



Dog Pound Press

November, 2014 Newsletter



NOVEMBER'S CHARACTER TRAIT IS RESPONSIBILITY.

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

October was again a busy month at Scott Young and the cold weather is no doubt just around the corner, following of course on the heels of windy and wet weather we faced last week on Halloween. The month finished off on a high note with our outdoor "Fall Fest" on Wednesday, followed by Friday's Halloween festivities. Both of these events provided excitement and fun for all of our staff and students. On Friday, our intermediates had their "We Scare Hunger" dance and collected non-perishable food items. In total our school amassed over 600 boxes and cans of food as a result of this worthwhile initiative.

As always at this time of year the teachers are busy writing report cards. The first term *Progress Report* will go home on Friday, November 14th. As you know, ongoing communication between home and school is vital for student success and we hope that all parents will be requesting an interview time at some point during the month of November. An interview evening has been scheduled for Tuesday, November 25th between 3:30 and 7:30.

Sincerely,
R. Murray, Principal

Remembrance Day

There will be a Remembrance Day assembly in the gym on Tuesday, Nov. 11th at 10:30 a.m. We will be commemorating the 100th anniversary of WW1 with a selection of poems and informative texts. Please join us for what we hope will be a memorable way to commemorate Remembrance Day.



A Safe Environment for All

Several students at SYPS have severe allergies to nut products. As a result, **no products containing nuts of any kind may be brought onto school property or onto school buses.**

The assistance and cooperation of the entire school community will help us ensure a safe environment for these students.

Grade 7/8 Trip

The grade 7 and 8's will be taking a trip to the Lindsay Boys' and Girls' Club on November 27 for a day of activities involving Nutritional Health and Well-being, Physical Activities, Healthy Relationships, Anti-Bullying and rock climbing. Stay tuned for further details and costs.

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Character Development



The character trait that Scott Young is focusing on during the month of November is "responsibility".



House Leagues

Students and staff earned points for their Houses in October by bringing in non-perishable food items for We Scare Hunger and pop tabs for the Omemee Lions Club. Also by participating in our Spirit Days and wearing their costumes on Halloween.

The current standings are:

Gryphons - 4008
Golden Hawks - 3789
Mustangs - 3522
Ravens – 3259

Staff and students will be able to earn points in November by bringing in pet supplies for the Lakefield Animal Shelter and wearing a moustache for our Movember Spirit Day on Friday, November 28th.

Student Drop Off

A reminder to parents that our schoolyard is not supervised until 8:35 a.m. and so students should not be dropped off at the school prior to this unless they are involved in a specially planned school activity. Parents who are dropping off students, or picking them up at the end of the day, should utilize the main parking lot area so they don't interfere with our school buses. We've had a number of concerns raised by our bus drivers about the inherent safety concerns caused by cars passing and going between the buses during this busy time of day. Students are also reminded to walk safely on the designated sidewalk area and to refrain from running or pushing as we don't want any children on the track area when the buses are arriving. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Attention all Grade 8 Families!

I.E. Weldon Secondary School will be hosting an information night for all families and educators interested in learning more about the Power Pack and International Baccalaureate Programmes. The session will be held on Wednesday, November 19th, 2014 from 6pm to 8pm. If you would like more information, please contact Erin Matthew, IB Coordinator, at 705-324-3585, ext. 36026 or by

email at erin.matthew@tlds.on.ca. We hope to see you there!

POW PACK UPDATE

A huge thank you to everyone who made FALL FEST such a huge success! The house captains and POW PACK organized an amazing afternoon of collaborative stations to celebrate "Take Me Outside Day". During the week we also collected non-perishable food items for the Omemee Food Bank in support of, "We Scare Hunger". 600 items in total were brought in!!! Way to go Terriers!



During the month of November we will have our 2nd annual pet supply drive in support of the Lakefield Animal Shelter. Students will get a house point for each item they bring in throughout the month. At the end of the month any students that have brought in items will get a chance to spend time with the animals that the Lakefield Animal Shelter brings to visit us here at the school. Suggested items include: cat food (dry or wet), dog food (dry or wet), litter, blankets.

