



Dog Pound Press

December, 2014 Newsletter

DECEMBER'S CHARACTER TRAIT IS COMPASSION.



Principal: R. Murray ★ School Trustee: J. Saunders

Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Well December has arrived and we are experiencing the occasional snowfall followed by wildly fluctuating temperatures. Winter no doubt will soon be tightening its grip and the fantastic fall temperatures we enjoyed in November will soon be a memory. Students are reminded to dress properly for the cold winter weather which we will certainly be exposed to over the next several months. We have also been discussing our "no snowball throwing" policy with the children to ensure Scott Young remains a safe place.

December is a month that simply picks up momentum as we move toward the excitement of the Holiday Season. There is a natural energy that consumes schools at this time of year, and it brings out the best qualities we hope for in our children: a sense of family, a sense of community, and a sense of doing the greater good for those less fortunate. To that end, please be sure to encourage your children to once again bring in Canadian Tire money donations as we work toward our annual shopping spree to assist some families within our community.

As you know, interviews have been taking place over the last couple of weeks. I am pleased to see so many parents arranging to meet with their child's teacher to discuss the first term progress reports. This is a great opportunity for parents, students and teachers to recognize achievement as well as to focus on areas for growth and improvement. Students are encouraged to reflect on the first term of the school year and set goals for next term.

Have a wonderful holiday break and enjoy time with your family and friends.

R. Murray

Character Development

The character trait that Scott Young is focusing on during the month of December is "compassion".

How can you demonstrate compassion?

Canadian Tire Money

The Scott Young tradition continues with the collection of Canadian Tire money, which will be used to purchase toys for a local shelter. Mr. Adams, a former SYPS teacher, started the initiative several years ago and four Grade 8 students will be leading this initiative. If you have any Canadian Tire money, please send it with your child to the school and include their name, house name and \$ amount. House League points are given for every dollar brought in by students. Money will be collected in classrooms daily.

Lost & Found

We have accumulated a large number of lost and found items. Please take a look through these items in front of the library before the Christmas break. Items not claimed will be taken to the collection bins in Omeme.

Reminder: Return to School

The first day of school following the Christmas holiday is January 5th.

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POW PACK

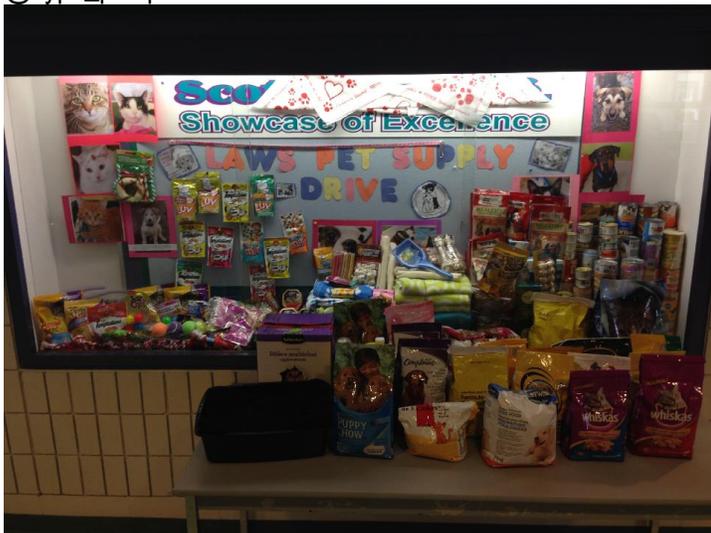
POW PACK was busy in the month of November! Thank you to everyone who brought in donations for the Lakefield Animal Welfare Society. Our goal was 200 items and we ended up with 320!! At 12:00 on Wednesday December 3rd LAWS will be here to pick up supplies. They will be bringing a few pets along to visit with students who brought in donations.

We have completed many actions to help out our local community this Fall. It is now time for a Global Action! On Monday December 8th at 9:15 members of POW PACK will be doing a presentation to every class about our global action: GOATS!! Goats represent a very important productive resource that families can use to develop a sustainable source of income. A dairy goat means daily nutrition and income from milk, giving a family the chance to send their children to school. Every donation comes with animal care training so families can make their goat into an investment that will grow for years to come. Goats cost \$50 each and are available in the following countries: Kenya, India, Haiti and sometimes Rural China.

During each classroom presentation we will be brainstorming ways to collect change throughout the Winter to support this great Global cause. Our goal is to raise \$200 in change, that is FOUR goats!

Ready? Set? GOAT!!

