

# Mariposa Elementary School Newsletter

We are heading into the fun days of June as our school year rapidly winds up. Trips are planned for just about every grade over the next few weeks, Grade 8 Graduation, County Track and Field, County Golf and class celebrations will keep us all busy. As well as all these events, our classroom educators are trying to squeeze every last learning minute out of the remaining time we have at school.

We would like to offer a big **THANK YOU** to all of our volunteers who faithfully help out at the school. If you are not able to attend, please know that your time and energy are greatly valued and appreciated by students and staff. We couldn't run this great school without your support.

## LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

The last day of school this year is Wednesday June 29<sup>th</sup>. In keeping with our Mariposa traditions, we will clap out our graduating grade 8 students and retiring staff, as well as any students and staff who know they will be leaving our school. Parents are welcome. We usually begin this at around 3:15 pm.

## TERM 2 (FINAL) REPORTS

Final reports will be issued on Wednesday June 29<sup>th</sup>. If your child is unable to attend school this day, please contact the office and let us know your preference for collecting these. Unfortunately, they will not be able to be prepared any earlier.

## EQAO

EQAO is wrapping up this week and we all would like to thank our Gr. 3 and Gr. 6 students for their dedicated efforts. Teachers and support staff, your efforts in making this a positive experience for all students is appreciated. Thanks too to Mrs. Nicholson and her school council and parent volunteers who helped prepare healthy snacks to keep our students well-nourished throughout this time.

## STAFFING NEWS

We have some staffing changes that we are able to share at this early stage of June. We need to thank Mrs. Gilpin for her never ending energy and positivity. She has been a true asset to our educator team over the past three years. Her dedication to her classes, and nearly every extra-curricular sport our school offers is greatly appreciated. She will continue to enjoy her maternity leave next school year and will return to her position at Langton Public School. Mrs. Skrabek and Ms. Zimmermann will also be taking maternity leaves next year. We wish them both and their growing families all the best and look forward to seeing them when they return. Our thanks also goes to Mrs. Graham Hamer for so ably covering Mrs. Gilpin's maternity leave. I know students and staff will miss her laughter and her smile.

We are pleased to be able to share the list of our current educator staff members for 2015-16. Please remember that this list is *TENTATIVE*. We are expecting more changes as we know that we have two maternity leaves to cover. Staffing for our DECEs and EAs won't be completed until much later in the month.

### 2016-17 Educator Staff:

Mrs. Angela Tompkins  
Ms. Tara Zimmermann (replacement TBA)  
Mme. Vicki Pereira  
Mrs. Karen Metherel  
Mrs. Kelly Shanks  
Mrs. Bethany Hilborn  
Ms. Sara Michel  
Mrs. Birgit Campbell  
Mr. Rachid Kherraji  
Ms. Valarie Pethick  
Mrs. LeeAnne Murray  
Mrs. Cathy Welch

Mr. Kevin Deuchars  
Ms. Lori Moore  
Mr. Joe Dillon  
Mrs. Monique Tindale  
Ms. Lori Gregory  
Mrs. Lindsey Metcalfe  
Miss Susan Wilson  
Mrs. Emilee Skrabek (replacement TBA)  
Mrs. Kathy Nichol  
Mrs. Beth Wilson  
Mr. Chris Dowell

Student class assignments will be drafted over the next few weeks. Our goal in this process is to develop balanced classes of the lowest size which best meet the academic needs of students. Student social relationships are important, however, these are not the first needs considered when forming classes. As was the case last year, we will not be putting class assignments onto final report cards. We are anticipating changes over the summer and want to avoid upsets. Many students and parents are disappointed when plans are changed. However, be assured that all changes are made in the best interests of the whole school.

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Vice Principal: Melissa  
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Trustee: Don Alton



Our first musical production in over 5 years, Seussical Junior, was a great success! Well over 500 tickets were sold over the 3 nights of performances and over 500 students watched the performance during matinees. Grade 4 through 8 students made a huge commitment for over 4 months, to prepare for their roles as various Dr. Seuss characters. We are so proud to see the growth of so many students over the last few months!

Thank you to the cast, crew, staff and parents who were so flexible with their time and involvement to make this happen! With everyone's hard work and dedication, "ANYTHING'S POSSIBLE!"

