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# The Eyrie

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Dear Families,

Wishing you a wonderful long-weekend ahead. For those celebrating Easter, may you enjoy spending time with family and friends and indulge in an extra helping of chocolate 🍫

I hope everyone enjoyed their March Break. These next few months tend to pass at lightning speed, so hang on!

In Service,

Ms. J. Miscas

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## MathUP Licences & Teacher Subsidy

Some of our classrooms have started to use a new math program called MathUP. This is a Canadian program supported by HWDSB. Our Home & School committee has generously funded a couple more licences for our school. We are very grateful to them as the licences are quite expensive. For those interested in learning a bit more about the program, please visit the following site: <https://www.mathup.ca/>

As well, Home & School has generously provided teaching staff with a budget to purchase items for their classrooms. This is a well-received and much appreciated Spring gift. Thank you, Home & School!

## Chocolate Fundraiser Update

I shared this information via Messenger email earlier this week; however, in case that got missed, here it is again. School Council, with the help of our Greensville community, raised \$5546. 90. That is a lot of chocolate!! Thank you, School Council!

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## Upcoming Events

### April 4

Pizza Day

### April 8

PA Day/Solar Eclipse Event

### April 12

International Day of Pink

### April 15-19

National Volunteer Week

### April 15

Vaccination Clinic #2 (Gr. 7 & 8)

### April 18

Pizza Day

### April 19

Fire Drill

### April 22-26

Earth Week

### April 24

Office Administrator Day: Thank you Judy!

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Just a reminder, *The Eyrie*, is a monthly newsletter with updates about recent and upcoming school items/events. Each edition is posted to our school website at the end of each month. If you haven't already subscribed to our page, please do so.

<https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/greensville>



## UPDATE: Professional Learning in Finland!

As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, I travelled to Finland during March Break to participate in some professional development. I job shadowed a principal in Joensuu Finland then travelled to Helsinki for another 4 days. It truly was one of the best experiences, a definite career highlight! There was a lot crammed into 10 days but every day was full of new learning and adventure. The Finnish education system is world-renown for its student-centered approach. Public education is highly valued in Finland so schools are well-maintained and given many resources to address needs. I had the privilege of visiting 3 different schools and interacting with their students. It was a real treat to participate in classroom lessons and activities. The students even created a song for me!

I learned a lot about the Finnish culture and came to appreciate their clean and safe country. Helsinki was a bit of a playground for me. It's a fast-paced, urban city that offers up all amenities. I did a cold plunge in the Baltic Sea, rode the Sky Wheel and had a bird's eye-view of the city, attended a Finnish concert and visited Rock Church (a church built into a rock). I finished up my trip with a day tour in Estonia. The ferry ride over and back added to the charm of that country. The cobblestone streets and intricate architecture was simply beautiful.

I've included a few pictures...

