



Dog Pound Press

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JANUARY'S CHARACTER TRAIT IS TRUSTWORTHINESS



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

Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

I hope that everyone in our school community had a wonderful holiday break and that 2015 is filled with good health and prosperity.

It is indeed with mixed emotions that I prepare my final newsletter submission for Scott Young's Dog Pound Press.

As some of you are already aware, I am about to embark on that wonderful stage of life commonly known as "retirement". While I am definitely looking forward to this exciting new horizon, I will certainly miss the experiences, relationships, and opportunities that I've shared here at Scott Young. In reflecting back on the past four and a half years, I feel so fortunate to have worked within such a supportive and productive learning community comprised of dedicated teachers, educational assistants and support staff, coupled with an energetic School Advisory Council and a student population that is second to none. This has certainly been a great venue to finish my thirty year career as an educator! At the present time, no decision has been made as to who my capable replacement will be but we will be sure to inform our school community as soon as we have further details.

On another note, thank you to those of you who kindly donated Canadian Tire Money in the weeks leading up to the Christmas break as your generosity made a difference within our community.

We are looking forward to another successful term with your child and continue to strive for improvement particularly in the areas of reading, writing, and mathematics. We believe that all children can learn and achieve and we will do our part to uphold this belief. Please continue to communicate with us via the student agendas. Students are expected to record their homework assignments each day so parents are made aware

of what their child is doing and how he/she is progressing. Students are responsible for taking their work home, completing it, and returning it every day. We really value our partnership and realize the school, the family, and the community must work together as a united team to promote success in our students!

With the winter's worst weather still ahead of us, I wish to remind you to ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for school. In this light, gloves, hats, scarves and warm coats are in order. Without your supervision, children sometimes come to school ill- equipped for the cold. Again, I thank you for your help. Sincerely,
R. Murray, Principal

Attention Grade 8 Parents / Students:

I.E. Weldon will be visiting the school on January 12th to talk to students about course options and the transition to grade 9. Both TASS and I.E. Weldon will host Open Houses at the respective high schools. The pertinent dates and times are listed below:

TASS will host an Open House and information session on Wednesday, January 14th from 6:30 - 8:30.

I.E. Weldon's information night will take place on Thursday, January 29th from 7:00 - 9:00.

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Character Development

The character trait that Scott Young is focusing on during the month of January is “trustworthiness”.

Trustworthiness: Being trustworthy means that you behave in an honourable manner. You act with integrity. Your words match your actions.

House League T-Shirts

If your child would like to purchase a house league T-shirt (e.g. Ravens, Mustangs, Gryphons, or Golden Hawks), they are available at the school’s office for \$10.

SYPS Speech Competition

The Scott Young Speech Competition will be held on Thursday, January 29th.

Junior speeches will start at 9:15 am and Intermediates at 11:35 am.

There will be snacks, coffee and juice for judges and participants in the library between competitions. Good luck to all students who are busy writing speeches this month!



Yearbooks are now on sale!

Our 2014-2015 Yearbook is now on sale. It is being offered to you at the low price of \$25.00. Yearbooks will be available from now until Friday February 6th. Please see the attached order form, if you are interested in purchasing this year’s keepsake. Please return the form to Mrs. Carney in Room 126.

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 SYPS), 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. Please write your name on the back.

*** The cover winner will receive a yearbook at ½ price.***

Drop off your cover to Mrs. Carney in Room 126 throughout the month of January.

Look for posters and details in your classrooms and hallways.

Inclement Weather – Bus Cancellations

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

House League Update

Students and staff earned points for their Houses during the month of December by bringing in pop tabs and Canadian Tire money for the Women's Shelter and by participating in our Christmas Spirit Days.

Current Standings:

Golden Hawks	4870
Gryphons	5248
Mustangs	4519
Ravens	4834

Team Jersey Spirit Day is on Friday, Jan. 23, and students and staff can earn points for their House by wearing their favourite team jersey.

SYPS SKIPPING TEAM

The Scott Young Skipping team will begin practicing later this month. Please listen to announcements for practice times. All students are welcome, but must come in gym clothes and gym shoes. We will learn basic skipping skills, building towards routines, and other skills that will be part of the Board’s Skipping competition later in the year. A team of 15 students will go to the competition. Come learn to skip and get a great cardio workout!

Fragrance Free Workplace

Just a reminder that since 2008, TLDSB has strived to maintain "Fragrance Free Workplaces." As a result, custodial cleaning products have all been switched over to detergents that have no scent. In keeping with this initiative, please remind your son/daughter that scented deodorants and perfumes should not be used at school. We would also encourage all volunteers working in the school to follow this protocol as well. Please realize that here, as in most other schools, we have a number of students and staff that are prone to respiratory problems or headaches, when exposed to fragrances of this type.

Youth League

The Omemee Curling Club is offering a new Pay-As-You-Go Youth League on Sundays starting on January 11th to February 22nd from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Open to youth 10-17 years of age. Cost is \$5.00. No commitment required – just clean running shoes. Call (705) 799-7156 for more information.

Think of Me Campaign

Before the holiday, our school participated in the Think of Me (T.O.M) campaign. T.O.M



is a joint effort between the OPP and LCBO to raise awareness about the effects of drinking and driving. This year, the campaign's message was "Enjoy the holiday season but make good choices - don't drink and drive!" The students, along with many other students in our board, had to design a bag for the LCBO that reflected this message. The bags were judged by a team of people at the OPP station.

We are so thankful to all students who took the time to raise awareness about this important message. We would like to say a big CONGRATULATIONS to Avery H. in Grade 5, who won her Grade 4/5 class a pizza party for creating the winning bag for all Grade 5 students in our school board. Congratulations Avery!

SYPS CHOIR

Rehearsals for a choir will begin in February, with plans to perform later in the year. If you can read music, great! If you have a love of singing, even better! Please see Ms. Warburton for more information.

Canadian Tire Money



Thank you to Jaime Burnett, Hannah Comrie, Katelynn Coville and Victoria Dunk for organizing and collecting Canadian Tire money during the month of December. \$175.85 was collected and the money was used to purchase toys for local Womens' Shelter. The toys were delivered to the YWCA just before the holidays. Thank you to Michaela Kivell and Blair Howran for donating the most money. It was quite a thrill for them to be able to throw a pie in the faces of Ms. Warburton and Mr. Quesnell! We are appreciative of all Scott Young students who donated to this worthy cause.

Trent Enrichment

Gr. 7 & 8 Trent Enrichment registration begins Jan. 12, for the 3 day program in April and May. Please see Ms. Warburton for further information and registration papers.



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)

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

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

School Bus Cancellations

TLDSB shares area-wide bus cancellations through Twitter, Facebook, and tldsbc.ca, **NOT** individual bus route cancellations.

Sign up to receive individual school bus route cancellations and delays at www.mybustoschool.ca

For more information visit:
tldsbc.ca/inclement-weather-routines



City of Kawartha Lakes Public Library

January Events

Omemee Library

Drop In Craft
Saturday, January 17 between 11 am & 1 pm

For information call the Omemee Library at 705 799-5711.

Library Hours

Tuesdays & Saturdays 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Wednesdays & Thursdays 3:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Search the Library Catalogue at
www.city.kawarthalakes.on.ca/library



