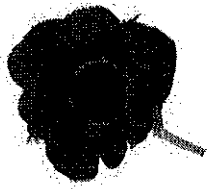




Lord Asquith School Newsletter



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TO EMPOWER A COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS BY PURSUING SUCCESS FOR ALL

Principal's Message

October was an exciting month at LAS with lots of opportunities for our kids to show off their talents and extend their educational opportunities beyond the walls of the classroom.

Education Week was October 21 – 25 this year. Mrs. Molnar was kind enough to dedicate her time to setting up the LAS Book Fair. On Wednesday, the Asquith Community Planners came to speak with some of our students to get ideas for the Asquith our kids would like to grow up in. On Thursday, our Hot Meal parents made an absolutely delicious October Feast! Also on Thursday, we had local authors Yann Martel (Author of The Life of Pi) and Ali Kuipers do activities with our students. What an amazing opportunity! Also on the 24th, we had a Meet the Teacher BBQ hosted by our SCC with meat donations from Mitchell Meats. A huge thank you goes out to Gail Erhart, our SCC, and our Board Member Larry Pavloff who spent many hours preparing, cooking and cleaning up afterwards! We had a silver collection for our school Breakfast Program and raised over \$200! Thank you! If you were in the school that night, you may have also noticed some of the pictures our Photography class has taken this year were for sale. It is amazing what they created in class!

The elementary end hosted an **Identity Fair** this past month that showcased our elementary students and some of their talents, skills and interests. We wanted to send out a big thank you to all the parents who helped their children with their presentations and an even bigger thank you to all the students who participated!

On November 6th we had an **Assessment Night** at the school where we went over the new Progress Report that Grade 1-6 parents and students will be seeing this year as well as what Grade 7-9 parents will be seeing next year. During the presentation, we shared the reasons why PSSD is moving to a common report card, how it reflects best practices and answered as many questions as we could. I've included some of the most important information in this newsletter. If you have any questions at all, please contact myself or your child's teacher at the school.

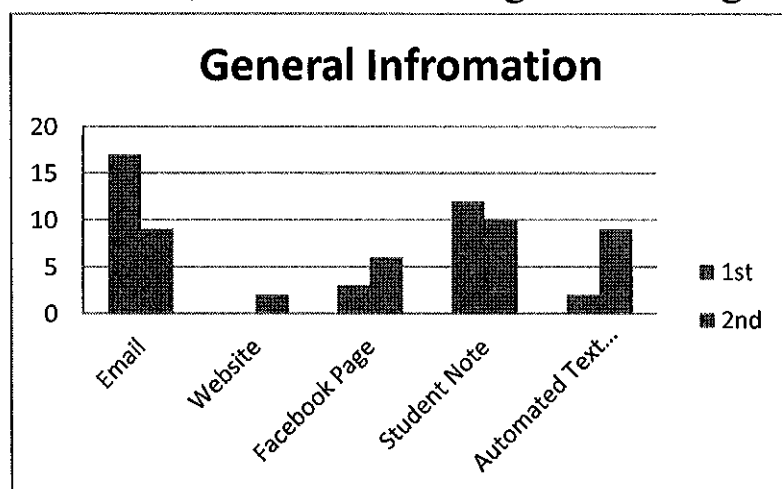
We Day was November 6th and a group of LAS students from our Me to We group attended with Mrs. Kucherhan, Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Campbell. Students had the opportunity to hear from kids their own age, Craig and Mark Kielburger and various other notable individuals, about the importance of caring and making the move from Me to We. It all starts with one spark; one dream. Stay tuned for other exciting events like We Scare Hunger from the Me to We group and feel free to participate!

Thank you to all the students, staff and community who made October such a great month to be a part of LAS!

