

THE MUSKOKA FALLS WAY!!



Muskoka Falls Public School

April 2015

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Principal's Message

Time is flying by and there are many things happening at Muskoka Falls. Our battle of the books teams have been to the finals and did a wonderful job at representing our school. Our students are engaged in a variety of learning opportunities that involve technology, thinking and celebrating our learning.

EQAO is quickly approaching and we are excited to have this chance to celebrate the learning that occurs from K-8 at Muskoka Falls. We will be writing EQAO the week of May 25– June 4. We will be having an assembly to show our support for our students that are participating. We ask that you join us in this celebration and make those days special for our students.

The outdoor classroom will hopefully begin to flourish as the snow melts and we can begin to put our vision into fruition . We are looking for local businesses to donate granite benches or money to put towards the benches. The businesses that do assist with our outdoor classroom will

Parent Council Corner

Hey everyone,
The sun is shining (most of the time lately!) and Spring is in the air!

Thank you to everyone who came out and purchased books from the book fair, I think this one was our most successful book fairs to date! I know we are all looking forward to our buy 1 get 1 free book fair in June.

The Dominos cards sales went well and we raised over \$700 towards our new gym sound system. Thank you to everyone who sold/purchased them.

Our next hot lunch will be Tuesday April 14th and it will be

be acknowledged on a plaque which will be placed on the fence.

If you have visited our school website you will notice there is a button titled Peachjar. If you click on it you are able to register to receive emails that include the school newsletter and other flyers from local businesses and organizations.

Also, as we move into the warmer weather please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately. The dress code is found at the front of all agendas. We ask that students come dressed in appropriate attire and are ready to learn.

Thank you for your continued support,

Shannon Coles

Homemade Lasagna. The forms have been sent home and are due back by Friday April 10th.

Things to look forward to :
Grand Friends Day in May
Our annual Fun at The Falls BBQ in June

Hope everyone has an "ADVENTUROUS" month of April

Amy Trinka

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Dates to Remember:

- 1—Battle of the Books: Intermediate
- 3-6—Easter Weekend
- 8—International Day of Pink
- 14—Hot Lunch: lasagna
- 16-20—March Break: enjoy the break and be safe
- 22-24—Trip to Montreal

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Better Together

Parent Drop Off and Pick Up

We are in the process of creating a sitting area between the double doors as you enter the school for parents to sit and wait for their children. We are looking to create an inviting area where parents can sit, talk and read materials about the school or even take a book home with them.

In the coming year we are also looking to provide a little free library (take a book or leave one, see <http://www.muskokaregion.com/community-story/3574891-take-a-book-leave-a-book>), plus some math games/ideas for families to support students learning and enhance the math skills of our students. In this newsletter I have given some ideas/thoughts about math and how we can work together to increase our math learning.

Tweeting from @MuskokaFallsPS

April Fools Day



Battle of the Books



What a Wonderful View We Have...



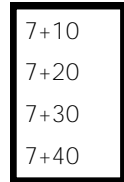
Math Learning

We have been doing some math learning as a board but also in our school. Teachers have been learning about Number Talks, Numeracy Nets and Landscape of Learning (Catherine Fosnot). I thought it might be an idea to include some information about games and/or math problems that **you could work on as a family. So here it goes...**

Number Talks:

Adding Up in Chunks

- **“Around the midyear in second grade, we want students to be able to add multiples of ten to any number with ease. Adding up numbers in chunks builds on this idea by encouraging students to keep one number whole while adding “chunks” of the second addend. An open number line or hundreds chart is a helpful tool to use when discussing this strategy” (Number Talks pg.141).**



Math

Games

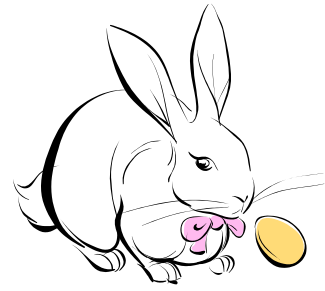
- Some games to play at home..
1. Snakes and Ladders
 2. Cribbage
 3. 21
 4. Chess
 5. Card Games: adding number together
 6. Yahtzee
 7. Monopoly
 8. Pay Day
 9. Suduko

As we continue with our learning I will keep you informed about how you can support your child at home.



HAPPY Easter

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Character Education Theme Citizenship

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 	3 Good Friday	4
5	6 Easter Monday	7	8  Day of Pink	9  Grad Photos Due	10 Swim to Survive grade 3 1:30-2:30	11
12	13	14 Hot lunch: Lasagna 	15 	16 	17 Swim to Survive grade 3 1:30-2:30	18
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