

DIAMOND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

April, 2018

Dear Parents,

Spring has officially arrived, and it is wonderful to have the longer days. April will be a busy month so please check the calendar attached to this newsletter for special school events and dates.

We would like to extend a heartfelt congratulations to the Grade Seven class who has done a fabulous job raising money and awareness to help alleviate a water crisis in Cape Town, South Africa. Currently experiencing a severe drought, Cape Town has imposed extreme water restrictions and, as of April 12th, all taps will be shut off. The Grade Seven students surpassed their goal of \$2000 and raised over \$2676. The Grade Six class brought in the greatest amount and proudly earned a *no dress code day*. A tremendous thanks goes out to all the students and parents who contributed to this very worthy cause!

Parent-Teacher Conferences – Thursday, April 12th

Parent-teacher conferences for the elementary and high schools will be held on Thursday, April 12th, beginning at 2:15 p.m. and continuing until 8:00 p.m. We will start booking appointments on Friday, April 6th so if you wish to book for these conferences, please see Sue at the front desk or call the school.

The students will be dismissed at 1:45 p.m. on this day so the teachers will be available for the conferences. Please note that there is no after school ‘Games Galore’ and ‘Cooking Club’ programs or homework room on this day due to early dismissal.

Report cards will be sent home next week. *Please ensure that you sign and return your child’s progress report cover to the school as soon as possible once it is received.*

Open communication between home and school is very important to us, and we encourage parents who have any questions or concerns about their son/daughter’s progress to contact the school at any time throughout the year.

Scholastic Book Fair

There will be a Scholastic Book Fair at the school starting on Tuesday, April 10th and continuing through Monday, April 16th. It will be held from 3:05 p.m. until 4:15 p.m. each day. Please help us to reach our goal of \$1600 in sales as this entitles the school to 60% off in resources. Profits from the book fair are used to purchase library books and resource materials for the school. Scholastic has a wide range of books and other materials, so drop in and see what is available.

We are in need of parent volunteers to help with this book fair. If you are available to help on any of these days, please phone or speak to Sue in the elementary school office.

Hot Lunch Days

Special lunches in April are as follows:

Tuesday, April 17th – Umami Sushi Lunch

An order form is being sent home with the newsletter.

Monday, April 30th – Little Caesars Lunch

An order form for this lunch will be sent home at a later date.

Grades Two and Four Bake Sale – O.W.L. Society

The Grades Two and Four students will be having a bake sale on Friday, April 13th. Proceeds from the sale will go towards the O.W.L. Society. The O.W.L. Orphaned Wildlife Rehabilitation Society is a non-profit organization whose staff and volunteers are dedicated to education through conservation, as well as the rehabilitation and release of injured and orphaned birds of prey.

Vaisakhi Day

Vaisakhi Day is a Sikh harvest festival which is celebrated on Saturday, April 14th this year. Students are welcome to wear their traditional outfits on Friday, April 13th; otherwise, they should wear the regular dress code.

Science World Field Trip – Kindergarten & Grade One

On Wednesday, April 18th, the Kindergarten and Grade One classes will be going to Science World to enhance their curriculum. Details and a permission form are attached to the newsletter.

Archery Tag Workshop – Grades Five & Six

On Thursday, April 19th, the Grades Five and Six classes will be participating in an archery tag workshop conducted at the school by 6Pack Entertainment Limited. A permission form for this workshop is included with the newsletter.

O.W.L. Rehabilitation Society Workshop – Grades Two & Four

In conjunction with their Science and Language Arts units, the students in Grades Two and Four will be participating in an in-house workshop called *Owls in the Classroom* on Friday, April 20th. A speaker from O.W.L. Rehabilitation Society will come out and speak to the classes about a variety of topics related to owls. The students will also have the opportunity to see a live bird of prey. Further details regarding this workshop are attached to the newsletter.

World Book Day – Monday, April 23rd

World Book Day is on Monday, April 23rd. To celebrate this special day, students are welcome to dress up as their favourite book character. Otherwise, they can wear regular dress code if they choose not to dress up for this occasion.

Junkology Workshop – Kindergarten

The Kindergarten class will be enjoying a fun and interactive *Junkology* workshop conducted by Dr. Recycle on Tuesday, April 24th. This workshop is conducted by the Langley Centennial Museum and details are attached to the newsletter.

A & T Equestrian Field Trip – Grade Three

The Grade Three students will be visiting the A & T Equestrian and participating in a Weanling Program on Friday, April 27th. They will learn about horse eating habits, safety, and grooming. In addition, students will have the opportunity to ride a horse! A permission form is included.

Earth Day Celebration – Friday, April 20th

In celebration of Earth Day, which is held on Sunday, April 22nd, we will be having a 'blue & green' clothing day on Friday, April 20th for all elementary students. *On this day, students will have the option of wearing blue or green instead of their uniform dress code.*

In addition, they will be having a competition to see which class can acquire the least amount of garbage at lunch time; hence, we encourage everyone to pack a litterless lunch on this day. The classes will be participating in other fun Earth Day activities as well.

If you are doing Spring cleaning, please remember to save any craft materials, books, games, puzzles and toys that you are no longer using, as these items are very useful in the classrooms. In addition, please feel free to bring in any toys or items to contribute to the prize boxes. Any books, puzzles, games or donations of prize box items can be brought to Sue at the office and would be greatly appreciated!

Diamond School Staff