

Mariposa Elementary School Newsletter

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

January is a month of reflections and new beginnings. Celebrate learning, reflect on the growth and begin to imagine how far we can go when we set our expectations high and plan a path to reach them. The Mariposa ES community would like to wish everyone health and happiness in the New Year.



CHRISTMAS THANKS

The Christmas Spirit is alive and well at Mariposa Elementary School. Please accept our sincere thanks for your support for our Canadian Tire money collection and Shoppers’ Delight. Our collective efforts will make the Holiday Season a little brighter for eight families and 23 children. We raised close to \$300.00 in Canadian Tire money and gift cards. We also had over \$300.00 in other forms of donations. We sincerely thank Foodland in Little Britain for making turkeys so affordable for us. We also want to thank LCVI and the City of Kawartha Lakes OPP Detachment for their donations of hampers and toys. Participating in events such as these are great opportunities for character development and our students all benefit from learning about helping others who may be experiencing tougher times.

A big thank you to our M.A.D. Monarchs for taking a lead in our Canadian Tire money collection. Taking students to Canadian Tire to shop for other kids is a holiday highlight. We were concerned about how much money we may be able to raise as Canadian Tire continues to phase out their paper money. Thanks to all our supporters who went to the store and converted their “money” into gift cards for us. We raised a little less money than last year, but we were more than able to make up for it through our Shoppers’ Delight Sale. We would also like to thank everyone who sent in donations for our “Shoppers’ Delight”. It’s always great fun to see the children trying so hard to pick out the perfect gifts for their families. I would also like to extend a very big thank-you to our School Council for once again making the event a great success. We raised \$461.75. That is a lot of quarters! And is more than we have raised for many years!

The Christmas Concert was a great success and, as always, a lively way to start the holidays. Thank you to all our students who participated. It takes a real team to pull together such an event but we do need to single out the dedication of Mrs. B. Wilson. Thanks also to all our families and friends for taking the time to enjoy the performances. Thanks to Trustee Don Alton and Mrs. Alton for sharing the fun with us. All of the donations of non-perishable food items were welcomed by our local food bank as this is an extra busy time for them.

Our Mariposa Choir took their talents on the road on Thursday, December 17th. They visited both Caressant Care Facilities in Lindsay (Mary St @ McLaughlin Rd) and added the new seniors’ “Diners Club” at the Oakwood Arena to their tour this year. The looks on the faces of many of the residents spoke volumes about how much they appreciated the visit.

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Thanks to parents and students who donated to our School Nutrition Program in Lieu of Teacher Christmas gifts. We were able to raise \$911. Your support of this program will ensure that our healthy snack program can continue to feed all students in the school.

Thank you to all the members of our staff who supported our Christmas efforts this year. Concerts, fundraisers and the many other events that have taken place don't happen by chance. Many hours of work go into them. Members of staff willingly give up prep time, recesses, weekends and evenings to pull all these events together. It is greatly appreciated.

STAFFING

I am really pleased to announce that Mrs. Singleton was able to secure a permanent position at Leslie Frost PS just before the break. Her years of experience in early childhood settings will be missed by us at MES, especially the students and staff from Room 102. We are actively seeking a replacement which we hope to have in place as soon as possible.

At the same time, it is with a little sadness that we say goodbye to Mrs. Bell. Mrs. Bell has been a stalwart of support for many of our most needy students at Mariposa for over 20 years. Her experience in our team of Educational Assistants will be sorely missed. We wish her much happiness and all the very best of what retirement brings to our lives.

WINTER IS HERE!

Just a reminder that as the snow starts to fly, all children need to be dressed appropriately to come to school. Coats, hats, mittens/gloves and boots are a must, especially on those cold and windy days. Classes do have many outdoor winter activities that would require weather appropriate apparel. Fresh air and outdoor play are very important for child development so we try to ensure that students are outside for each of our twenty minute recesses. We carefully check weather conditions on the school yard and from up-to-date website information. Decisions to shorten or cancel outdoor play are always based on student safety and well-being.


We are also at that time of the year when the snow fun begins. Most MES students have been very responsible building snow sculptures, rolling enormous snow balls and building snow forts. Please remind your children to respect the work others have put into these. It is also important to reinforce our "No throwing snow balls" rule. We know that snow balls are lots of fun at home; however, they can be dangerous at school. Sand and salt is spread throughout the school yard to keep slippery surfaces to a minimum. This sand and salt gets mixed into the snow and can get into eyes. With 350+ pairs of feet running over it, snow gets trampled into ice chunks which are also dangerous when thrown.