Parent Communication

Would you like to receive information from the school by email? by text? by phone? by all three? We have a new system that gives us lots of different ways to communicate with you. Fill out your "School-Home Communication Form" and send it to the school office. Make sure to sign the "Canada Anti-Spam Legislation Consent" portion so that we can share information about upcoming school events, extra-curricular opportunities, yearbook purchases, fund raising initiatives, etc. Once you have sent in your form - text the word 'join' to 56360. For more information, call the school office.



Snow Day Bus Cancellations

This information is for complete bus service cancellation only, not for individual bus route cancellations.

Every attempt will be made to have the decision (re: bus cancellations) made by 6:15 a.m. In the event of school bus service cancellation, the following notifications are sent out and parents can access any of these for the information:

BOB FM - 91.9 FM

CBC - 98.7 FM

Country 105 - 105.1 FM

EZ Rock – 105.9 FM

The Wolf – 101.5 FM

Further information is available on Trillium Lakelands District School Board's website:

<http://www.tldsb.on>

Girls' Soccer

Another season has ended for the Scott Young Terriers in girls' Intermediate soccer. It was a fantastic season!! The girls played several exhibition games this season to prepare for the Zone Championships. And it really paid off.

The girls started the tournament against Rolling Hills, winning 2 - 0. Then they went up against Jack Callaghan and defeated them easily with a 5 - 0 clobbering. Their 3rd game was against Dunsford, who they had previously tied and lost against in exhibition games. So, we were prepared for a tight match in which we lost by a heart-breaking 2 - 1 score. This tied us in tournament points for 1st place in the zone, but because we had a stronger record, our Terriers took the top spot.

This meant we were to go on to the County Championships. This tournament was a very close one. The girls were well prepared, winning their first 2 games easily against Bobcaygeon and Woodville. This advanced the girls to the semi-finals. They were to play Langton who they'd never seen play before. This team was extremely well prepared and well coached. It was a tight game right up until the end, but unfortunately, our Terriers had to settle for a 2 - 1 loss to Langton by the final whistle. Langton went on to defeat Central in the final match to win the County championship. Soooo close, Terriers!

Congratulations to all of our Intermediate players:

Carissa "Boom Boom" Blake

Morgan "Masher" Blondin

Kayla "Crusher" Cyr

Delana "Cracker Jack" Crowder

Beth "Jack Rabbit" Johnson

Cassie "Crafty" Knight

Madeleine "The Magnificent" McColl

Katelynn "In Your Face" McQuaid
Cameron "Crazy Eyes" Maly
Madison "Muncher" Mitchell
Alicia "At-the-Ready" Reid
Brandy "Break-Away" Troke
Nadia "Take-No-Prisoners" Williams
Emily "Wild-Eyes" Wilson

Go! Terriers! Go!

Lost and Found

This is a friendly reminder to students to check the lost & found box in front of the library and their classrooms' coat hook areas frequently for items that might belong to them. This will help to ensure that our hallways are kept clear and safe.



Cross Country

After a full month of training, the Scott Young Cross Country team competed against the best long distance runners in the county on Oct 7th. Congratulations to the following students who successfully complete this challenging course at Ken Reid Conservation Area:

SYPS Cross Country Running Team for 2014

Junior Boys: (2000 meters)

Brent Thirnbeck, James Classen, Jackson Mitchell, Michael Stratford

Junior Girls: (2000 meters)

Alexis Mitchell, Skylee Nicholson, Kyrienne O'Leary, Dakota Judd, Kathryn Penhale,

Intermediate Boys: (3000 meters)

Reice Nicholson, Zach Penhale, Braydon Beaudoin, Keeghan Yule, Mytchel Carson, Garrett Goode

Intermediate Girls: (3000 meters)

Emily Wilson, Keeley Moss, Katerina Keil, Michaela Kivell, Paige Andrews, Christa Hutchinson

Senior Boys: (4000 meters)

Cole Warner, Tanner Craig, Cody McQuaid, Blair Howran,

Senior Girls: (4000 meters)

Brandy Troke, Madison Mitchell, Kayla Cyr, Cassie Knight

Mrs. Patterson would also like to mention two runners who were recognized for their excellent final results. Skylee Nicholson placed ninth in a field of 150 runners, and Reice Nicholson who placed second in a field of over 100 runners. Also, a special thank you is extended to Tristan Owen who was our organizer and photographer for the day.

