



Dog Pound Press

February, 2015 Newsletter

FEBRUARY'S CHARACTER TRAIT IS HONESTY.



Principal: C. Pilgrim ★ School Trustee: J. Saunders

Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

I am very pleased to become part of the Scott Young school community. Parents, students and staff have made me feel very welcome. Scott Young is a busy place with many engaging opportunities for our students. Thank you for encouraging your children to become involved. There is a lot to be proud of at this great school.

On February 20th we will send home your child's first full report card. The primary purpose of these reports is to provide personalized, clear, precise and meaningful feedback in order to improve student learning. Please take the opportunity to discuss this report with your child and encourage him/her to set some personal goals for improvement.

Monday, February 16th is Family Day. I hope this provides our families with an opportunity to spend some enjoyable and well-deserved time together.

I look forward to meeting you and working with your children.

Sincerely,
C. Pilgrim, Principal

Character Development: Honesty

The character trait for February is Honesty. Honesty is when you are sincere and truthful in your words and actions.

NEW COMMUNICATION SYSTEM FOR SCHOOL FLYERS LAUNCHES JAN. 21



Our school is getting ready to launch a new electronic flyer communication tool called "Peachjar." To view school-approved eflyers, simply click the Peachjar button on the school's website homepage.

Also, you have the option to have these eflyers delivered right to your inbox! Please visit Peachjar.com to register. This system is used exclusively for distribution of school-approved flyers. Your email address will never be shared or used for any other purpose.

This "green" initiative will provide parents with better access to information about school programs, activities, and events. Thank you for your support!

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Grad Photos

Grade 8 graduation photos will take place on March 6th.



Grade 8 Trip

Our grade 8 students will be able to participate in a fun-filled Day Trip to Toronto on May 27. The day includes Laser Quest, a visit to Ripley's Aquarium and a Jays Game. Registration forms and your \$50 deposit are due on Friday February 6th to Mr. Quackenbush. Final payments are due by Friday March 27th.

High School Course Selections

A reminder to all grade 8 parents that I.E. Weldon course selection sheets and completed registration forms are due on Friday, February 6th. Guidance counsellors from I.E. Weldon will be at Scott Young on Thursday, Feb. 12 to complete the final step of course selection.

If your child is going to TASS in the fall, you are responsible for taking in the course selection sheets and registration forms. These forms have already been submitted.

POW PACK

If you are not already doing so, please follow us on Twitter! @syps_powpack. POW PACK will be having a Junior Valentine Dance Thursday February 12th from 2:15-3:15pm and an Intermediate Dance Friday February 13th from 2:15-3:15pm. It is \$1 to get into the dance (or games room) and all money raised will go to our goat fund. Everyone that enters the dance will be given a "goatie band" to show our appreciation for their \$1 donation. POW PACK members have been working hard to make over 200 of these so we hope you like them. This will be our last initiative for the goats... Ready? Set? Goat!



Battle of the Books (BOTB)

Battle of the Books will be in full swing during the month of February. The Scott Young school level battles will take place in March. Students that qualify to move on to the board level event will represent Scott Young on Tuesday March 31st (Juniors) and Wednesday April 1st (Intermediates). If you have any questions, please speak to Ms. Walker or Mrs. Rhude. Thank you to all the students who have been busy reading!

Electronic Devices: Cell Phones, MP3 Players, Video Games

Please remind your child that cell phones, cameras, mp3 players, and electronic game devices are not to be used on school property. Similarly, cell phones and cameras should not be used on the bus either.

Excellence Assembly

The 2nd Terriers Excellence Assembly will take place Thursday February 26th @ 9:15am. Students will be acknowledged for any clubs or groups they have been a part of since November. There will also be character awards handed out for Trustworthiness, Honesty, and Compassion. Hope to see you there!



Primary Volleyball

On February 5 our first ever Primary Volleyball Team did an amazing job competing against other schools at the County Tournament. Our Grade 4 team members worked hard at practice over the last couple of months. They demonstrated fantastic sportsmanship and school spirit. Congratulations to our Primary Terriers: Devin C, Adam C, Alana H, Joey H, Samantha I, Caden M, Michael S, Miranda J, Dakota J, Karlie S and Kendra W. GO Terriers!

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.

2015 Speech Competition

Scott Young had our 2015 speech competition on Thursday



January 29th. A huge thank you to the parents and community members for their outstanding support. Congratulations to the following students who were selected to represent their classroom:

Junior Division:

Sophie D
Bradley M
Kate D
Avery A
Isabelle B
Kyra C
Hunter K
Cameron D
Carlie A
Jocelyn K

Intermediate Division:

Katelynn M
Nadia W
Taylor A
Trevor K
Delana C
Mackenzie S
Bethany J
Katelyn C
Cody M
Austin B
Gracie F

Results were:

Juniors:

1 - Kate D
2 - Isabelle B
3 - Carlie A

Intermediates:

1 - Katelynn M
2 - Gracie F
3 - Bethany J

House League News

Students and staff earned points for their Houses in January by bringing in pop tabs and participating in our January Jersey Spirit Day.

Current Standings:

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| Golden Hawks - | 4906 |
| Gryphons - | 5275 |
| Mustangs - | 4865 |
| Ravens - | 4912 |

Everyone will be able to earn points for their House by participating in our February Formal Friday Spirit Day on Friday, Feb. 27th.

Updated Contact Information

If there have been changes to your child's contact information since the forms were sent home in September, please call the office to update – 705-799-5133. Thank you.

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. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Safe Arrival

If your son/daughter will be absent, please call our Safe Arrival Number – **799-5137**. (call anytime) Safe Arrival information only please. Contact School Office for any other messages.

