

THE LASALLE STORM



March 2, 2010

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

It gives us great pleasure to be able to work with such a caring and dedicated staff that is ready to do their best to support all students. We would also like to thank our parent community for their caring and support. Our students are doing an awesome job this year volunteering in our school, participating in school activities at lunchtime and after school, cheering on our school teams, welcoming new students, including them on the playground activities and much more! This past month our school demonstrated their commitment to paying it forward at LPS. We raised \$2654.49 for Haiti through a variety of activities. Our Student Parliament is also continuing to actively raise funds for our Exodus orphans in Machakos, Kenya, through Creation of Hope. We are a most generous school community.

We wish our school community a restful March break!

Mrs. Breshgold and Mr. Dubeau

SECOND TERM REPORT CARDS

Report cards go home on March 23rd. **Interviews will be held on April 22, from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. and April 23rd from 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.** If you wish an interview with your child's teacher, please call the office at 978-1823. Of course, if you have questions or concerns at any time, please feel free to call the school and set up an interview with the teacher.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

A big thank-you to all of our staff who hosted our Open House for our new parents and students. A special thank you to our School Council for providing homemade baked goods, juice, coffee and a warm welcome to our new registrations with a coffee house atmosphere in our library. Also thanks to our wonderful tour guides. We received so many positive comments about our grade 7 and 8 students. What great role models. Thank you to our band members for performing during the Open House. If you have not registered your kindergarten-aged child yet, it is not too late. Come anytime!

WE APPRECIATE YOU!

- ♣ Thank you to Mrs. Punga and Mr. Dubeau for organizing our Speaker's Corner to help students prepare for our Oral Communications Festival.
- ♣ Special thanks to our judges, Fire Chief Mr. Dave Sutton, our VIP officer Constable James Nestor and retired L.P.S. icon, Mrs. Wakeman.
- ♣ Congratulations to Emma Langlois for winning our Oral Communications Festival.
- ♣ Thanks to Wendy Pisciotto for her daily help at Kiss and Ride. Without her, things would not run smoothly each and every day!
- ♣ Thanks to our energetic School Council for their willingness and enthusiastic support of our school activities.
- ♣ Thanks to Mr. Wallace for organizing and training our school chess team.
- ♣ Thanks in advance to Mrs. Bentley and her parent/teacher volunteers for their boundless energy in running our book fair.
- ♣ Thanks to Juliana Harris for representing our School at the CanSpell CanWest Spelling Regional Finals.

GOOD FOR RAINY DAYS

If you have any games that are complete sets and you would like to donate them to our school, these would be very welcome during indoor recesses.

MILK UPDATE

Milk forms are due back to the school by March 10. These are the last forms that will be going home for this school year.

PAY IT FORWARD

☺ **Matt Benjamin in Mrs. Oliver's JK paid it forward by always helping to keep the classroom neat and tidy even if he didn't make the mess.**

☺ **Rachel Abbott and Maya Dupuis paid it forward by volunteering to help out at the snack station for Olympic day.**

HEADS UP - TESTING

During the weeks of March 30th - April 17th the grade 2 students will participate in the Canadian Test of Cognitive Skills and grade 7 students will participate in the Canadian Achievement Testing. A letter with more information will follow after the break. **Please make sure your child attends school during this time if at all possible.**

QUICK NOTES

◆ **Student Leadership Development Opportunities:** The O.E.L.C. offers residential student leadership development courses that teach skills in decision making, communication and problem solving. Grade 7 students are eligible to attend at parents request as well as at their own expense. If you are interested in more information, please contact the office.

◆ **SNOW DAYS: Please remember to call the school if your child is not going to be attending school on snow or fog days. Safe arrivals still have to be done even if the buses are not running.**

◆ Please remember to send a note with your child if there are any changes to their transportation at the end of the day.

◆ Don't be concerned about your child missing class work if they are absent for 1 day due to illness. They will be given the opportunity to get caught up upon their return to school.

