

Friday, April 16, 2010

Dear PA School Families and Friends,

Retro Day at PA



Today Student Council sponsored a school spirit Retro Day, and our students rose to the occasion by dressing for the 50s, 60s, 70s and 80s. These pictures just don't do justice to the costumes: I was *there* for those decades, and our crew would have fit right in! (Special thanks to all the family members who raided closets to help – we definitely evoked an earlier era.)

Barbara Reid author visit



On Wednesday noted children's author and plasticene artist Barbara Reid (above, left) spoke to our grade 4 classes about how she uses plasticene to create the illustrations in her books (a sample is above, centre). Today 4B gave it a try (a preliminary stage is shown above, right—we went to press too early for a later shot)!

Lights On this weekend

Lights On programming resumes Saturday. Grades 4 through 7 are welcome to join us for a program of healthy activities—including our new ping-pong and fußball equipment—from **7:00 to 8:30 p.m.** Please use the community (grade 7) entrance. All students who attend must know how they are getting home after *Lights On*! Students who plan to attend should bring their indoor shoes with them, because the rest of the school will be inaccessible on Saturday.

Save the Date!

On Wednesday, April 28, the PA Players proudly present *Bullies Anonymous*, a timely and engaging musical that explores an important theme for today's students. The cast has been rehearsing hard and often, and it promises to be a great show. Plan on it!

National Mathematica Contests

On Wednesday more than two dozen of our top mathematicians sat their respective **Mathematica** contest exams: Byron-Germaine in grade 4; Fibonacci in grade 5; Pythagoras in grade 6; and Euler in grade 7. We will receive the results in June – stay tuned!

GRADE testing next week

All of our students will be taking the GRADE reading test next week. Please make sure your student is well-rested and ready; a good breakfast is especially important on test days. If you have questions about the GRADE, please contact Mrs. Carroll at the school.

Congratulations!

...to **Aaron Moizis** in 7H, who has qualified for the National level of the Great Canadian Geography Challenge. Aaron will compete against Canada's best geography students in the final round on May 20. Great job, Aaron, and good luck!

Aaron also won the 100% Homework Completion draw for March, and received a \$25 gift certificate from The Source, just for getting all his work done. April is a new month (as well as a short one), and there are only two more to go --- we encourage everyone to get their names into the draw by doing all their homework!

Lost & Found

It's not unusual for abandoned hats, mitts, shoes, sweatshirts, and jackets to accumulate over the winter, and we still have a fair amount in our Lost & Found bins. If your child seems to have shed something, please ask her/him to check the bins for missing items. (If you would like to come in yourself, please do!)

Congratulations! to...

our March **Book Award** winners, recognized for their effort and academic achievement: **Ally Carston, Damian Hoffmann & Nicholas Smallgeese** in 4B; **Alex Carter & Ethan Walsh** in 4T; **Spencer Maillet & Samara McKay** in 5H; **Brooklyn Boudreau & Dawson McMeekin** in 5L; **Larissa Nekurak & Uzair Sipra** in 6M; **Bret Allinott & Anastasia Antony** in 6T; **Harley Beaulieu & Mathew Hansen** in 7B; and **Caitlin Chambers, Ryan Dragon & Jasmine Minoza** in 7H. Great job!

and Congratulations! to...

our **PAS-itive students** for March, recognized for their citizenship and good example to others: **Carlene Fehr & Rayleen McKay** in 7H; **Jessica Conroy & Skyler Constant** in 7B; **Sara Gibbons & Christian Laboucan** in 6T; **Shalaine Moore & Janna Roach** in 6M; **Elaine Chen & Dane Dupuis** in 5L; **Jacqueline Larocque & Treiva Plamondon** in 5H; **Braiden Charlton, Chailyn Lafferty & Taylor Maurice** in 4T; and **Jeramiah Pierre, Nicholas Smallgeese & Tyrell Wilgosh** in 4B. Well done!

and Congratulations! to...

this week's PAS draw winners: **Brooke Reintjes** in grade 4, **Bryan Coulson-Seaton** in grade 5, **Novie Bordey** in grade 6, and **Joel Demarcke** in grade 7. **Ms. Power** won the teachers' draw.

All PA'S in!



Geoff Buerger, Principal