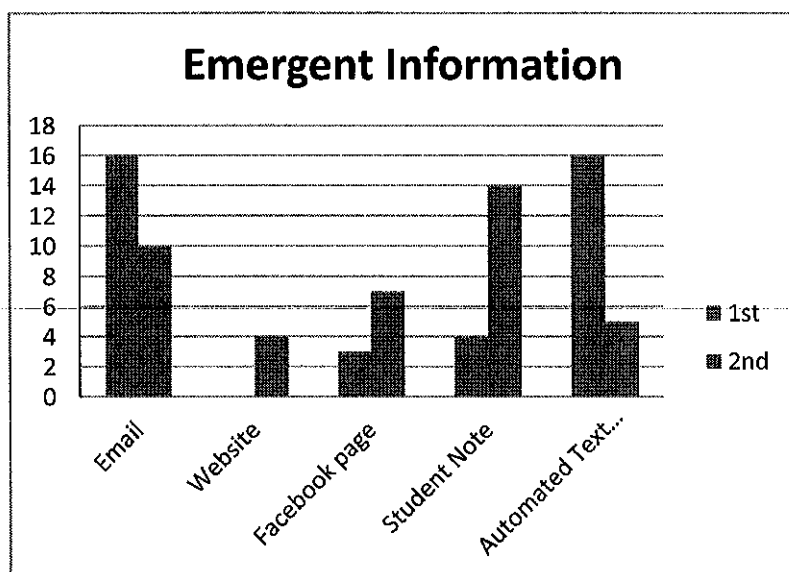
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Communication Surbey

As a result of the Communication Survey that went out in last month's newsletter, we will be making a few changes at school. Here's the results:



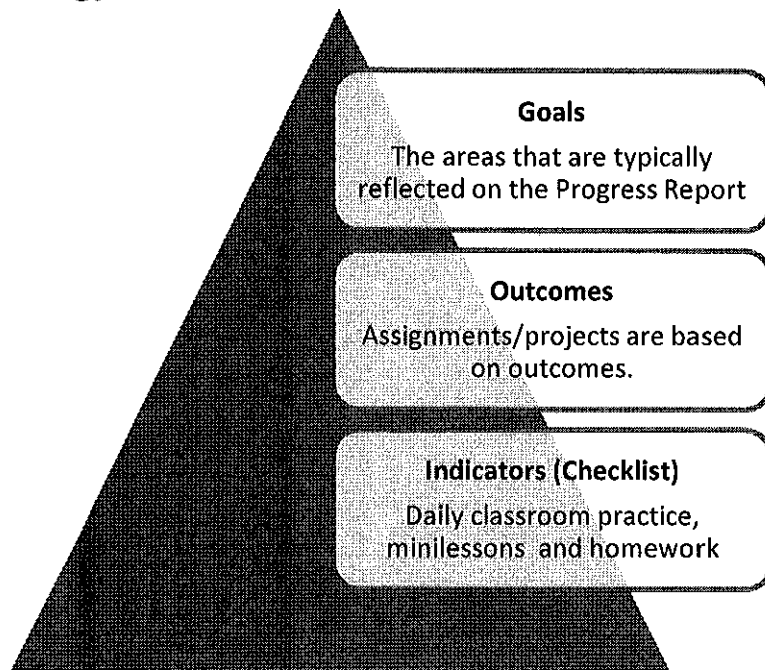
- For general information we will send out emails (to those on the newsletter distribution list).
- All students will continue to receive a printed note.
- We will keep the school website up to date with events.



- We will be creating 3 lists for Emergent information. Please make sure you contact the school with your preferred method of communication.
 - 1) Text Messages
 - 2) Email
 - 3) Student Note (Please be aware this is dependent upon the attendance of the student).

Assessment Night Information

Key Terminology to know:



How do I know what my kid should be doing?

- Course Outline
- Saskatchewan Curriculum – www.progetudes.gov.sk.ca

Was it really that broke?

In 2012, this is where Canada placed according to international tests, by looking at some of the practices of other countries, Canada is starting to change some of its practices.

