

THE CARDINAL CONNECTION **MAR./APR. 2014**



Moffat Creek P.S. — **INSPIRE** **IMAGINE** **ACHIEVE**

Message from the Administrators

How Do We Ensure That ALL Students Learn?

Within every classroom, be it a straight grade or a combined (split) grade, there are a wide range of student abilities, interests and background knowledge. In any given class, there may be students who excel and students who struggle with certain aspects of their learning. How does a teacher meet all of those diverse student needs?

Gone are the days of a one size fits all approach to education. We begin by trying to understand each of our students as individual learners,

taking into account their interests, preferred learning style, strengths and areas of challenge. We also have an in-depth understanding of the provincial curriculum and the knowledge that no single method can reach all learners. Multiple pathways to achieving goals are needed to ensure that all students learn and grow here at Moffat Creek.

Mr. Allan Mackay
Principal

Ms. Bobbie Chatha
Vice-Principal

CHOCOLATE BAR SALES!

This year our students at Moffat Creek will once again participate in a chocolate fundraising campaign to raise money for the following:

- A) To off-set the cost of a sign for the school on the front school grounds
- B) To provide a fund for families in need in times of emergency
- C) To off-set the cost of a gym score clock

Each carrying case contains 30 individual bars and each bar sells for \$3.00 or \$90.00 per case. We will have a variety of exciting prizes for the students throughout the campaign. Our campaign was to officially start on **Friday April 25th** and end on **Friday, May 16th**. At this time we await the arrival of the Chocolate Bars so that we can start our fundraiser. **Thank you in advance for your support of this program!**

EQAO Update

Each spring all grade three and grade six students across the province participate in writing the EQAO provincial tests. EQAO stands for Education Quality and Accountability Office and for grades three and six, the tests are written in the areas of reading, writing, and mathematics. This year the tests will be written at Moffat:

Grade Three - May 26th- May 29th
Grade Six - June 2nd - June 5th

Important Dates

Thursday May 1 st	Jump Rope for Heart
Monday May 5 th	Music Monday
Tuesday May 13 th	School Council
Thursday May 14 th	Welcome to Kindergarten Parent Night
Monday May 19 th	Victoria Day
May 26 th -June 5 th	Gr. 3 & Gr. 6 EQAO
Tuesday May 27 th	Grilled Cheese Special Lunch
Friday May 30 th	P.D. Day
June 18 th - June 20 th	Grade 8 Trip to Ottawa
Wednesday June 25 th	Grade 8 Graduation
Thursday June 26 th	Last Day of School
Friday June 27 th	P.D. Day

Are You Moving?

As we continue to plan for the 2014-15 school year, we need to know who will be attending the school this fall. If you are moving, it is important to let us know so that we have an accurate count for each grade. Equally important is having our community spread the word to any new families who are moving or have moved into our area that they should contact the school as soon as possible. This often makes the difference between a smooth start-up and a possible reorganization of classes in September.



Safe Welcome-Begins on May 5th, 2014 at Moffat Creek

In December 2012 the Provincial Government announced its intention to enhance security measures in elementary schools across Ontario. This announcement was prompted by a tragedy that occurred in an elementary school in Newtown Connecticut. The Safe Welcome initiative involves the locking of all doors in elementary schools. This initiative is being implemented in nearly all school districts across Ontario.

The Waterloo Region District School Board is committed to the safety and security of students and staff. Implementation of this initiative is occurring at our elementary schools throughout the 2013-2014 school year. All visitors (parents, vendors, central Board staff, etc.) to elementary schools will access the main doors to the school using an intercom system. The system will integrate the needs of before/after school programs, child care locations and those sites with portables.

It is recognized that having all school doors locked will be new for our school community. Our students, parents and staff will need to work together collaboratively as this initiative is implemented at our school.

We know that the first priority of everyone in our school community is the safety of our students. We appreciate everyone's support and commitment to keeping our kids safe through the Safe Welcome program.

Safe, Caring and Inclusive Schools Survey-PARENTS/GUARDIANS

A Safe, Caring and Inclusive School (SCIS) is a place where all partners – students, staff, parents, and community members treat one-another fairly, with respect and kindness, and act in a socially responsible way towards all members of the school community. It is an inclusive community where diversity is affirmed within a framework of common values, and where all members participate in decision making and cooperate to promote the well-being of all. High expectations exist so that students are engaged academically, socially and intellectually. Studies emphasize the contribution of a positive learning environment to student success. Before schools can build and/or strengthen a safe, caring and inclusive school culture, they need to get greater insight to the existing culture. Safe, Caring and Inclusive Schools surveys will assist schools in understanding and describing the current school culture while identifying areas for improvement. It is important to ensure that representatives from all sectors of the school and its community participate in any type of survey or assessment.

The generally accepted factors that comprise school climate include: relationships between students, and between students and staff; teaching and learning environment; school safety and the physical school environment. Three groups are being surveyed: students in grades 3, 4, 5, 7, 9 and 11, school staff and parents/guardians.

The SCIS Survey for PARENTS/GUARDIANS can be accessed through the Waterloo Region District School Board website at:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SCIS_ParentGuardian

or via a link posted on the school's website at <http://mof.wrdsb.ca>

Responses to the surveys are anonymous and confidential.



A Note from Student Council *Spring*

Special Lunch Days!

MAY 27th – Grilled Cheese Lunch



June 23rd – Pita Pit Lunch

PLEASE JOIN US ON JUNE 12th, 2014 for our 2nd Annual Fun Fair!

What better way to celebrate our school community
than with a Family Fun Fair!

Thursday, June 12th from 4:30 – 7:30 p.m.

school-day

Have you signed up yet?

Absent from School?

PLEASE CALL 519-570-8017, ext. 3557
(Before 8:30am)



Looking for summer care ideas?

The YMCA School Age Summer Program is a licensed program that promotes team building, leadership skills, strong values and independence. Children aged six to twelve have the opportunity to participate in a program that is responsive to their interests, provides choice, and opportunities to problem solve. With a focus on physical activity, exposure to the arts, service learning, and global issues, youth will build self-confidence and respect for themselves and those around them.

The children have the opportunity to help plan their daily activities and special events.

Join us for the summer. Space is still available in our School Age Summer Program for children ages 6-12 years.

For more information on Moffat Creek YMCA Child Care, contact us at (519) 622-2536 or via email at moffatcreekcc@ckwymca.ca

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