

# Dog Pound Press

## April, 2014 Newsletter

APRIL'S CHARACTER TRAIT IS CITIZENSHIP.



### Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

We are now well in to our final term and hopefully the warmer weather will be arriving soon! Spring brings with it a zestful feeling of renewal and snow forts and snowmen have been replaced by footballs, soccer balls and basketballs. It is indeed wonderful to see our kids so active and happy during recess!

Scott Young continues to be a busy place and our students are also actively involved in many extra-curricular opportunities. Both the junior and intermediate "Battle of the Books" competitions were held last week with our Juniors finishing in second and our Intermediates capturing third. Due to their success, our Juniors travelled to Bracebridge and again represented our school extremely well while finishing in fourth place for the entire Board. Basketball season is also well underway and all three of our school teams are now preparing for the upcoming zone playoffs.

This year's EQAO Provincial Assessment will be occurring between May 26th and June 5th. More detailed information will be sent home shortly. Please avoid making medical or dental appointments, or scheduling any other events which would prevent your child from being at school during this time period. This assessment provides data to help us improve student achievement and support our school improvement plan. For additional information please feel free to contact the school at 799-5133.

Robert Murray  
Principal

### ME to WE at SYPS

The Me to We group has organized this year's 5 Days of Freedom. It will take place April 14 – 17, with an additional day Tuesday, April 22.

Junior and Intermediate students will participate in a variety of events during the last block of each day. Entrance to the week's activities will be with a bracelet, which students can purchase the week before, for \$5. Entrance to individual activities will be \$2, purchased the on the day of the activity.

Here is the week's line up of events:

- Monday, April 14** – House League teams go up against each other in a Dodge Ball tournament
- Tuesday, April 15** – SYPS Talent Show – sign up in Ms. Warburton's or Mr. Quackenbush's room
- Wednesday, April 16** – Movie and We Are Silent
- Thursday, April 17** – Intermediate Dance
- Tuesday, April 22** – School wide clean-up – bring your work gloves and boots, and help clean up our yard!

### Trent Science Camp

Trent Science Camp for Gr. 5 & 6 students will take place June 12 & 13 at Trent University. Please see Ms. Warburton for further information. Registration packages are available and are due at Trent U. by May 2<sup>nd</sup>, or you can give them to Ms. Warburton.

### Skipping

Skipping will be held every morning recess, Days 3, 4 or 5. Students are to listen to announcements or check with Ms. Warburton for practice times.

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### Character Development

This month's character trait is "Citizenship". We show citizenship by making responsible decisions, caring about others, and by contributing positively to our community.



## House League News

Scott Young students and staff earned House points throughout the month of March by either bringing in pop tabs or dressing up for our Formal Friday Spirit Day.

The current point totals are very close::

Ravens – 1554 points  
Mustangs – 1578 points  
Goldenhawks – 1496 points  
Gryphons – 1527 points

In April students and staff will be able to earn House points by continuing to bring in pop tabs, raising money for Jump Rope for Heart, Pedal for Hope and/or participating in our Camouflage Spirit Day on Friday, April 25.

## Pedal for Hope

The Pedal for Hope cycling tour campaign will kick off their 2013 tour today. I am



pleased to say that Scott Young P.S. will enjoy another visit from the tour on Thursday, May 1st, 2014 at 9:00. As always parents are encouraged to join us for this assembly. The Team always has a good time with the students. Their mandate is threefold: Raise money for pediatric cancer research, educate and develop awareness about issues surrounding cancer and to develop positive relationships with children in our community. The Me to We group, is in the early planning stages for fund raising, so stay tuned for upcoming events. Fund raising envelopes will be given only to students who wish to shave their head in support and students who wish to raise money individually.

As in every year prizes will be awarded to the top fund raisers.

## Join the Junior Garden Club 2014

It has been a very long winter and all Gardeners are anxious to be outside. Growing your own flowers and vegetables is a wonderful way to enjoy Nature as well as be healthy. Children and parents can learn to be gardeners. The Registration forms (with all the details) are available at the office from your school secretary from March 20 to May 1st. Pick one up and call Heather Grassie at 328-0342 for info. Check our web site [www.omemeeblooms.ca](http://www.omemeeblooms.ca). The Junior Garden Club will meet Sat. May 10 1:30-3:30 at Coronation Hall.

An Enormous Plant Sale will be held on Sat. May 10th from 9:00am to 11:00 am at the Omemee Curling Rink.



## City of Kawartha Lakes Public Library

### April Events

### Omemee Library

Drop In Craft  
Saturday, April 12 between 11 am & 1 pm

For information call the Omemee Library at 705 799-5711.

### Library Hours

Mondays & Saturdays 10:00 am – 2:00 pm  
Wednesdays & Thursdays 3:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Search the Library Catalogue at

[www.city.kawarthalakes.on.ca/library](http://www.city.kawarthalakes.on.ca/library)



**Boys & Girls Clubs  
of Kawartha Lakes**  
A good place to be

**Indoor Soccer**

**Funding Provided By: Jumpstart Get In The Game Program**

**Location:** Scott Young Public School, Omemee

**Ages:** Grades JK to 2, Grades 3 to 4 & Grades 5 to 8

**Day:** Mondays starting March 24, 2014

**Time:** 6:00-6:45pm for Grades JK to 2, 7:00-8:00pm for Grades 3 to 4, 8:00-9:00pm for Grades 5 to 8

**Cost:** \$20 per person for 6 weeks

**\*Financial Assistance** options available for all participants—contact Trevor Tompkins or Joshua Williams

**Registration:** Register now online at [www.bgckl.com/register](http://www.bgckl.com/register) or at Scott Young Public School Mondays during Boys & Girls Club Sports Programs.

