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Working Together for School Success

March 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to March. It truly amazes me each year when we get to this time of year where the time has gone. While the winter has been up and down we are steadily moving forward in school. We have been working a focus of Critical Thinking in our classrooms. Our staff and School Council have watched the video "The Adaptable Mind" (http://www.letitripple.org/adaptable_mind) and are working on incorporating the skills/traits into our everyday teaching. We are moving our classrooms to having students engaged vs. compliant. We are seeing more thinking, questioning and enthusiasm from students as we shift our teaching. This is a significant shift in teaching from the "way we were taught". The days of worksheets and teacher lecture lessons are sliding away. Student centered learning, choice and exploration are coming more to the forefront. It is truly an exciting time to be working with our staff and students through this shift.

Technology plays a part in this shift as it truly allows for collaboration, exploration and global communication. We will now be offering the newsletter in paper and electronic format. Please see the smore address above.

We have some exciting news - Through a Parents reaching out Grant from our School Councils (Tamworth and Enterprise) we have been able to have Dr. Marian Small come for a parent evening. Please see the flyer below for details.

Support Your Child's Math Learning

Ever wondered why your child's math looks different than the math you learned in school?

Join **Dr. Marian Small** in an evening math session with parents. Dr. Small is a leading Canadian mathematics educator and a regular speaker on mathematics throughout Canada and the US.

Come and discover more about math learning today!

Monday March 21st, 2016

6:30 to 8 p.m.

Selby Public School

Light refreshments served at 6:00
RSVP—Please call your school and let them know if you will be able to attend to help us organize refreshments for the evening. IF you need more information please contact Chad Taylor or Karen Leggett at Tamworth Elementary School or Enterprise Public School.

***School Council
Everyone Welcome!
Free Babysitting!***



**FUTURE DATES FOR
PARENT COUNCIL
MEETINGS
*April 5, 2016
6:00 p.m.***

Kindergarten Registration

Children may start school in September if they turn age four (Junior Kindergarten) or age five (Senior Kindergarten) by December 31 of that year. Those students who are already enrolled in Junior Kindergarten do not need to register again. We welcome Junior and Senior Kindergarten students to our schools year-round, but we encourage parents and guardians to pre-register children in February for the upcoming school year.

We will need the following documentation:

Proof of your child's age (birth certificate, baptismal certificate or passport)

Proof of address (driver's licence of parent/guardian, household bills, federal government forms)

Proof of immunization (child's immunization record - visit KFL&A Public Health for more information)

Your child's Ontario Health Card (optional)

BABYSITTING COURSE

For 11 years and up

Cost: \$ 67.80

March 15, 2016

8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

At Stone Mills Recreation Centre

Please bring a refillable water bottle and a nut free lunch. A doll is required.

Register at www.safetytreecanada.com



A huge thank you to our volunteers for a great Pancake Day!

Art and Math

Art and math have a lot in common with each other. In fact, you can see the math in art and the art in math! Patterns, shapes, geometry, symmetry, spatial reasoning, proportional reasoning, etc... are all a part of the arts (visual art, music and dance), as they are of mathematics.

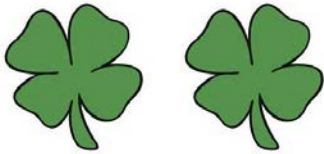





Some of what you see your child doing in school in the arts, is also an engagement with mathematical ideas at the same time! By blending mathematics and the arts, students learn in ways that are intellectual, emotional and physical. Children learn in many different ways, and research tells us that participating in the arts is one way that is very engaging for all of us.

A child stringing beads in a pattern on a string or creating a patterned bracelet is creating an understanding of patterning, although to them it may look simply like a pleasing design. When a child learns to play the piano, they are developing mathematical understanding of the relationships between scales, notes and chords. Symmetry can be seen in the symmetrical features of a butterfly or in a design when building. Children may notice patterns in wallpaper, tile tessellations on the floor or on a phone cover, rhythmic beats or repeated choreography in music videos or chords in a popular song. There is math everywhere!

How might you and your child notice and name the mathematics in the arts (visual, music and dance) that you encounter? Making the links helps deepen the understanding of both!

LOST AND FOUND

Our lost and found table is overflowing! Parents please make the time before March break to come in and look over the items.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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Feb 29th	1 Report Cards go home	2  Kids Program for grades 6, 7 & 8	3 Pizza Day 	4
7	8	9  Kids Program for grades 6, 7 & 8	10 Lunch and Milk order forms due to the office for April Spaghetti and Meat Sauce Little Caesars go home	11 Skating 9-10 grades 4-8 11:30-12:30 grades 1-3
14 March Break !	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24 Chicken Fingers and veggies	25 Good Friday
28 Easter Monday	29 Swim to Survive for grade 3 students 	30	31 . Pizza Day 	April 1