POW PACK has created their own twitter handle to keep you up-to-date on what they are doing at Scott Young. Follow us @syps_powpack



Library

The library is a busy place everyday! So far this year students have looked at themselves and their classmates in a positive way by creating positive posters; they have discussed Remembrance Day and the robotic probe Philae. Over the next couple of months students will read and talk about their favourite stories and holiday traditions. Thanks to Hannah Schevers and Isabelle Basque who shelve books for Ms. Warburton. Students are able to sign out two books for a month, but it seems that most students like to return their books and look for new ones before the month is up! New magazines arrive every few weeks and new books and audio books will be ordered in the New Year. Prior to the Christmas holidays, students will be asked to check their desks, knapsacks, and bedrooms at home for any books. It would be nice to have all books returned before the holidays so students can start the New Year with new ones. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Re-Reading

Another successful Re-reading session has ended. Many thanks to the Gr. 7 & 8 tutors and to the Gr. 4 & 5 students for participating in this very worthwhile program at Scott Young. The tutors gain experience working with younger students, and the younger students have the opportunity to read and interact with the older students, while improving their reading skills. The smiles on the faces of all involved when a student reads a difficult passage easily, when stickers are given for awesome work, makes this program so much fun to do! Thank you very much for all of your hard work and we will see you again in the spring!



Peterborough Petes Presentation

Tuesday, December 16, 9:30am, the school will be watching a presentation by some of the Peterborough Petes. This is the second year of the Petes' Partners in Education, where members of the hockey team visit schools to talk about Crime Prevention, Bullying, as well as Mental Health and Awareness. Sponsors of the program are Crime Stoppers, Peterborough City County Health Unit, and Kids on the Block. Students will watch three presentations, and listen to the Petes talk about their lifestyles, followed by a discussion and autograph session.

School Safety

Just a reminder to parents when picking up or dropping off your child at school, please do not park on the track in front of the school where the buses are loading. This presents a safety hazard to our students.

Girls Soccer

Unfortunately, we missed a name on the team's list. I apologize for this error and would like to re-print the article in lieu of this error to ensure recognition of Beth Westby's contribution to our 2014 girls' soccer season.

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" Mali
Madison "Muncher" Mitchell
Alicia "At-the-Ready" Reid
Brandy "Break-Away" Troke
Nadia "Take-No-Prisoners" Williams
Emily "Wild-Eyes" Wilson ... and not to be left out...
BETH "WILD-WOMAN" WESTBY

Go! Terriers! Go!

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.

House Leagues

Students and staff earned points for their Houses in November by bringing in pop tabs and pet supplies for the Lakefield Animal Shelter, and by wearing a moustache on our Movember Spirit Day.

Current standings are:

Golden Hawks	- 4319
Gryphons	- 4107
Mustangs	- 3678
Ravens	- 3380

In December, students and staff will be able to earn points for their Houses by continuing to bring in pop tabs, donations for the POW Pack's "Change for Change" Drive and Canadian Tire money for the Women's Shelter. Points will also be earned for participating in our Spirit Days the week of Dec. 15-18.

Mon., Dec. 15 - Red & Green Day

Tues., Dec. 16 - PJ Day

Wed., Dec. 17 - Twelve Days of Christmas

Thurs., Dec. 18 - Santa/Elf/Reindeer Hat Day

Inclement Weather – Bus Cancellations

In case of unsafe road conditions, please listen to local radio stations for the announcement of cancellations or



bus delays.

If buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not run in the afternoon. Any students who are driven to school on a bus cancellation day must be picked up from school.

If your child normally walks to school and will not be attending school when buses are cancelled, please call our safe arrival number (799-5137).

For more information about bus cancellations please visit http://www.tlidsb.on.ca/schools_transportation.htm

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LCBO Project

This year the City of Kawartha Lakes OPP and the Kawartha Lakes PS have teamed up with the LCBO and Trillium Lakelands District School Board to once again promote safety this holiday season.

Students in grades 4-8 will decorate LCBO bags related to this year's theme "Keep our community safe – don't drink and drive". The students will use pictures and slogans to deliver the safety message and the bags will be given out with purchases made at the LCBO stores throughout the City of Kawartha Lakes. Each time a person makes a purchase the bags message will remind the purchaser that road safety is in his or her hands.

TLAC 2015 – Student Applications are now available!



What is TLAC? TLAC is an arts camp for Grade 7 through 12 students that will take place May 17 - 22, 2015! TLAC offers

specialized instruction for Music, Drama, Musical Theatre, Dance, and Visual Art within an exciting camp experience. The arts camp is set up as a typical high school day with four periods. There are evening concerts featuring performances from major artists, a presentation from a local visual artist, and art display. This enriched arts experience is enhanced by the summer camp atmosphere.

The deadline for applications is December 12, 2014.

Application packages are available online or in your school office. Visit <http://tldsbc.ca/students/tlac/> for more information or contact Wendy Browne at 1(888) 526-5552 x22104 or wendy.browne@tldsbc.on.ca. Applications are accepted on a first come, first served basis. A waiting list will be kept for any forms received over and above our maximum capacity. Applications that are not complete will be returned, so take your time and complete all sections accurately! We are very excited about the new programs in this year's schedule!