Maths	Sciences	Reading
1. Shanghai, China 600	1. Shanghai, China 575	1. Shanghai, China 556
2. Singapore 562	2. Finland 554	2. South Korea 539
3. Hong Kong, China 555	3. Hong Kong, China 549	3. Finland 536
4. South Korea 546	4. Singapore 542	4. Hong Kong, China 533
5. Taiwan 543	5. Japan 539	5. Singapore 528
6. Finland 541	6. South Korea 538	6. Canada 524
7. Liechtenstein 536	7. New Zealand 532	7. New Zealand 521
8. Switzerland 534	8. Canada 529	8. Japan 520
9. Japan 529	9. Estonia 528	9. Australia 515
10. Canada 527	10. Australia 527	10. Netherlands 508
11. Netherlands 526	11. Netherlands 522	11. Belgium 506
12. Macau, China 525	12. Liechtenstein 520	12. Norway 503
13. Germany 520	13. Estonia 504	

Who said this was a good idea?

The change in Progress Report and Assessment practices is supported by much research. The key pieces of research that support it are :

- Black and Wiliam – Inside the Black Box 1998
- Ken O'Connor – A Repair Kit for Grading, 2010
- Anne Davies – Leading the Way 2011
- Damian Cooper – Talk about Assessment, 2006

But how do I know how my child is doing?

- Feedback – open conversation with teachers is key. Also, you can expect informative feedback on assignments and Progress Reports rather than just a number
- Criteria Based Grading – The indicators act as criteria for achieving the outcome (which is assessed). You can expect to see specific criteria attached to assignments in the form of expectations or rubrics.

It's true, criterion based grading and the coding system will be unfamiliar to parents to begin with, but these changes have been made to support student learning and achievement. The key to making these changes make sense is to be informed and ask questions whenever necessary. We look forward to going on this journey together!

School and Community Council

The focus of November's meeting will be planning various fundraisers to support the Fine Arts programs at LAS. We hope you all enjoyed the Meet the Staff BBQ sponsored by the SCC. A big 'thanks' to Gail Erhart for all her work organizing this great event.

Next meeting – Tuesday, November 19th at 6:30 PM.

- **ALL ARE WELCOME**
- Meetings are held in the staff room
- Childcare will be available. No need to pre-book
- Questions/Comments/Suggestions – Please email: asquithscc@gmail.com.

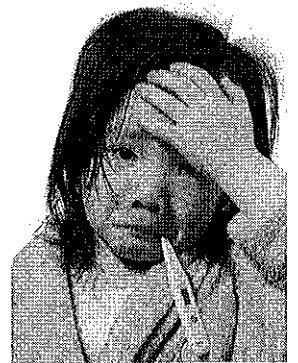
Author Visits

Yann Martel and Alice Kuipers

We were fortunate enough to have two fabulous authors come and visit our school on October 24th to talk to the students. Yann Martel, author of Life of Pi, talked to the middle year and senior students about his writing process, and how his book got made into an academy award winning movie. Alice Kuipers came and read to students from two books that are in the process of being published. With the Kindergarten students she read from her book about a young girl who wants to be an author, Violet, and her brother Victor who is more interested in playing with worms. She was able to share the illustrator's pages with us. Kids enjoyed making book worms. Alice Kuipers read from her soon to be published book "Polly Diamond: Writer Fabulosa" to the grade 3 and 4 classes. We are studying this novel in class, and so it was a very special treat to have the author here. Huge thanks go out to these authors who were so generous to share their time and talent with us.

Dear Parents/Guardians

As the flu season is upon us, please help us to ensure student health by following these basic precautions for the protection of your own child and others:



1. Practice GermSmart behaviours with your children at home. Please remind students about proper hand washing procedures and the proper way to cough (into the elbow).
2. Please review the following information on Influenza.
3. If your child is demonstrating flu-like symptoms or respiratory illness, please:
 - Keep students at home.
 - Take students into the doctor.
 - Call the absence into the office. To help the office keep track of illnesses, please also let us know what your child is home sick with.

We thank you for your cooperation with helping us keep LAS as illness free as possible.

Influenza for The General Public

What is influenza?

- An infection caused by influenza viruses.
- There are several different types of influenza viruses.

How does a person get influenza?

- The virus is spread:
 - directly from person to person through coughing and sneezing
 - Indirectly from touching contaminated surfaces and objects, and then touching the eyes/nose/mouth.
- The virus can survive on some surfaces for up to 48 hours.

What are the signs and symptoms?