LIBRARY NEWS

The Scholastic Book Fair is returning to LPS this March!! Come and join us to check out all the fabulous new books and help our school in the process. All of the proceeds from the fair go directly into purchasing more items for our school and library. There are amazing goodies for March Break – so don't miss it!

Thank you for your support.

Book Fair Hours:

Thurs. March 4th from 8:30-3:30

Friday March 5 from 8:30- 7:00 (Family Night. We're open late for parents!)

Monday March 8th from 8:30-3:30

Tues. March 9th from 8:30-3:30

Don't forget to enter our Family Night Draw. You could win \$50 in books - \$25 for your family and \$25 for your child's classroom! The draw is held Fri. pm. Also, special for this fair, if you spend \$20, you'll receive a free Monkey Beany Baby!!

*** Volunteers are still needed. Contact Mrs. Bentley if you are available to work a half-day shift at 978-1823.

Spelling Bee Finalist

On Sunday, February 22, Juliana Harris represented LPS at the CanWest CanSpell Regional Spelling Bee. She was 1 of 65 spellers competing for a spot at the National Spelling Bee in Ottawa. Juliana spelled her way through to the 5th round amidst fierce competition. We are so proud of her efforts!

LPS Helps Haiti

The students of LaSalle Public School opened their hearts in February to help those devastated by the earthquake in Haiti. A Hat Day was held where students could bring a \$2 donation to wear a hat all day. During our past Olympics day, a snack station was available where students could purchase a snack with proceeds also going to help those in Haiti. Altogether, our school raised an amazing \$2654.49!!! We will be able to purchase almost three shelter boxes! Way to go LPS!!!

3R OLYMPIC POETRY

Each line of the following poems answers a different question (who, what, where, when, why). Enjoy!

Snowboarding

Snowboarding
rushing down the hill
at the Olympic Games
as the clock strikes 12
to win gold.

By: Max and Nick

Skeleton

Skeleton racer
gliding fast
at the 2010 Olympics in Canada
during the afternoon
to win all the medals

By: Avery and Brittany

Our Speech Competition was Fantastic!

On Tuesday, February 23, LaSalle Public School hosted its annual Oral Communications Festival! There were 7 students, representing grades 4 – 8, taking part in presenting their speeches. Each one did a fantastic job and their topics were very interesting, ranging from the current events issue of the earthquake in Haiti to chewing gum! Thanks to all our participants! A special thank-you to our 3 judges who took time out of their busy schedules to come and be a part of our competition! Congratulations to our 3rd place winner Madison Embury, our 2nd place winner Chelsea Ouellette Quimby, and our 1st place winner Emma Langlois! Emma will be competing with her speech about ‘Gum’ in the West Area School Semi Final Oral Communication Festival which will be held at Talbot Trail on Tuesday, March 2nd at 10:45. Good luck to Emma and congratulations to all who participated!!!

LPS ECO TEAM UPDATE

The LPS student Eco Team met on Thursday, February 25 to discuss the results of school waste and recycle audits. Everyone was surprised to learn that, on average, each student at LPS generates almost 35lbs/14.3kg of waste per year , *and that’s just AT SCHOOL!* Of all school waste, 28% is recycled, while 72% is thrown in the garbage. Too much food is being thrown away. Whole apples, uneaten sandwiches and unopened puddings, etc. are being found in the trash.

Congratulations to Alaina Wismer of Miss Gallant’s Grade 4 class. Her eco poster will represent LaSalle Public School in a province-wide contest sponsored by the Ministry of the Environment.

The Eco Team is looking forward to starting up a school composting program, planting a butterfly garden and transplanting trees in the spring. Students enthusiastically signed up to participate in each of these initiatives, as well as for the responsibility of writing daily eco announcements. Everyone is working hard to go green! Thanks team!