TLDSB Boys' Writers Conference

Scott Young students were once again very excited to be invited to the 6th Annual Boys' Writers Conference held on Thursday November 20th. This year, ten students were selected from Grade 4, 5 and 6: Owen Florence, Aiden Pell, Bradley Malcolm, Greg Robertson, Cameron Poot, Curtis Snable, Colin Ward, Chris Carroll, Matthew Malcolm, and Callum Hubble. The boys were able to meet and listen to author Cary Fagan and story teller Mike Ford who puts his stories about Canada to electric guitar with a rock music twist. Also, illustrator and artist Milan Paviovic talked about drawing in novels and how he designed and cartooned the t-shirts that all boys were given. It was an active and inspiring day for all our Scott Young students. (Mrs. Patterson)



It is that time of year again! Intermediate students interested in joining Battle of the Books please let Ms. Walker know. If you are interested in joining Junior Battle of the Books please see Mrs. Rhude. Book lists will be announced December 10th. Let the reading begin!

Grade 9 Program Information Night at Thomas A. Stewart Secondary School

1009 Armour Road North, Peterborough - Phone 705-743-5230
ext 513 Guidance Office

All grade 8 students and their parents/guardians are invited to the Thomas A. Stewart Auditorium on **Thursday January 15th** for the Information Night which begins promptly at 6:30 pm. There will be a formal presentation followed by guided tours of the high school.

Yearbook Update

The 2014/2015 Scott Young Yearbook Committee will be finalized early in the new year. We have many interested intermediates who want to help with this year's edition. They have been busy taking lots of pictures around the school and at our different events. Our next challenge is to create this years' addition.

Yearbook Cover Contest: we will be doing a cover contest again this year. We are looking for colourful entries, that include the school name (or initials), the year 2014-2015, and any items that you think represent Scott Young. Covers should be created on a white piece of 8.5 x 11 paper. We will be accepting cover submissions throughout out the month of January. Look for posters and details in your classrooms and hallways.

Yearbooks will be going on sale in mid January. The cost this year will be \$25.

Mrs. Carney

Excellence Assembly

Congrats to the following students who received special recognition at our November Terriers Awards Assembly. Our next one will be in February and will recognize students who have shown Compassion (December focus), Trustworthiness (January focus), and Honesty (February focus).

Goal Setting (September)

Saige Basso, Nico Smies, Kyra Carson, Sydney Warren, Keeley Moss, Zach Hough, Cole Warner

Perseverance (October)

Kaitlyn Richardson, Victoria Dunk, Emily Lavalette, Alexa Sage, Aaron McNenly, Theresa Lock, Katelyn Davidson, Chelsea Knight, Cody Fitzgerald, Braydon Beaudoin, Joshua Vanderlinde, Quintin Hyndman

Responsibility (November)

Sophie Daly, Madeleine McColl, Michaela Moreau, Kate Dunford, Owen Florence, Christa Hutchinson, Beth Westby, Aiden Sheehey, Carlie Adams,
Equipment Room Helpers:
Taylor Adams, Emilee Schevers, Madison Mitchell, Ross Thirnbeck, Edward Nott



**Boys & Girls Clubs
of Kawartha Lakes**

A good place to be

Mega Hoops

Funding Provided By: Susan DeNure Sports Fund

Location: Scott Young Public School, Omemee

Ages: Grades JK to 2

Day: Mondays, starting Jan 19, 2015

Time: 6:15-7:00pm for Grades JK to 2

Cost: \$30 per person for 6 weeks - Each participant receives a jersey & basketball (Minimum Registration Required) (Limited Spaces Available)

***Financial Assistance** options available for all participants—contact Trevor Tompkins or Joshua Williams

Steve Nash Youth Basketball

Funding Provided By: Susan DeNure Sports Fund

Location: Scott Young Public School, Omemee

Ages: Grades 3 to 4, Grades 5 to 6, and Grades 7 to 8

Day: Mondays, starting Jan 19, 2015

Time: 7:00-8:00pm for Grades 3 to 4 and Grades 5 to 6,
8:00-9:00pm for Grades 7 to 8

Cost: \$30 per person for 6 weeks - Each participant receives a jersey & basketball (Minimum Registration Required) (Limited Spaces Available)

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Registration: Register now online at

www.bgckl.com/register or at the Boys & Girls Club, 107 Lindsay St. South, Lindsay or at Scott Young Public School on Mondays during Boys & Girls Club Sports Programs

Note: Children **must** be registered before they can attend program which includes completed registration form, program selection form and payment.

For **Registration** inquiries please contact our office staff at (705) 324-4493 & press 200

For Program information please contact Trevor Tompkins @ (705) 324-4493 ext. 217 or ttompkins@bgckl.com or Joshua Williams @ (705) 324-4493 ext. 211 or jwilliams@bgckl.com