### **Track and Field Meet**

Friday, May 13 was our annual track and field meet. The students and staff rallied together to make the day a huge success! Thanks to all the students who participated and assisted in the events; you should all be proud of your effort and skill. Thanks to all the parents who assisted with the events and who came to support the amazing athletes. The students who placed first and second in their event(s) are now practicing for the County Track and Field Meet which will be held at Kawartha Park (LCVI) in Lindsay on Wednesday, June 8. Go Monarchs!

Ms. Kimble, Ms. Moore & Ms. Gregory

### **Mariposa School Council Annual Report Year End June 2016**

Dear Parents and School Community,

The Mariposa School Council had a very rewarding year. A total of 5 meetings were held to discuss a variety of projects. All meetings were held at the school and were open to the public. Minutes and Financial reports from each meeting are available at the office.

The purpose of the school council is to help improve student achievement and increase the accountability of the education system to parents by making recommendations to the principal and the school board.

Several goals and priorities were put into place and the following purchases and expenditures were made by the council: Musical Instruments for the music program, contribution to the OPP kids program, bussing for the Grade 5 swimming, Audio Visual Projector in the gym and an annual award to a graduating student.

The goals were achieved due to the efforts of our fundraising. This year our fundraisers were a Dance-a-thon, Christmas plant sale / floral arrangements, Arby's lunch days, Canteen for soccer, and Little Caesars Pizza. Our event that we were able to host through a PRO Grant was a Wellness night with guest speaker from CMHA and through a Parent Engagement fund was a Family night of magic with Phil Pivnick. The winners of the Little Caesars kits from the Family Magic night are Christopher Erhart, Braydon Farr, Jared Firth, Madelyn Galloway, Keely Worsley-Giroux, Mya Hetherington, Natasha McCarthy, Austin Nicholson and Gavin Way. Many thanks to parents, students, teachers and volunteers for all their support in our fundraising efforts.

I would like to acknowledge all the hard working individuals who dedicated their time and skills. Special thanks to Steven Roffe, Melissa MacEachern, Cheryl Crowe, Janette White, Heidi Adams, Mandy Morrison, Leanne Ashton, Stacie Vokins, Theresa Wilimek, Robin Brown, Heidi Flowers, Shelley Bagshaw, Kelly Murphy, Jennifer Bellefeuille, Shauna Glasgow, Darlene Corneil, Becky Thomson and Kim Hill.

I am sure that the 2016/2017 school council will continue to assist in the development of Mariposa as "A Great Place to Grow".

Sincerely

Nancy Nicholson  
Chairperson



### MES Adopt a Village Update

Our Me to We liaison, Tyla Miller has just returned from a trip to Ecuador where she visited the village that our Me to We team adopted for MES. Tyla explored the culture of the local indigenous people of Quito while travelling by motorized canoe through the Rainforest, on the Amazon River. She arrived at the community of Mondana (our village). She toured the new medical clinic and worked on the doctor's residence construction site. (picture below)



The medical clinic has basic services that are so important to the community. Among treatments offered are basic dental hygiene, pre-natal care, and treatment of children for parasites. Other stops on her visit were to the Kindergarten building with the new soundproof roof. It was installed by Me to We so that the students can learn during the heavy rain season. Tyla also got to see a “choza”. This building is a place for the local women to meet, attend workshops and make jewelry. Finally she saw some of the pumps installed by Me to We for clean water.

Tyla said, “I can see that your school [Mariposa E.S.] is helping to empower communities in Ecuador through Adopt a Village. Thank you so much! Please pass along our sincere thanks to all of your hardworking students for their support.”

### LOST AND FOUND

Please come by the school and see if your child has lost anything. All lost and found is displayed outside Room 11 for easy claiming. We are constantly surprised by how quickly our unclaimed clothing piles up. These will be donated to local charities at the end of the school year.

### LIBRARY NEWS

Please return all library books to the library as soon as possible. Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Cavers have to begin the process of inventorying our collection. As you can imagine, this is a very big job!

### YARD TOYS

The primary students are looking for sturdy trucks and sand toys for our yard. The ones we have been "well loved"! We would love to update our collection. Basketballs and tennis balls are always welcome too.

### GRADE 9 ORIENTATION AT LCVI

This fall, LCVI will be hosting a Gr.9 orientation session on **Wednesday, August 31, 2016** from **9:00am – 12:00pm**. Current Gr. 8 students should mark this date on calendars. More information will be available in media and websites as the date approaches.