- Symptoms develop 1 to 3 days after a person has become infected.
- Influenza has a sudden onset with fever, headache, muscle aches, joint pain, sore throat, tiredness and cough.

- Fever may not be prominent in children or the elderly.
- Nausea, vomiting and diarrhea are not common in adults but may occur in children.
- Influenza is more severe than the common cold (see table below).
- In severe cases, influenza may result in pneumonia, bronchitis, kidney or heart failure.
- Most symptoms resolve in 5 to 7 days, but cough and fatigue can last 2 weeks or more.

What is Pandemic Influenza?

- Pandemic Influenza is a worldwide outbreak of influenza.
- It is caused by a new type of virus which occurs every 10 to 30 years. Because the virus is completely new, the population has little or no immunity to it. This means that more people will develop the illness than in non-pandemic years.

<i>Common Cold versus Influenza</i>		
Symptoms	Common Cold	Influenza
Fever	Rare (mild)	Common 39 - 40°C (sudden onset)
Aches and Pains	Occasional (mild)	Common (often severe)
Fatigue/weakness	Occasional (mild)	Common (severe)
Headache	Rare except with sinus congestion	Common (can be severe)
Sore Throat	Common	Occasional (mild)
Cough	Common (mild to moderate)	Common (can be severe)
Nasal Discharge	Common	Occasional
Chest Discomfort	Occasional (mild to moderate)	Common (can become severe)
Symptoms Last	5 - 10 days	Up to 2 weeks



Public Health Services

How is influenza treated?

- Get plenty of rest and drink lots of fluids.
- Acetaminophen (Tylenol) or Ibuprofen (Advil) helps to lessen fever, aches and pains. A.S.A. (Aspirin) should not be given to children, teenagers or young adults to possibility of developing Reye's Syndrome (a very serious neurological disease).
- Gargle with a glass of warm water containing ½ teaspoon of salt to ease a sore throat. Lozenges and sugarless hard candy are also effective.
- Do not smoke or drink alcohol – smoking irritates the airways and alcohol dries the tissues which makes them more susceptible to other infections.
- Prescription medication(s) may be prescribed by your doctor.

How is influenza prevented?

- Influenza immunization is the best method of prevention.
- Avoid crowded places.
- Cough or sneeze into your arm or sleeve instead of your hands.
- Wash hands frequently with soap & water.
- Use hand sanitizers with at least 60% alcohol when soap & water are not available.
- Keep hands away from your face.
- Stay home if you become sick.
- Do not visit people who have the flu, if you can avoid it.

What if my child or I have symptoms?

- Do not attend daycare, school, place of work, social gathering places (eg: coffee shop) or volunteer activities while symptoms are present.
- If you are a healthcare worker, do not attend work for 5 days after onset of symptoms, unless otherwise directed by

Occupational Health & Safety at your place of work.

When should I call my doctor?

- Call your doctor if any of the following symptoms develop:
 - chest pains or pressure
 - shortness of breath while resting
 - difficult or painful breathing
 - coughing up bloody sputum
 - wheezing
 - a fever greater than 39° C that lasts more than 4 days or if it is getting worse
 - you start to feel better and suddenly get a fever over 39° C and start to feel sick again
 - drowsiness, disorientation or confusion
 - extreme pain in your ear.
- For children, call the doctor if the child:
 - has a heart or lung disease or any chronic illness which requires regular medical care
 - has a disease or is taking drugs or treatments that affect the immune system
 - has trouble breathing
 - is less than 6 months old and has a temperature over 38.5°C
 - is irritable and cannot be calmed down
 - is listless and doesn't play with toys
 - drinks little fluid and does not urinate at least every 6 hours when awake
 - has severe vomiting or diarrhea.
 - symptoms improve and suddenly get worse.
- For children, call 911 if the child:
 - has severe trouble breathing
 - has blue lips
 - is limp or unable to move
 - has a stiff neck
 - seems confused
 - has a seizure.

