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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

February is upon us and we are just experiencing winter! Hopefully our snow enthusiasts can get outside and enjoy the Canadian winter!

January has vanished and we are ready for a busy and active February. Our grade eights have had their graduation photos done; high schools are visiting; course selection sheets are being filled out and so on. This is definitely a sign that spring is on its way.

This month, the School Council will be holding their annual Dance-a-Thon as a fundraiser. On Friday, February 10th, Mark Haynes has volunteered to DJ the event so all the children can dance up a storm. The primary children will dance periods 1 and 2, the juniors - periods 3 and 4 and the intermediates - periods 5 and 6. Thank you for any financial support you are able to give! The funds that are raised are used to support students in various capacities. The magazine fundraiser will be coming home as well and this money is used to support students as well.

Katrina Plazek
Principal

MAGAZINE FUNDRAISER

Our Magazine Fundraiser will begin February 17th. This campaign raises much needed funds for our school. Please watch for the order packages coming home on the 17th!

NO BUS DAYS

This is a reminder that bus cancellations impact a small number of students at our school. Parents of bus children do not need to call; we know why they are not at school. When buses are cancelled, students who walk to school are still expected to attend as programming and instruction will continue as normal. Our safe arrival system is even more important on the days of bus cancellation and inclement weather. If you feel that it is too dangerous to send your child **walking** to school, **PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL AND REPORT YOUR CHILD ABSENT**. We need to know that your child is safe.



DANCE-A-THON

The Parent Council Dance-a-Thon is back! Please mark Friday February 10th on your calendars. Parent Council is continuing to raise funds to help support arts and reading initiatives and other activities to enhance and further support our children's education.

Please return your envelopes with pledges between February 6th - 9th. Each class will have a chance to dance and have fun with DJ Mark for approximately 45 minutes. Spot Dance Prizes to be had. Students, bring your water bottle. Snacks and glow bracelets will be sold. On behalf of the volunteers of Parent Council we would like to thank you for your ongoing support.

HEADING TO HIGHSCHOOL

The time of year is here where our grade 8 students are beginning to make some important choices about their near futures and the adventures and challenges of highschool.

Grade 8 students have brought home course selection calendars and application forms for both College Heights and Centre Wellington Highschools. Please encourage your child to speak with their homeroom teachers about their decisions and choices regarding course selections. As parents, if you would like to speak with your child's teacher about these choices, please feel free to contact them at the school. Return signed sheets to the homeroom teacher **AND** register online.

Deadlines for application forms are:

Centre Wellington District Highschool: Friday February 10th. On-line option selections are due February 17th.

College Heights: Thursday, February 9th.

If your child has misplaced their course selection form, please let us know asap.

SKATE-A-THON

The annual Fergus Lions Skate-a-Thon will be held on February 16th. Students are asked to fundraise for this special event which will simultaneously support the community and J.D. Hogarth! A **\$5 fee** is required to participate and students will receive a cookie and hot chocolate when they get back to school.

Please help support our community and your school.

Please note this activity is for all Grade 1-8 students who bring in the minimum \$5 pledge.

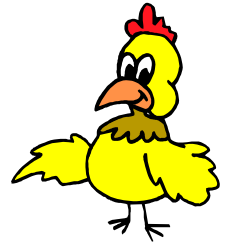


END OF THE DAY ARRANGEMENTS

If you need to make alternate arrangements for your child at the end of the school day, **please contact the school before 2pm.** Due to the activity level in the office at the end of the day, we cannot guarantee messages left after that time will be received.

GRADE 8 QUEBEC TRIP CHICKEN FUNDRAISER

Our Chicken Fundraiser begins January 30th and ends February 10th. Order forms and payment are due by February 13th. No late orders will be accepted. Pickup is tentatively scheduled for the first week of March. More information to follow. Thank you for the support you have shown!



JUNIOR CHESS CLUB

Junior chess club is now running on Day 3 during the second nutrition break. See Mrs. Leitch for more details.

FAMILY DAY

The Upper Grand District School Board will be observing Family Day on February 21st and our school will be closed. We hope you enjoy the day with your family!

