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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Although we officially welcomed Spring last week, mother nature has a long way to go. As always, there are lots of activities happening at Spruce Glen. Our Battle of the Books took place last week and we sent a junior and intermediate team to Bracebridge to compete in the regionals. Both teams played well but did not move on to the next round. The Lion's Club Public Speaking Contest took place at Spruce Glen. Congratulations to Claire Jarvis, Taylor Horton and Allyson Jones who represented our school well. Mrs. Robson's grade 6 class will be heading to Yearley Outdoor Education Centre on April 9th, 10th and Mrs. Haskin's class will be going on June 12th and 13th. We have a very special "Grand Friends Day" planned for May 9th. Grandparents or grandfriends will be welcomed in the school for the first learning block. They are invited to come to an assembly, followed by some classroom visiting time and then on to play outside during recess. The event runs from 8:55 – 11:00am, so make sure that you get the invites out and mark the date in your calendars.

Thank-you to our parents who volunteer their time in some way or another. All classes are now equipped with Smart Boards and the breakfast club is thriving, running 5 days per week. We also have parents attending class trips, reading with students and volunteering for special events. The next Parent Council Meeting takes place on April 7th at 6:30 – all are welcome. Remember to follow us on Twitter or Facebook to stay connected to events and announcements. Please drop by the office or call if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Todd Truax
Principal

Planning For September

As we organize the process to place students in classes for September, we thought you might be interested in how we approach this important task. Our school Staffing Committee will develop a school organization based on the number of teachers we have been allotted (actual teacher names for classes have not yet been finalized). Due to movement and growth, final decisions about class placement are not made until the end of the summer. Teachers meet to group students so that there are a variety of academic ability groupings in each class. This allows for equity in access to the teacher's time and for the ability to create a reasonable number of reading, writing and math groups.

There are many other variables such as positive or negative influence on each other's learning, special needs such as health concerns, resource and withdrawal needs, and male/female role models (where a choice exists). We appreciate your trust in our professional judgment for balancing all the considerations mentioned above. **If, however, you have a special request (i.e. female/male role model, a health or social issue) be sure to put your request in writing to the principal.** We do our best to accommodate requests, but they are not guaranteed.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

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| April 7 th | - Parent Council Meeting 6:30pm |
| April 8 th , 9 th | - Grade 6 Yearly Trip |
| April 19 th | - Shrek, Mrs. Peca / Mrs. Stephen |
| April 14 th | - Grad Photo Retakes 10:00am |
| April 18 th | - Good Friday, HOLIDAY |
| April 21 st | - Easter Monday, HOLIDAY |
| April 22 nd | - Earth Day |

SPRUCE GLEN **PTA** UPDATES

SAC has pledged their financial support for the following items for the 2013-2014 school year:

- Scientists in the Classrooms Workshop for Primary Grades \$567
- Donation of \$1000 to replenish the book resource room
- Purchase of small outside toys for primary yard \$200
- Donated \$2000 towards the purchase of another Smartboard
- Purchase of Full Sized Soccer goals for rear yard in Spring 2014 \$2500
- Funds set aside for special classroom requests or trips \$650

Fundscrip: one order date left Friday June 6th. You can order with paper order form or register and order online. Order and payment deadlines are Fridays and the cards arrive the following Friday to the school. Or they now have ship direct options which allow you to ship to addresses for as low as .73 per order. There are six methods of payments:

EFT which is free but needs an application and void cheque.

- Interac Online with an .85 fee
- Credit Card (earnings are reduced) so you can keep collecting those reward points
- Online bill payment which is free but must be completed three days before order deadline.
- Paper order form and paper cheque.
- Order online and drop off paper cheque with copy of your paper order form.

Any questions, please forward to Shannon at slockwood.ldpm@gmail.com

Breakfast Club:

I would like to take a moment to thank an amazing group of moms and grandmothers at Spruce Glen. Every morning from Monday to Friday, these women donate their time at our breakfast club program. Arriving at 8 am, and dishing out over 100 servings per morning, they are doing their part to help ensure that the students start their day off right. Whether it's a bagel, some fruit, yogurt or some cheese, there is something for everyone, and the students love the program. Thank you, ladies, for your contribution to the health and well-being of our students.

I am also very proud of the students who pitch in. It is so great to see them assist with the daily set-up, make toast, do dishes, or help bring in the groceries. Thank you!

If you would like to be a part of this amazing breakfast program team, please contact me, Brigitte 's Jongers, at 705-788-9910 or brigitte.sjongers@sympatico.ca

Also, I would like to send a special thank you to the Garland family for their support, and to Lucy's Lunch Room for their weekly donation of muffins!



And a HUGE Thank You to Brigitte 's Jongers from EVERYONE at SPRUCE GLEN !!!!

Brigitte looks after organizing EVERYONE, buying EVERYTHING, feeding EVERYONE, and

Thanking EVERYONE !! So this time Brigitte, the "Thank You" goes to YOU !!!



On Thursday March 27th the Spruce Glen Hockey Team participated in the Winston Watson Winter Classic School Hockey Tournament. The Gators fought hard to win the first 2 games but then came up a little short to HPS/Riverside with a 3-2 loss. Soon enough the finals rolled around and Gators had to play HPS/Riverside and they knew it wasn't going to be easy. The Gators ended up placing 2nd and we brought home a finalist trophy which will be displayed in the office until next year's tournament. A big thank you goes out to Mikala and Jeff Collins for donating custom gator jerseys; they will be useful for years to come.

By: Cole & Blake



MRS. HIGG'S/ MS. KING'S CLASS:

Our class has been working on a play inquiry with cardboard boxes! We discussed and wrote about how boxes are the BEST toy. After this, the children became "box inventors" and they created some really neat things with cardboard boxes.





Call Safe Arrival when your child is LATE or ABSENT 705-789-6531

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1 April Fool's Day	2 Gr. 7/8's Skills Canada	3	4	5
6	7	8 Gr. 6 Yearly Trip	9 Gr. 6 Yearly Trip	10 Gr. 7/8 Shrek @ Algonquin Theatre	11	12
13	14 10:00AM Grad Photo REtakes	15	16	17	18 Good Friday	19
20	21 Easter Monday	22 Earth Day	23	24	25	26
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