For more information contact:

- Provincial Health Information Line at **1-877-800-0002**
- Public Health Services at **655-4612**
- Saskatchewan Ministry of Health website: www.health.gov.sk.ca./influenza-flu
- Public Health Agency of Canada website: www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/influenza/flupc-eng.php for information in other languages

Allergy Aware

About 2.5 million Canadians report having a food allergy. While only eight foods (milk, egg, peanut, tree nuts, fish, shellfish, wheat and soy) account for approximately 90 percent of all food-allergic reactions, a person can be allergic to virtually any food.

At Lord Asquith School we are Allergy Aware. We have several students that have life-threatening allergies to peanuts and tree nuts. Please do not send anything to school that has peanuts and tree nuts in it.

If you have any questions, please call the school at (306)329-4331.

Lost and Found

Our Lost and Found baskets tubs are overflowing with articles of clothing and the like. Also, our Lost and Found basket at the office has some interesting articles that you may be interested in, especially glasses which may be important to someone. If you or your children are missing that mitt, toque or jacket, please check out the Lost and Found tubs. For the small stuff, be sure to check out the basket at the office. At various times throughout the year, like Parent/Teacher interviews, items will be displayed in the hallways for easy identification. Any items unclaimed will be bundled up and donated to organizations like Value Village, Salvation Army, Saskatoon Food Bank Clothing Depot, etc. before Christmas and the end of year.

Bits and Pieces

Fruit and Cookie Dough Fundraiser

Congratulations to the following students who were Top Sellers in their classroom for the Fruit and Cookie Dough Fundraiser: Pre-K -- Alden and Logan Silvernagle; Kindergarten -- Harlie Kowalchuk; Grade 1 -- Shelby Peacock; Grade 2/3 -- Tyson White; Grade 3/4 -- Gavin Friesen; Grade 5/6 -- James Hunter-Francis; Grade 7 -- Matthew Stroeder; Grade 8 -- DJ Debler; Grade 9 -- Nicholas Martin; Grade 10 -- Jacob Ruhland; Grade 11 -- Jamie Wolfe; Grade 12 -- Mikaela Stroeder. A big 'Congratulations' to our top selling classroom which is the Grade 2/3 Class who won a pizza party for their efforts!! Way to go, Grade 2/3!! A super job selling by Shelby Peacock in Grade 1 won her the title of Top Sales Overall and the winner of the draw is Jamie Wolfe in Grade 11. Thanks to all your efforts we have had another successful fundraiser. **Due to changes in DeSimone's ordering practices we will have a limited number of extra cookie dough pails on hand to sell on a first come/first serve basis. Please call the office to check on availability. Thank you!**

Identity Fair

The students from grades 1 to 4 participated in an identity fair on October 23. An identity fair gives students the opportunity to share about their interests and what makes them special. We had a wonderful turn out of parents and grandparents who came out and supported their kids. Teachers also got in on the action and made up posters about their interests. By the end of the day we all knew each other a bit better, and we all went home feeling pretty special.

School fees

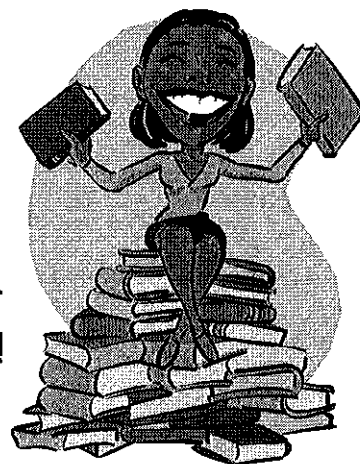
Thank you, parents and guardians!! 67% of school fees for the 2013/14 school year have already been paid. Kudos to the Grade Seven class who has collected over 87% of their fees. They are followed closely by the Kindergarten class. We appreciate your promptness! For those who have not yet paid, please do so as soon as possible to ensure programming runs smoothly. *Thank you!*



THANK YOU to all Students, Parents, Staff and Community Members who attended and supported our last Book Fair in the Library!!!

We had our highest totals of sales ever!!!! This means that we raised over \$1200.00 for our library in books and products!!!
WOW!!!

Thank You again and we hope to see you in the Spring!



THANK YOU to Firefighter Leroy Fraser and Jr. Firefighters Kirkland Graham and Blake Britton for meeting with our elementary students and staff during Fire Prevention Week 2013. The presentation was informative and the children given an activity booklet, a chance to win special prizes, and were encouraged to enter the contest to win an iPad!