School Bus Cancellations

TLDSB shares area-wide bus cancellations through Twitter, Facebook, and tldsb.ca, **NOT** individual bus route cancellations.

Sign up to receive individual school bus route cancellations and delays at www.mybustoschool.ca

For more information visit: tldsb.ca/inclement-weather-routines



E-NEWSLETTER - WE ARE TRYING TO THINK "GREEN"!

Did you know you have a number of options for receiving the MES monthly newsletter electronically?

- It is posted on the main page of our school website, mes.tldsb.on.ca, each month.
- If you register with Peachjar, it can be emailed to you directly. Look for the Peachjar link on our school website and the Trillium Lakelands DSB.
- If you wish to continue to receive printed copies of the newsletter, please cut out and return the notice below.

NEW e-CALENDAR - Keep Up To Date with MES Events

We have launched a new electronic calendar on our school website. We will be doing our best to keep it current with any changes to events, and, we hope it will provide more information than our old printed copies. Click on "Calendar" on the far right of the menu bar on our home screen. We are endeavoring to put as many school events on the calendar as possible. You are able to click on an event to open a window with more details.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

On behalf of the School Council we would like to thank everyone who supported our sale of Poinsettias and fresh floral arrangements. This was another successful fundraiser for our School Council. We were able to raise \$1144.55 which will directly benefit music programs for all students in the school. Gr 7 & 8 students will have their fundraising efforts credited to their end of year trips! Special thanks to all the volunteers who made this fundraiser such a great success.

Our next meeting is Monday January 25th at 6:30pm in the school library. All are welcome.

Thanks,
Nancy Nicholson
MES School Council Chair

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION
open for the month of January!

LEARN MORE



Children who turn 4 by December 31st, 2016 are eligible for registration. Please pick up detailed parent information packages and registration forms from the school office. To register your child in Kindergarten please bring:

- Proof of age for each child
- Name and phone number for family doctor
- Ontario Health Card number (optional)
- Child's immunization record
- Residence road name and 911 address

It is imperative that we have accurate numbers of Kindergarten registrations by the end of January. [Our school board staffs our school based on these numbers.](#)

More information about Kindergarten registrations can be found on Trillium Lakelands DSB's website at tldsb.ca/kindergarten.

Please send home printed copies of the Mariposa Elementary School Newsletter.

Parent Name: _____ Child's Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Class Teacher: _____

GRADE 9 INFORMATION EVENINGS



Information nights are taking place at all Trillium Lakelands District School Board secondary schools for grade 8 students and their parents in January and February 2016. The transition to grade 9 is an exciting yet intimidating time for grade 8 students. There are tools and resources in place in Trillium Lakelands District School Board to make this transition as easy as possible for both students and parents.

The “We Got You Covered” campaign was launched in 2013 and showcases all aspects of student life in high school. A 4-panel brochure is provided to each Grade 8 parent describing the academic as well as school life options available in secondary schools. All promotional materials developed for the campaign direct students and parents to the www.wegotyoucovered.ca website.

Grade 9 Information Nights for Grade 8 students and their parents:

- Lindsay Collegiate & Vocational Institute – February 9, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.
- IE Weldon Secondary School – February 3, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Includes powerpak/IB talk
- Fenelon Falls Secondary School – February 10, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.



Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP)

OYAP is a School to Work program that opens the door for students to explore and work in apprenticeship occupations starting in Grade 11 or Grade 12 through the Cooperative Education program.



Advanced Placement

Advanced Placement provides students with opportunities to pursue university level studies while in high school. AP courses are designed to challenge, stimulate and engage students with a keen interest and ability in a number of subject areas.



Specialist High Skills Majors (SHSM)

A SHSM is a ministry-approved specialized program that allows students to focus their learning on a specific economic sector while meeting the requirements to graduate from secondary school. It also assists in their transition after graduation to apprenticeship training, college, university or the workplace.



International Baccalaureate

The International Baccalaureate (IB) program aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable, and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through inter-cultural understanding and respect. The program encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners.



Summer School

A variety of summer school courses are offered throughout Trillium Lakelands District School Board during the month of July.



Cooperative Education

Cooperative Education is a course that integrates classroom learning with practical experience in a workplace setting exploring a career while earning high school credits. The Co-op program is an essential component of Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) and Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM).



Dual Credit Program

Dual credits are college courses delivered by college instructors to secondary school students. If successful, those students get credit in both high school and college. Dual credits are available at no cost to the secondary student.