# Bellmoore School Council: Teacher Report

# October 12th, 2017

# 6:30pm

**Events**

**\* Message from Miss Leavens - Terry Fox Run** was a huge success, and the school raised an **approximate total of $2000 (**from Toonies for Terry, online donations, and staff t-shirt purchases), up from $1600 last year. Vanessa is doing a second count of all money raised so we will soon know the exact total raised.

**Current Bellmoore Initiatives**

**\*Active Recess has begun, this past week, for students in Grades 1 to 3. The current focus is supporting the Grade 1 students as they have transitioned from the Kindergarten pen to a large area for recess. We have 20 plus student volunteers from Grades 4, 5, and 6 who will be running co-operative games and teaching the children how to use the stenciled games, like 4 squares, that are painted on the tarmac.**

**News from Primary Division**

**FDK team** have all booked, or in the process of booking trips. FDK B and FDH H are going to Puddicombe Farm on Oct. 16th

**Grade 1** students visited Dyments Pumpkin Patch this past week where they were able to view the farm animals, participate in a hay ride and choose a pumpkin for their classrooms.

**Grade 2** classes recently visited the Hamilton Art Gallery to promote curiosity and engagement in visual arts. Students participated in a one hour, age-appropriate tour and then a printmaking workshop. A trip to Dundurn castle has also been booked for early December where students will learn about Christmas traditions around the world. This ties in to the Grade 2 Traditions and Celebrations unit.

**Grade 3 classrooms** received a new iPad kit and are teaching the kids how to use the EPIC Reading, IXL Math, and Prodigy apps/programs. They are also planning to sign up grade 3 students on the HWDSB funded Swim-to-Survive program, open only to grade 3 students. They are currently waiting to hear back on whether we have gotten the grant (permission and money) to go.

Grade 5

The grade 5s have a trip coming up on November 22 to see the movie ‘Wonder’.

Grade 6

The grade 6 teachers sent out a math survey for parents (completed at Meet the Teacher and sent home)

23 respondents thus far:

-about half are confident in their math skills to help their kids

-most interested in online resources...least interested math evening workshop for support

Grade 6 team is engaging in some home math, like home reading this year.

Grade 6-8 Athletics

The Volleyball season is currently underway, with games beginning next week. This year we have all 4 teams participating in the junior and senior divisions.