The student chosen to be entered in the Provincial contest to win an iPad is Livia James from Pre-Kindergarten! Way to go, Livia! Good luck!

ATTENDANCE!!

We need your help! Attendance at school is necessary! In order to achieve success in your school career you must attend. Education is key to success, achievement, and career opportunities. This includes being on time for school in the morning. We have many students arriving late and missing key teaching information. Make school a priority for you and your children! It is your responsibility as a parent to contact the school if your child is going to be absent. Inform the school of the reason for the absence as well. Please phone 329-4331 and leave a message 24 hours a day. We appreciate your help in this matter. "Education is not filling a bucket but lighting a fire!"

Calendar News...

Have you checked out our new calendar online? We are now using a Google calendar which allows you to see events as soon as they are updated. No waiting for the next Newsletter! Want to know when Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews are? When your children will be out for Christmas Break? When Final Exams will be held? When and what sporting event is taking place? Visit our website at www.spiritsd.ca/las and click on the calendar link for the information.

Electronic Newsletters

Are you aware that the Lord Asquith School Newsletter is available via e-mail? If you are not currently receiving the newsletter electronically and would like to 'save a tree' by doing so, please contact the school office and we will be happy to add you to our list! The newsletter is also available on our school website at www.spiritsd.ca/las.

Division News

Career and Work Exploration Call for Employers

We are experiencing an increase in the number of students accessing Career and Work Exploration credits. Therefore the demand for appropriate work placements has grown as well. We have a database of cooperating employers both in our school communities and in Saskatoon. We are requesting parent and community

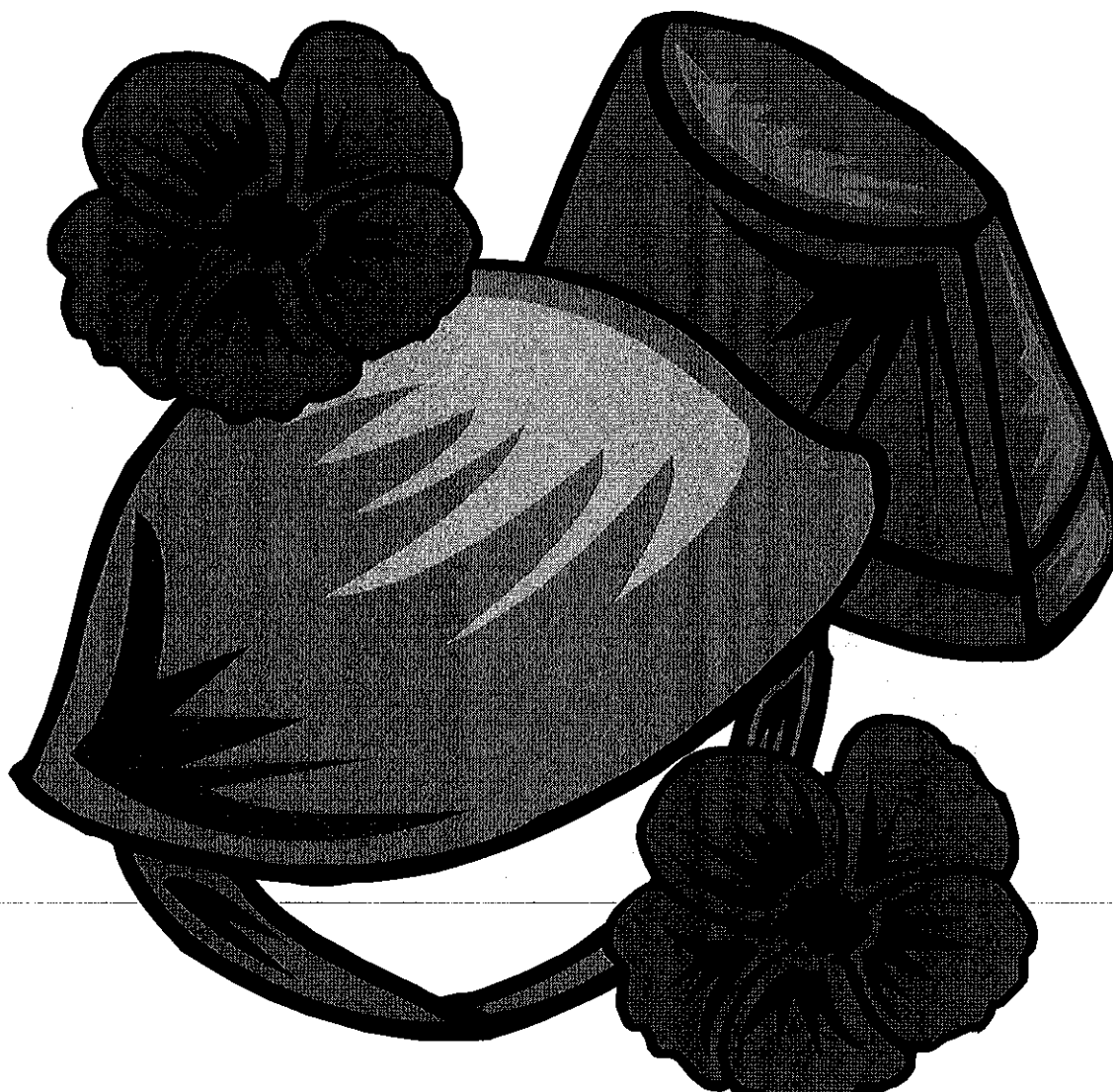
member support in growing our database. If you or someone you know is able to participate by hosting a grade 12 work student please contact info@futurechoice.ca.

