



Summer 2016

Mariposa Elementary School Newsletter

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we begin our summer holidays, I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe break. Enjoy the well-earned family time and celebrate the successes of the school year. It has been a learning-filled year and it is a perfect time to pause and think about all of our student successes.

In the last couple of weeks, I have spent a lot of time reflecting on my time at our wonderful school. I will truly miss our students, staff and parents. Mariposa *IS* "A Great Place to Grow". I couldn't have had a better welcome to the City of Kawartha Lakes! I know I have established a number of friendships which will last. Many thanks to Mrs. Skrabek for reminding me that "Once a Monarch, Always a Monarch!"

You will notice a few changes to the school building when school begins in September. The front facade of the building is being removed to repair some substantial wear and tear behind it. The facade will be modernized somewhat but we have asked to have the original lettering retained. We wanted to maintain the original character of our school. Our gym is being repainted and so are our stairwells and some hallways. A less obvious improvement will be a new telephone system which should help improve our communication with everyone.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL for all students except new JK registrations will be Tuesday, September 6th, 2015.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

STAFFING UPDATE

We have more news to share about changes in staff for our school.

A warm welcome to Mrs. Jordan who will be Mariposa's Principal in September. She is a very experienced educator and has genuine care and concern for all students. She is an excellent fit for our school. She did teach Kindergarten at MES at some point in her career. She made me promise not to be too specific though. ;-). She is proof of the adage: "Once a Monarch, Always a Monarch!"

We are losing Ms. Zimmermann through the TLDSB surplus process as we will only have 2 FDK classes next year. We are very sorry to see her leave. She has been a dedicated and hardworking early learning educator since the program began at Mariposa. She has a wonderful relationship with many students and their families and I know Mrs. Tompkins will miss her support and friendship. We also wish Ms. Wright all the best in her future endeavours. She has been a wonderful addition to our Kindergarten team. We hope to be able to have her back at Mariposa ES sometime soon. Mrs. Skrabek will be taking a maternity leave for the year and she and her husband David are excitedly waiting for the arrival of their second child. At this point we are retaining our current EAs, however, we have less EA time for 2016-17.

Please watch our website where we will post the most current staff list for September. Please note that some changes may still take place. We will be carefully monitoring class sizes during the first few weeks of school. There may be a need for class re-organization if class sizes warrant it.

OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

Please remember that the school office closes on Friday July 8th and will re-open on Monday August 29th, 2016.

PIZZA NIGHT & MEET THE TEACHER

Mark Thursday, September 15th on your calendar for next year, Mariposa School Council will be hosting a Pizza Night from 5:30 – 6:00 pm. Meet the Teacher will be held after from 6:00 – 7:00 pm. Please plan to attend.

LCVI ORIENTATION FOR NEW GR. 9 STUDENTS

Wednesday, August 31st from 9:00am to 12:00pm, LCVI's guidance department staff and Spartan Squad will treat the incoming class of grade 9 students to a morning of fun. There will be an assembly, tour of the school, locker and timetable distribution, photos and a free BBQ lunch. There will be a letter sent home to each grade 9 student from LCVI over the summer with confirming information.

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BATTERY RECYCLING

This year, Mariposa was one of 125 schools from across the province of Ontario to accept the challenge to recycle batteries and worked together to achieve a bigger goal. Together you collected and recycled over 1 million single use household batteries!

Not only did our school help the environment but we also helped one another. Every battery collected from every student helped to raise funds for Sick Kids Hospital Foundation. A total of \$2,578.50 will be donated on behalf of all the students that participated this year in Ontario.

Recycling single-use batteries gives the materials inside them another chance at life and displaces the need to mine and refine these materials from ore. Mining and refining is major cause of greenhouse gas emissions. 100% of those batteries' materials will be recovered and put back into the market for re-use.

From this year's challenge alone:

- 19,653 kilograms of zinc, manganese and potassium has been recovered and will be reused as a micronutrient in fertilizer to grow corn for bio-fuel.
- 8,188 kilograms of steel & nickel will be reused in the local auto and appliance industry.
- And, 4,913 kilograms of paper and plastic will be reused as fuel in an energy from waste facility to create electricity.

This year the Provincial Prize Pool reached \$12,892! Please keep your eyes out in the next couple weeks for our press release and newsletter announcing the 3 winners of this year's Challenge! Maybe next year it will be **your** school taking the chq for \$6,446!!

Our school alone sent in 88 kg of batteries over the year. Please keep sending in your batteries next year and we may win one of the top three prizes!

From,

Ms. Pethick and Mrs. Skrabek



The **Mariposa Golf Team** played at Lindsay Golf Club on June 10, 2016. The format consisted of both a boys and a girls team playing best ball scramble. Our boys placed 2nd in their division and congratulations to our all "new to golf" girls team that played extremely well, helping our school team place 3rd overall. Thank you for a great day on the course!

Logan Jenkins, Brock Ormiston, Laine Thomson, Tiana McCabe, Ryan Marquis, Samantha Collis, Alyssa Codling, Thomas Marquis.

Congratulations to the **Primary Track and Field Team**. You all worked hard and did your very best at the County meet. You displayed your skill, determination and sportsmanship throughout the day. Your coaches, parents and school are proud.

Special congratulations to:

Kyla Farr – 1st in Standing Long Jump

Cassidy Cooper – 5th in Standing Long Jump

Logan Brown – 6th in Long Jump

Carter Waines – 2nd in Ball Throw

Ethan Patterson – 4th in Ball Throw

Payton Vokins – 1st in 50m

Chantel Nicholson – 4th in 50m

Chantel Nicholson – 2nd in 100m

Payton Vokins – 3rd in 100m

Payton Vokins – 3rd in 250m

Chantel Nicholson – 5th in 250m

Zoe Karkoulas – 2nd in 100m

Deynah Ryan – 1st in Ball Throw

Ellaina Kylau – 5th in Standing Long Jump

Ellaina Kylau – 3rd in Long Jump

Luke Callaghan – 6th in 50m

Chris Callaghan – 3rd in 100m

Luke Callaghan – 6th in 100m

Chris Callaghan – 4th in 250m

Chris Callaghan and Payton Vokins – 5th in 250m Relay