SOCIAL JUSTICE

On Thursday, February 18, two students attended a seminar on social justice. The seminar taught them about the lives and hardships of many people. As a way to demonstrate their understanding of the forum, the two students were required to do

a fundraiser. After much thought the students decided to hold a fundraiser called Hand-Me-Downs for the homeless during the last two weeks of April. At the end of the drive, the clothes will be distributed to various locations where people living in poverty will be able to pick up a new, comfortable outfit to make their lives better. We hope to make a difference and we hope that you will help. Stay tuned for more details to follow.

By: Rhea Lotze & Riley Tsang

LPS AND THE OLYMPICS

On Olympic day I had to wear my colour house shirt. My colour is yellow. We played skeleton and scooter boards. And we went to the library for a little bit at the end. Olympic day was the best School day ever. My favorite part of the day was the picnic snack time. There were no desks on the floor so we sat on the floor and ate there just for snack. I went around the whole school playing games. P.S. My teacher and another teacher planned Olympic day.

By: Allissa McIntyre - 2SS

On Olympic day Orange House enjoyed being Olympic athlete's for a day. Here are some of the events we competed in: Curling, free skating, Luge, Skiing, Ski jumping and snacking on Olympic food. Overall Olympic day at LPS wins a gold Medal!

By: Denali Peters - 2SS

HATS FOR HAITI

As you know we had hats for Haiti on Friday February 5th. We raised a whopping \$1600.00 for Haiti. Now the people of Haiti can sleep, eat and drink thanks to all of us at LaSalle Public School that supported Hats for Haiti.

By: Brandon Frise - 8P

WHAT MAKES A GOOD ATHLETE

A good athlete trains there hardest and works there hardest. Even if they fall they get right back up and keep going and try to win. It happens sometimes. That makes a great athlete.

By: Natalie Waffle - 3FB

The things that make a good athlete are the athlete has to work hard, try there best and never give up! You don't have to win a medal to be a good athlete you just have to try your best and never give up!

By: Karlie Moore – 3FB

What makes a good athlete is when they train really hard. And they try there best and put lots of effort in there work. Like Lisey Von she worked really hard.

By: Sydney Ball - 3FB

The Senior Girls' Basketball Team is on the verge of wrapping up their season this week. The girls competed hard and had a successful regular season followed by a strong performance in the WECAA tournament, coming up just short of bringing home the Consolation Championship. The girls will end their season by competing in the Pronger Tournament and look to improve on their WECAA performance. All season long the girls competed hard and displayed tremendous spirit, teamwork and sportsmanship. Mr. Marino and Ms. Morencie are extremely proud of the way the team represented themselves and LaSalle P.S. Way to go girls!

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 3-10	Scholastic Book Fair
March 9	Anti Bully training
March 10	Food Day JK/SK gr. 1-3
March 11	Food Day JK/SK gr. 4-8
March 12	Beach day
March 15 -19	March Break
March 23	SAC in the library at 6:30

Call out for Kiss and Ride Volunteers

Parents,

Our Kiss and Ride program runs everyday in all types of weather thanks to both parent and student volunteers. Kiss and Ride is very important to our school community and I would like to extend a huge thank you to all who give their time to this wonderful program. I would especially like to thank Mrs. Wendy Pisciotto,

our amazing volunteer who runs Kiss and Ride for our school. **We are in need of more volunteers to keep this program running; in particular we need volunteers for Thursdays.** If you are able to volunteer on Thursdays or any other day for Kiss and Ride, please fill out the section below and return it to school with your child OR you may contact me (Miss Williams) at the school (519- 978-1823).

Thanks for all you do and your continued support of our Kiss and Ride Program.

Miss Williams
(Teacher Volunteer)

___ Yes, I am able to volunteer for Kiss and Ride on Thursdays

___ Yes, I am able to volunteer for Kiss and Ride on any day.

___ Yes, I am able to volunteer for Kiss and Ride on these days: _____

Parent Name

Child's Name

Home room