donation: Shaw Family JULY MOURNING \$60 Dana's Hair Design \$25 10 Donator's, Barford ON N9R 5K1 | 16 WindMill \$30 Donation: Adam Marshall ESCAPE KEY \$30 | 17 Leg Smart \$45 Donation: D. Trifunovic Bella Perlina Bracelet \$95 Donation: Maple Electric | 18 Bird KINGDOM \$76 SHOPPERS DRUG MART \$72 Donation: Lynden Park Mall | 19 Elkin Natural Health Centre \$150 Maple Leaf \$100 | 20 nu-u \$300 COSTCO \$25 Donation: D. Maple Electric | | | |
| 21 AGO \$78 MOTHER'S \$25 Donation: Maple Electric | 22 SHOPPERS DRUG MART \$75 Donation: Lynden Park Mall Butterfly Medium \$125 | 23 ESCAPE KEY \$63 DesLina's \$25 | 24 BRIFTECH AUTO SERVICE \$60 Best Western \$25 | 25 Maple Leaf \$25 Chef in a Box \$25 | 26 Elkin Natural Health Centre \$45 Birdhouse \$50 Donation: Hank Wescor | 27 Maple Leaf \$50 Butterfly CONSERVATORY \$40 | | | |
| 28 BLINDBOYS \$104 Maple Leaf \$99 | 29 BOSTON PIZZA \$25 Mug Set \$30 Donation: Adam Marshall Hand made soaps \$25 Donation: Linds Elliott | 30 SHOPPERS DRUG MART \$96 Donation: Lynden Park Mall Fire Pail \$125 Donation: County of Brant Fire Dept. Cara Card \$50 Donation: Maple Electric | 31 SKY DIVE TORONTO \$349 Pleasant RIDGE Cowboy Boots \$200 | A complete list of winners will be available on the Mt. Pleasant School website: www.granderie.ca/mountpleasant | Winners will be notified by telephone Lottery Licence # 716759 \$5.00 Ticket # | 76 prizes to be won! 2250 tickets printed. All winning tickets go right back into the draw so you have 76 chances to win!! Thanks! | | | |

Tickets will be on sale for the entire month of April.....or until we run out!

Our goal is to sell all 2250....which will bring in \$11,250...all proceeds to our learning commons!

Please contact the school when you need more tickets!

Are you going to be a top seller? We have three fabulous prizes for the three top sellers, as well as early bird draws. So what are you waiting for? Get out there and sell! Sell! Sell!!

Early Bird Prizes: April 21



\$130



\$80

Top Seller Prizes



\$280



\$100



\$50 x 2

Thanks in advance for your support!

A Math Moment

What can I do to support my child's math learning?

Be positive about math!

Avoid saying "I was never good at math" or "I never liked math." Show that you think math is important and interesting. Use numbers when you discuss daily activities, sports, and so on. Look for opportunities for math to be a natural part of your conversations.

Support for Problem Solving

If your child is struggling with a problem, remind your child that problem solving takes time. It also takes perseverance.

Use question prompts to help your child discover a solution. For example:

What information are you given? What are you asked to find?

What is happening in the problem? Can you draw a picture of the situation to help you solve it? What other ways could you represent the problem? (e.g. make a model, act it out, write a number sentence or equation, organize the data in a table, etc.)

What do you know by looking at the diagram?

What strategies have you used before that you might try here?

Is there another way you might have solved this problem?

Encourage your child to use problem-solving strategies he/she is learning in school. For example:

consider starting with the simplest part of the problem

make a model or draw a diagram

make a table, chart or list

guess, check, and revise

look for a pattern

use a formula

work backward

Encourage your child to always check for accuracy of his/her work

By checking, your child will practice skills, build understanding, and become more self-reliant. Ask your child to explain why the solution is correct or incorrect

Talk aloud as you solve everyday problems of all kinds

Discuss alternate approaches and solutions with your child. Modelling how to solve a problem with your child will give your child more ideas and strategies.

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What are "Number Talks"??

Number talks is a strategy teachers are using to help students understand that there are many ways to quickly solve problems.

1. Choose a number equation to solve. Example: 18×5
2. Have the whole family solve it in their heads, without using the traditional algorithm....give a thumbs up when you are done.
3. What was the answer ? (accept all as correct)
4. Explain your strategy (this will support the correct answer, or clarify errors made in strategy or calculation)
5. Compare strategies...perhaps use one of them for your next problem.

This strategy can be used at all grade levels and with the whole family.....everyone will be amazed at how people approach problems in different ways! Give it a try with your family!