



# ELEMENTARY DIVISION NEWSLETTER

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 PA Day - no school	2 Groundhog Day	3 1pm - Music 1	4 1 pm - Music 2	5 1:30 pm - Skating at Sharon Arena
8	9 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Open House for new families	10 9:30 am - Artist Visit 1pm - Music 1 *Last class*	11 1 pm - Music 2 *Last class*	12 Spelling Test Valentine's Day Celebration! 1:30 pm - Skating at Sharon Arena
15 Family Day - no school	16 100 <sup>th</sup> Day of School! 1 pm - Library	17 1pm - Music 3	18	19 Spelling Test  1:30 pm - Skating at Sharon Arena
22	23 1 pm - Library	24 1pm - Music 3	25	26 Spelling Test  1:30 pm - Skating at Sharon Arena



February is here and it is jam packed with a ton of activities for the students!

### **Artist Visit**

Ms. Kendall Ayoub-Nichols will visit our class to conduct a portrait/figurative drawing workshop with the students on Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> in the morning. Ms. Ayoub-Nichols is going to show the students proportion and how you can use shapes to create a realistic looking body. I am looking forward to learning along with the students! 😊

### **Valentine's Day Celebration**

On Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> we will have a small Valentine's Day friendship celebration. I ask that if your child is handing out cards that they make one for each student. The names of the students in our class are: Max, Joshua, Chioke, Shawn, Nathan, Samantha, Paege, Rachel, Sydney, James, Michael, Karmin, Louie and Olivia.

### **100<sup>th</sup> Day of School – Pajama Day**

Our 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School is on Tuesday February 16<sup>th</sup>! As in the past, we will celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school by wearing our pajamas. We are scheduled to go to the library in the afternoon, so if you'd like to send in clothes for the afternoon, please do so. A variety of activities based on the number 100 have been planned.

### **Elementary Winter Olympics**

On Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> we will have our own version of the Winter Olympics starting at recess (12:30 p.m.) and ending at 2:30 p.m. I have several outdoor Olympic-themed activities planned. If you are able to come and help out at one of our "events", please let me know.

### **Current Events**

We have a new Current Events bulletin board in our classroom. I will be asking the students to keep an eye open for interesting news articles to share and post on our board.

### **Help for Haiti – Coin Drive**

During the month of February, our class is holding a coin drive to help the island nation of Haiti rebuild after the catastrophic earthquake. All monies will be donated to the Canadian Red Cross on behalf of the school. Thank you in advance for your support!

### **Music**

Heidi Newton is wrapping up the music program for our Grade 1 and 2 students. Classes finish the week of February 9<sup>th</sup>. Grade 3 students start their Music+Drama



classes with Mrs. Newton on Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Newton has created a wonderful curriculum for our grade three's and she is looking forward to the next few months of creative expression!

### **Watch Me Workshop**

Thank you for coming to our Watch Me Workshop. It was so nice to see the children proudly present their work to you!

### **Progress Reports**

Progress reports will be sent home this week.

### **Library Volunteers**

It is helpful to have an extra adult for supervision at the library. Please let me know if you are able to volunteer for an hour (1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.) on Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **Reading Program**

I am still looking for volunteers to come and read with the children. If you are able to volunteer even ½ an hour of your time, it would be appreciated.

### **Registration Packages for Academic Year 2010-2011**

Registration has begun for the upcoming 2010 - 2011 school year; packages are going home this week. It is important to us that we give our existing families the first opportunity to register their child for the coming year. As in previous years, we have had quite a lot of interest in registration from families new to the school. It is important that we know of your intentions regarding next year as soon as you can conveniently let us know. We would like all returning students' registrations in place by **February 16, 2010**. To put in place your child's registration you will need to return the Registration Form together with a deposit cheque. Once the completed Registration Form and deposit cheque are received your child(ren) has a spot reserved for next year. The sooner we understand our numbers for next year, the sooner we can rationalize our class plans for the school.

### **Upcoming Open House**

Our first Open House of the year is Tuesday, February 9, 2010 from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. If you know of any family who may be interested in attending Q.M.A. for either Casa or Elementary, please pass along the date. Many thanks for your continued referrals.

### **Inclement Weather Closures**



Occasionally, the weather is so bad that travel to the school is simply unsafe. Short of those sorts of conditions, our school is open. To check as to whether or not the school is open on a bad weather day, please check the answering machine at the school.

**Just a reminder...Family Day**

The school will be closed on Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup> for Family Day.

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