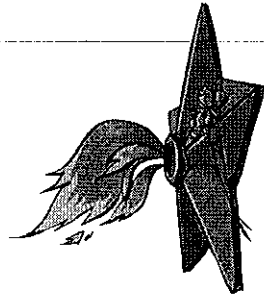
Dates to Remember:

November 15:	Newsletter #3
November 16:	Sr. Girls VB Provincials
November 19:	SCC Meeting @ 6:30 PM Sr. Boys Basketball game vs. CCA, 5:30 PM
November 22:	Travel Club Hot Dog and Bake Sale
November 25:	Prep Time - NO SCHOOL
November 27:	Jr. Boys Basketball game vs Delisle, 3:30 PM
November 29:	Sr. Boys Basketball game @ Delisle, 5 PM
December 3:	Pizza by the Slice
December 6-7:	Sr. Girls Basketball Tournament @ PA Carlton @ PA
December 9:	Jr. Boys Basketball Game vs Valley Manor, 4 PM
December 10:	Deadline for Newsletter #4
December 11:	Christmas Band Concert, 7 PM
December 12:	Travel Club Subway Day and Bake Sale
December 13-14:	Sr. Girls Basketball HOME Tournament
December 16:	Newsletter #4
December 17:	SCC Meeting @ 6:30 PM
December 18:	LAS Christmas Concert, 7 PM
December 20:	Christmas Banquet Hot Meal Day
December 23- January 3:	Christmas Break - NO SCHOOL
January 10:	Deadline for Newsletter #5
January 15:	Newsletter #5
January 21:	SCC Meeting Pizza by the Slice
January 27-30	High School Exams
January 31:	Semester Turn Around/Prep Time - NO SCHOOL

