



Students Achieving Their Full Potential!

May, 2010

STUDENT SAFETY AT ROUSSEAU

We have had a few close-calls in our parking lot where student safety is concerned. Even one is too many. The staff parking lot has always been an area that is out-of-bounds for parents dropping off students at the beginning and the end of the day. As a school we encourage and support students walking to school as part of the "Safe Routes to School" initiative. During the hours of 8:30 to 9:30 and 3:00 to 4:00 parents are not to access the staff section of the parking lot. We have parents that have been diligent in reminding drivers and I would like to thank them for their concern for the safety of all our Rousseau students. It is safer to drop your child off and have them walk along the gated path to the front door to report to the office if they are late. Cars backing up and out of the parking lot is unsafe. This may be inconvenient but there's nothing more important than the safety of our children.

PRINCIPAL'S HONOUR ROLL

The following students have been recognized for demonstrating strong character traits as well as displaying many other positive qualities that make them a positive member of the Rousseau community. They will receive their award at our assembly on Thursday May 28th at 2 p.m.

JK/SK-Karson Cassidy, Jake Frankiewicz, Ricky Johnstone, Jude Kaiser, Braeden Lawson, Andre Svarc 1W-Kailyn Norris, Eric Smith 3D-Kate Holton 3H- Ken Ramage, Nick Scott 4P-Luke Atlija, Michael Barberi, Ethan Baxter, Erin Brankovic, Jillian Earle, Maya Farrelly, Warren Green, Jessica Holmes, Ali Monji, Sam Riis, John Roeland, Sydney Wolanski 5N-Grace Amodeo, Ava Van Heerden, Zain Lapsley, Emma Lindeman 6F-Rishawn Hussain, Alex Koziski, Julia Lisso, Madeline Madronich

100, 200 BOOK CLUB

Congratulations to the following students in Kindergarten who have read 100 and 200 books:

100 - Aidan Green

200 - Brady Hargreaves, Ryan Jormakka, Maya McNabney, Abby Monkley, Lucas Scott, Abby Yates

LITERACY LINK

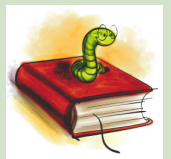
Grade Three Boys' Book Club Conference

Our Rousseau's Boys Book Club had a fantastic day, on May 13th, at the Boys Read to Succeed Conference. This is an annual culminating event that has been created to further engage and interest boys in reading.

For their first event, the boys completed exercise drills with the McMaster Marauders. Several team members, from the Marauders talked with the boys about the benefits of reading. They then engaged them in a rousing game of tag football. Our boys then journeyed to the Celebration Room. Each member of our book club was videotaped talking about their favorite book. They were invited to write on a Graffiti Wall to make suggestions for future activities. Boys did a Gallery walk to view displays of activities from each club.

We were then treated to two author's presentations. Our first author was Jamie Bastedo, a writer and environmentalist from Yellowknife. He considers his work "taking science to the streets". He uses the entertaining tools of books, magazines, posters, videos, and slideshows to help connect the boys to nature. After an interesting PowerPoint presentation about life in Yellowknife, he talked with the boys about his book *Free as the Wind*. This is a true story about how one boy saved over 300 wild horses on Nova Scotia's Sable Island. Information about this author can be viewed at:

www.bookweek.ca/authors/jamie-bastedo



Our last author's presentation was by Frank Glew. He has taught everything from Kindergarten to University, including a stint as a teacher in a one-room schoolhouse. He showed samples of the real illustrations from his books to encourage artistic students.~ He emphasized his environmental message and his stories focused on Canadian animals. The boys greatly enjoyed his presentation of his book, That Chickadee Feeling. The following website describes his work:

<http://www.kw.igs.net/~fsglew>

Our club's motto is: The more you read, the more you know. The more you know, the further you go. So, Read! Read! Read!

EQAO

Our grade 3s and 6s will be writing EQAO during the weeks of May 31st to June 11th. We know that the hard work they do in class everyday will be reflected in their accomplishments on the test as it is in all of their academic work. We are aiming for 'interruption-free' days so that the students are able to focus on the task-at-hand.

HOW MANY BATTERIES?

During earth week this year, Rousseau students collected used batteries for recycling. We collected an enormous amount and decided to hold a 'guess how many batteries' contest during open house. It was great to see so many of our families trying their luck in the contest and to see the different strategies people used to make their guesses! In total, we collected **3615 batteries (wow!)** and the two people who guessed the closest were Chloe Braun and Megan Childs. Congratulations to our winners and we hope you enjoy reading your new book. Thank you to everyone who participated...we raised almost \$45 to help our Rousseau environment!



TOUCH-A-TRUCK

Mark your calendars! The first ever Touch-a-Truck Event is being planned for October 23rd, 2010 at the Ancaster Fair Grounds. This exciting event will allow children of all ages to climb on-board the many exciting vehicles that move our world. Imagine sitting behind the wheel of a giant dump truck, or at the controls of a real helicopter! Get up close and into the driver's seat of emergency vehicles like ambulances, police cars and fire trucks. Real bulldozers, earth movers, and excavators will be at your finger tips. Watch for more information in future newsletters.

Individuals, organizations, or businesses that would like to offer a vehicle for display are asked to contact Mrs. Boshier and your information will be forwarded to the Event Chairperson.



FUN FAIR - JUNE 4TH ***Volunteers Needed***

We need more volunteers to help make this year's Fun Fair a success!! Please contact Jennifer Dicks if you can help for one hour on June 4th.

PLEASE HELP MAKE OUR FAIR LOTS OF FUN
THANK YOU TO EVERYONE

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ANCASTER COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE ***THANKS YOU...***

This year's community food drive collected over 75 000lbs of food and over \$7 000 in cash donations. The organizers specifically thanked the students and families of Rousseau School for their continued efforts.