



Flamborough Centre School News

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From the Principal's Desk...

Welcome to March! The daylight hours are getting a little longer and Spring is just around the corner!

My first month at Flamborough Centre was certainly a busy one! It has been great getting to know our community and exciting to be a part of the many activities and events happening at our school. Student leadership and school spirit is certainly alive at FC! Both our senior boys and senior girls basketball teams made it through to the playoffs this year—go Falcons! We are also looking forward to the junior basketball season which is starting up in March. The Grade 7 & 8 Cricket and Grade 8 Ultimate Frisbee Teams have been honing their skills and both have upcoming tournaments this week. We are always proud of our students' efforts and how well they represent our school when they are out in the community.

Kindergarten registration is now open for those children born in 2013. If you have a child who will be of school age for September, please be sure to stop by the office to pick up a package. Please share this message with friends and neighbours as registering early helps us to have an accurate picture of enrollment for class building and staffing. Families can connect with Ms. Babb for more information.

With the fluctuating weather temperatures that we're continuing to have, please take a moment to discuss appropriate dress with your children. Our students need to be prepared for outdoor recess each day and should continue to wear the coats/hats/gloves etc. that they have arrived to school with in the morning. In addition, the school field is quite muddy and in an effort to keep our school clean we ask that students continue to have both indoor and outdoor shoes available to them.

The Flamborough Centre Staff wish you a relaxing and safe March Break (March 13-17)!

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Principal

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School Website...

Please Subscribe to our School Website to take advantage of our electronic subscriptions for weather alerts, school closures, HWDSB's monthly newsletter the Virtual Blackboard, as well as school website updates. **All future Newsletters will only be posted electronically, on our school website.**



Work is under way for our performance of **The Lion King!** Stay tuned for more details and show times. Auditions are complete, the cast has been set and rehearsals are well underway. We are all looking forward to this exciting production! Thank you to all the staff, students and parent volunteers for their hard work and dedication to make this another successful event!

Save the Date: May 4—Full Cast Dress Rehearsal, **May 5 & 8**—Matinee Performances, **May 9 & 10**—Evening Performances

FC School Council Corner

- * **Little Caesar's** order forms were sent home and are due on **March 10**.
- * **Allergy Alert:** the Little Caesar's cookies are "processed in a plant that contains peanuts and tree nuts". We apologize for the inconvenience!
- * Save the date for a **Boston Pizza** dinner on **Thursday, April 6 between 5 – 8 pm. 10%** of all sales go to support our school.
- * Upcoming fundraiser: FC's **Spring Flowers** will be back . . . Forms will go out in April.

Canada Child Benefit



Filing taxes may not be your idea of fun, but it can make a big difference to your family's income. New financial supports such as the Canada Child Benefit (CCB) can mean hundreds of extra dollars per month for low and middle income families who have children up to the age of 17. The only catch is, you must file your taxes in order to access this extra money!

For example, a family with 2 children and earning \$28,000 a year could be eligible for a tax free benefit of \$900 a month through the CCB –that's \$10,800 per year! Families receiving social assistance are eligible for the benefit too, and it isn't deducted from Ontario Works or Ontario Disability Support Program.

The Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction, City of Hamilton and community partners want to make sure everybody who is eligible can access the money to which they are entitled.

There are plans in the works to expand free community tax clinics in Hamilton. In the meantime, please visit www.cra.gc.ca/getready to find out more about filing your taxes and the Canada Child Benefit.

Personal Electronic Devices at School



We are committed to teaching and modelling for our students the appropriate use of devices for instructional purposes. Personal Electronic Device's (PED's) such as I-pods, I-pads and cell phones are permitted to be used by students at school for educational purposes only. These devices may be used with the permission and supervision of the classroom teacher. **Electronic devices may not be used at nutrition breaks.**

Given that we are an elementary school it is vitally important for student safety and our accountability that all necessary student calls be directed through school staff and the office. **Use of cellphones for phone calls and/or texting is not permitted at Flamborough Centre School.**



Kindergartens Show they are Global Citizens

To celebrate Valentine's Day, the Kindergartens followed the theme, "Showing We Care". As part of this theme, the Kindergartens collected loose change (thank you to all of our giving parents) to try to raise \$100 to give to charity. Each day we collected, identified, sorted and counted our change. It got to be real work as our total got higher and higher. By Valentine's Day, the Kindergartens had collected \$186.21 for charity. The Kindergartens did research, discussing ways to use the money raised. We looked at pictures and watched videos to decide what cause to give our money to. In the end, after voting, the Kindergartens used their money to buy chickens, a goat, seeds, food, water, sports equipment and art supplies for children in Africa through Samaritan's Purse (the same organization that did the Shoeboxes at Christmas). It was such a tremendous learning experience and so valuable to see the empathy growing in our youngest students!



Kindergartens Show Citizenship

One day as the Kindergarten children were playing outside they noticed how much garbage had blown into the playground. They wanted to clean it up. This led to the class cleaning up along the front of the school and along the front fence of the playground. They then had the idea to clean up the neighbourhood. So on a warm winter day, the Kindergartens with the help of some parent volunteers, headed into the John Martin Crescent neighbourhood and picked up garbage and recycling all around the street. Way to go, Kindergartens!!