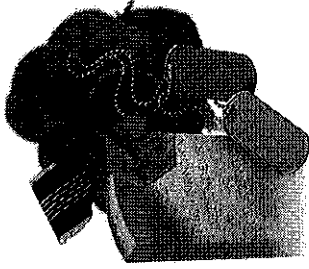
February 3:	First Day of Second Semester
	Grad 2014 Picture Day
February 7:	Report Card Day, Grades 7-12
February 10:	Deadline for Newsletter #6
February 11:	SCC Meeting
February 14:	Newsletter #6
	Hot Meal Day
February 17-21:	Family Day and Winter Break - NO SCHOOL
March 10:	Deadline for Newsletter #7
March 11:	Pizza by the Slice
March 14:	Report Card Day, Grades K-6
	Newsletter #7
March 18:	SCC Meeting
March 19-20:	Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews, Grades K-6, 4:00-7:00 PM
March 27:	Hot Meal Day
March 28:	Prep Time - NO SCHOOL
April 4:	Report Card Day, Grades 7-12
April 9-10:	Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews, Grades 7-12, 4:00-7:00 PM
April 10:	Deadline for Newsletter #8
April 15:	Newsletter #8
	SCC Meeting
	Pizza by the Slice
April 18:	Good Friday - NO SCHOOL
April 21-23:	Easter Break - NO SCHOOL
April 24-25:	Day-in-Lieu of P/T/S Interviews - NO SCHOOL
May 6:	Hot Meal Day
May 9:	Deadline for Newsletter #9
May 15:	Newsletter #9
May 19:	Victoria Day - NO SCHOOL
May 20:	SCC Meeting
	Pizza by the Slice

June 5:	Tentative Hot Meal BBQ
	Tentative Elementary Track & Field day
June 10:	Deadline for Newsletter #10
June 16:	Newsletter #10
June 17:	SCC Meeting
June 19:	Last Day of PreKindergarten
June 20-25:	High School Exams
June 25:	Last Day of Classes for students
June 26:	Prep Time - NO SCHOOL
	Grad
June 27:	Report Card Day, 9:00-10:00 AM

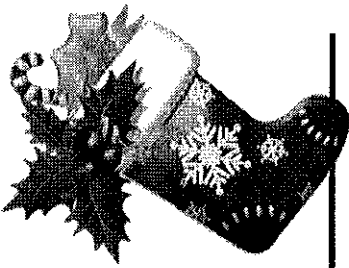
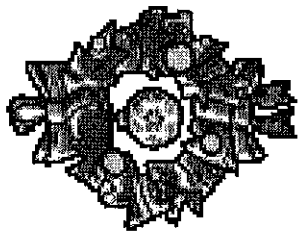




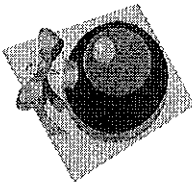

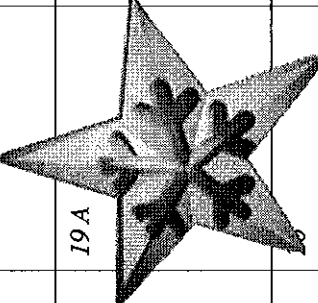
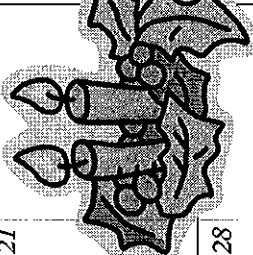

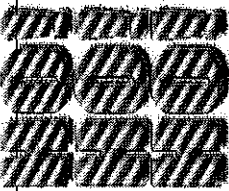
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<div>3</div>	<div>4 F</div>	<div>5 A</div>	<div>6 B</div> Assessment Night, 7PM	<div>7 C</div>	<div>8 D</div> Deadline for Newsletter #3 Report Card Day, Grades K -12/Remembrance Day Ceremoney, 2-3 PM	<div>9</div> Sr. Girls VB Regionals
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December 2013

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8	9 E Jr. Boys Basketball game vs Valley Manor @ 4 PM	10 F Deadline for Newsletter #4	11 A Christmas Band Concert, 7 PM	12 B Travel Club Subway Day and Bake Sale	13 C Sr. Girls Basketball HOME Tournament	14 Sr. Girls Basketball HOME Tournament
15	16 D Newsletter #4	17 E SCC Meeting, 6:30 PM	18 F LAS Christmas Concert, 7 PM	19 A 	20 B Christmas Banquet Hot Meal Day	21 
22 	23 Christmas Break - NO SCHOOL	24 Christmas Break - NO SCHOOL	25 Christmas Day Christmas Break - NO SCHOOL <i>Merry Christmas</i>	Boxing Day Christmas Break - NO SCHOOL	27 Christmas Break - NO SCHOOL 	28
29	30 Christmas Break - NO SCHOOL	31 Christmas Break - NO SCHOOL				