

Good-bye March, Hello April – March Highlights

The month of March has come and gone and hopefully winter with it!!!

A heartfelt thank you to those junior lunch helpers that assisted our kindergarten and primary students during the winter session from January to March.

Students have participated in a myriad of activities throughout the month which included: Junior Intramurals (pinball); Primary Dance Club; Finger Knitting club; Recess Guitar Club, and chess club.

Grade 1-6 Math Wizards answer weekly problems posted on the bulletin boards.

The Grade 6 students had a great day at the Aviation museum, Thursday March 2.

Eighteen of WEJ's top chess players competed against students from all across the city in the OCDSB Elementary School Chess Tournament. WEJ sent three teams to the tournament. The Primary Team brought the Primary Division trophy to WEJ for a third straight year. The Junior Team A came first out of 32 teams and brought back the trophy. The Junior B team came third in their pool. Congratulations to all participants.

The Boys and Girls Junior Volleyball teams attended a tournament at Kanata Highlands. The players displayed excellent teamwork and spirit, and came home with the GOLD!!

The Kindergarten Winter Play day took place on March 9th.

DPA Dances for all students took place Friday March 10th.

Other recipients:

The two Junior - Intermediate Winter Activity Days at Mount Pakenham were an unqualified success. I would like to thank all the staff who participated in these events, whether at the site or here at school. Your enthusiastic support ensured the WITS Junior Leaders were selected and are out on the yard helping fellow students.

All homeroom classes decorated their classroom doors characterizing WITS strategies.

Many classes have enjoyed the many interesting and fun experiments by Scientists in the School. More experiments are coming.

The Grade 3 students are participating in the Swim to Survive program. Each grade 3 class goes for 3 swimming sessions during the winter and spring.

Students have enjoyed the opportunity to "Look and Discuss Pictures" brought from the Art Gallery.

Class Organization: Planning for individual classroom's compliment of children for the 2017-2018 school year is underway. The task is challenging as all staff strive to place every child in

an optimum learning environment. As this school year has progressed, the teachers have worked closely with each student ascertaining their learning abilities. As a cautionary note, teachers have been instructed not to accept requests for a specific placement. However, if there are extenuating circumstances that you as a parent feel are relevant, please inform the Principal in writing prior to May 11, 2017.

Lots of Rock Stars walking the halls today!

As winter washes away and spring “floods” in, it is advisable that your child(ren) have an extra pair of socks and pants tucked into their tote bags.

Please keep the following upcoming events in mind:

Monday, April 3rd is Autism Awareness Day. Please wear blue to support this special day.

Wednesday, April 5th – WEJ night at the Lone Star. WEJ School Council has organized this fundraiser. 10% of your bill will be donated back to the school. Please present the card your child has brought home for dine in or take out.

Wednesday, May 3 – Parents who have a student who will be attending Earl of March Intermediate School for Grade 7 are invited to an Information Evening at the Earl of March. Check EOM website for further details.

Thursday, May 4 – Kindergarten Information Evening in the Library at 6:00 p.m.

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