ME TO WE MOVIE DAY

Hello Hawks!

As some of you know the Me to We Group put on an amazing movie day on December 21st to raise money for Adopt-a-Family. Thanks to all of your contributions we raised \$740. That is \$240 more than we expected. Thank you all for your support.

Thank you.

The Me to We Group

STUDENT INFORMATION

It is vitally important that the school has up-to-date contact information for all of our students. In an emergency situation, valuable time is lost if phone numbers etc. have changed. Please phone the office at any time to update contact information.

GREETINGS FROM THE LIBRARY



The Forest of Reading Program fired up again in the library this week! Over the next twelve weeks, participants will be busy reading a wide variety of books, anxiously awaiting the opportunity to vote for the most popular book in Ontario at their grade level. At the primary level, all students are participating in read aloud and comprehension sessions with their teachers using the Blue Spruce books, while the junior and intermediate participants are meeting once a week with Mrs. Preston to discuss their Silver Birch and Red Maple selections and blog with other participants within our school board. Stay tuned for our spring newsletter to find out the results of our votes which will be cast at our Forest celebrations, taking place in mid April.

FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

UGDSB recognizes February as Black History Month. Every year Canadians are invited to take part in the festivities and events that honour the legacy of black Canadians, past and present, during Black History Month. Black History Month exists to remind us all of the rich contributions within our society from people of African and Caribbean decent, and of their ongoing struggle for equity and social justice. This is a time to celebrate the many achievements and contributions of black Canadians who, throughout history, have done so much to make Canada the culturally diverse, compassionate and prosperous nation we know today. It is also an opportunity for the majority of Canadians to learn about the experiences of black Canadians in our society, and the vital role this community has played throughout our shared history.

CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH

Canadian Parents for French (Ontario) is a non-profit charitable organization and is the provincial Branch of our national organization, Canadian Parents for French. We have numerous local [Chapters](#) across the province that carry out activities that support French as a second language (FSL) learning both inside and outside of the classroom.

Spread the word about Canadian Parents for French Ontario's contests for all ages: [French Fiction is Fun!](#) contest (Gr. 1-8), [Encounters with Canada](#) contest (Gr. 9-11).

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Please be aware that the school is not responsible or accountable for lost, stolen or damaged electronic devices. The decision to send this equipment to school rests solely with the parent/guardian.

Cell phones are to be switched off and out of sight during school hours.

Use of digital or photographic imagery equipment is expressly forbidden on all school property unless the student has permission beforehand to take photographs for a school event. Failure to observe this directive will result in the immediate confiscation of equipment and could lead to prosecution by the authorities.



LIVE FREE CAMPAIGN

Live Free for Those Who Live Without

Mark your Calendars for Friday March 2nd and LIVE FREE!!

Once again JD Hogarth is participating in the Live Free Campaign and we need your support!

Every day students in our community live without things that many of us take for granted. They lack warm homes, food to eat, or a caring person to ensure that they are ok. Very often these children come to school without the proper nutrition to allow them to focus in their classes.

We are challenging each child to make a pledge to Live Free of something that they take for granted each day and donate a Toonie to the campaign. All money raised will go into our snack program that is available to all students in our school, every day!

On March 2nd, students Live Free of something for those who live without and donate a toonie.

Please support this worthwhile cause that benefits all students. Thank you.

**Most students in Grades 5 & up are on Facebook
Their average "Friend List" count is over 175
Formspring is the fastest growing site among students
Who are they REALLY sharing with, online?**

An absolute **MUST-SEE** event as described throughout Ontario's School Boards, by parents and police services.

Mark your calendar for this one-of-a-kind presentation:

Wednesday, February, 29th, 2012 at 7pm

Laurine Avenue Public School, Guelph

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101

plus

twitter

&

formspring

with Chris Vollum

recognized authority on Facebook, Twitter & Formspring



**** As of September 2011, Facebook 101 has been delivered to more than 180,000 students throughout 22 Ontario School Boards and independent schools.**