**Note:** Children **must** be registered before they can attend program which includes completed registration form, program selection form and payment.

For **Registration** inquiries please contact our office staff at (705) 324-4493 & press 0.

For **Program** information please contact Trevor Tompkins @ (705) 324-4493 ext. 217 or [ttompkins@bgckl.com](mailto:ttompkins@bgckl.com) or Joshua Williams @ (705) 324-4493 ext. 211 or [jwilliams@bgckl.com](mailto:jwilliams@bgckl.com)

**Yearbook**

The yearbook is well underway! We've just had professional photos of all our clubs taken to be included in this year's edition. With just three months until the students receive them, we will be accepting final orders until TUESDAY APRIL 15<sup>th</sup>. Please see attached order form, if you are interested in purchasing this year's keepsake. Thank You

Mrs. Carney and the Yearbook Committee

**No Texting during the School Day!**

I would like to take this opportunity to remind students and parents that during normal school hours all communication should be facilitated through the school office. Students who need to call home need to seek permission from their teacher and use the office phone. Recently we have had a number of parents arrive in the office to pick up their children as a result of text messages sent from school. This is problematic as we often have no knowledge that the student is even sick. Equally concerning is the fact that some of our student are sending or receiving text messages from home during instructional time. Please respect our school policy which forbids this type of cell phone use between 8:45 and 3:15.



**COPS CORNER**

A safety message from our police partners

Road safety is a shared responsibility. The OPP is working hard to make our highways the safest in the world and you can help simply by buckling up. Click it or Ticket! Seat belts save lives. Failure to wear your seatbelt can result in a \$240 ticket with two demerit points on your driver's license.

Here is a helpful chart when determining the right child safety seat for your child:



**Rear Facing Seat** - children weighing less than 20 lbs. (9kg)

**Forward Facing Seat** - children weighing between 20-40 lbs. (9-18kg), must be one year old and walking. It is recommended to keep your child rear facing as long as possible; some car seats now are rear facing up to 30lbs

**Booster Seat** - children under the age of 8, Weighing between 40-80 lbs.(18-36kg) and less than 4'9" (145cm).

For more information: <http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/motorvehiclesafety/safedrivers-childsafety-car-index-873.htm>

Source: OPP Constable Carrie Lanning

## **Basketball**

Well, another basketball season is well underway. Congratulations to the following grade 7 and 8 boys who were named to the team this year:

Ethan Leavey  
Adam Otterwell  
Cameron McArthur  
Ben Sollitt  
Tanner Craig  
Dan Carew  
Cody McQuaid  
Nathan Richards  
Christian Sparks  
Josh Popovic



These boys have been receiving tremendous coaching from coaches Trevor Tompkins, who coordinates the Steve Nash Basketball clinics for the Boys and Girls club of Lindsay; and Josh Williams, who coaches the Sandford Fleming College team, and Mrs. Phendler. The boys have also attended player clinics at IE Weldon high school to learn basic defensive and offensive skills to prepare them for their zone tournament coming up on April 10. Our Terriers will represent Scott Young that afternoon in hopes of winning a spot as one of the top two teams to move on to the County Championships April 16 at Weldon. Good luck to our Terriers!!

## **Chess Success for Scott Young**

The TLDSB Chess Championship was held in Haliburton on Friday March 28. Sixteen students from Scott Young took part. These students distinguished themselves by their gracious way of playing against their opponents and by the way they helped set up tables, chairs, and all the chess sets to get the tournament started. They represented our school with great character. All participants played with hopes of winning, and four students were especially successful. Keeghan Yule finished 1<sup>st</sup> in the grade 6 group, and Scot Bennet finished in 3<sup>rd</sup>. In the grade 7 group, Austin Barriage won all of his games to earn 1<sup>st</sup> place and close behind him was Blair Howran in 2<sup>nd</sup>. Because of their success, Keeghan and Blair have qualified for the Ontario Chess Championship later this month. Mr. Quesnel is very proud to be associated with this amazing group of young chess players. Hearty congratulations go out to the following students:

## **Grade 5**

Aiden Pell  
Jackson Seamons  
Bradley Malcolm  
Gregory Robertson

## **Grade 7**

Austin Barriage  
Blair Howran  
Ethan Ross-deWeerd  
Brandy Troke

## **Grade 6**

Keeghan Yule  
Scot Bennet  
David Fairbairn  
Damian Andrews

## **Grade 8**

Josh Popovic  
Luke Morgan  
Noah VanHalteren  
Matthew Fairbairn

## **4th Annual Purina Walk for Dog Guides – Omemee**

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Purina Walk for Dog Guides – Omemee will occur on **Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014**. Hosted by the Lions Clubs of Fowlers Corners, Dunsford, Omemee, and the Omemee Lioness Club. The registration for the walk takes place at 12 noon with the **walk beginning at 1:00 p.m.** Fundraising Pledge forms will be available commencing March 31<sup>st</sup> at local locations in Omemee such as the Post Office, Foodland, Omemee Veterinary Hospital, Kings Fortune Restaurant (at the former Roadside Café), TD Bank, Coronation Hall Municipal Service Ctr., Dunsford Convenience, Coffee Time Restaurant-Fowlers Corners, Fields Automotive (S. of Fowlers Corners), Linton's Service – Lindsay Rd. at Fife's Bay Rd., Peterborough, Pizza Palace – Fowlers Corners.

More information and pledge forms are available at the school office.

## **Digital Citizenship and Law**

Technology plays a major role in our students' lives in and out of school. As a staff, we have decided to allow our students to use their own devices (MP3 players, tablets) during specific times at school. To prepare our students with the privileges and dangers of going online, Mr. Thompson has been working with all classrooms on digital citizenship and law. Students have been learning the responsibilities associated with posting material online and the consequences of inappropriate online behaviour.

