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From the Office...

As we approach the month of March, we are excited to welcome the arrival of spring and the promise of new beginnings. It has been a mild, but icy winter thus far and we are looking forward to bright sunnier days ahead. Please make sure your students dress appropriately for the ever-changing spring weather.

In this month's newsletter, we will be sharing updates on upcoming events and activities, highlighting the achievements of our students. We encourage parents to stay involved and engaged in their child's education, stay in touch with their child's teacher and to reach out to us if they have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to our school community.

Best regards,

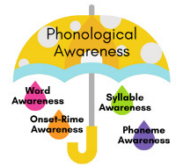
Mr. Hicks & Mrs. Ingram

From the ML Department:

The Importance of Phonological Awareness;

Phonological awareness is the ability to recognize and manipulate the spoken parts of sentences and words. This includes recognizing rhyming words, identifying syllables in words, blending sounds into words, segmenting words into sounds, and deleting and playing with the sounds in spoken words. There is a powerful relationship

between phonological awareness and literacy development—it's the best single predictor of a child's early reading performance. With March break fast approaching, here are some games you can play with your child to support their phonological awareness:



- Ask your child to identify words that start with a certain sound. For example, "I spy something that starts with the sound 'k'. Can you tell me what it is?"
- When making a grocery list, ask your child how many syllables are in each item.
- Point to an object and ask your child to name it and a word that rhymes with its name clock (e.g., lock and block...) rug (e.g., bug and mug).
- Make a grocery list and ask your child to sound out the words or at least the first/last sound for younger kids.
- Stomp My Sentence: Make up a sentence and say it aloud as your child repeats the exact same sentence. Each time they hear a word, they stomp one foot. (This helps develop concept of word.)
- Mystery Word, Mystery Category: Give your child various words within a category to blend. For example: /p/ /l/ /u/ /m/ (plum). After you do 4-6 words in the category, have your child guess what the "mystery category" is.

Thank you and have fun helping your child with phonological awareness.

ML Team at AO

Parking

A friendly reminder to please avoid parking in our bus lanes. This area is designated for specialized transportation that requires curbside pick up. As our school grows, our lot gets busier. Please consider parking on the street and walking into the school. Please only stop and park in designated spots.

From the Library Learning Commons



Dates to Remember

Dental Screening – March 6th, 7th, 8th

March Break – March 13 – 17

Pizza Day – March 21st -visit School Cash Online

Grad 8 Graduation Photos - Mar 23rd



BASKETBALL NEWS!!!!

Congratulations to the Intermediate Girls Basketball Team for a great season! The girls have been working hard to develop their skills, practising every day from December to February. The girls had an amazing season, and always played with a lot of heart. The girls finished the season winning second place and earning a silver medal at the Regional Championship! Coaches Collins, Pelissero and Scott are so proud of the girls and all that they were able to accomplish this season. Way to go Aces!

TVEF Toonie Tuesday

On February 21, the French Club held a Cafe Francais to raise money for the TVEF Caring Fund, which supports Thames Valley students and families. Our French Club visited classrooms, providing 'chocolat chaud' to students donating to the Caring Fund. The Cafe Francais was a great success, raising \$257!! Thank you for your support of this great program. Merci beaucoup!

YOUTH MARCH 2023					FREE PROGRAMS!
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
		Youth Chefs Beef Bragaret & Boston Cream Cupcakes 3:30-5:00pm Art Attack 5:30-7:00pm	Employment Drop-In 3:30-5:00pm Homework Help 5:00-6:00pm	After-School Program 3:00-5:30pm	YOUTH 11-24 YEARS OLD 1119 JALNA BLVD. LONDON ON N6E 5B5 YOUTHSTAFF@SLNRC.CA @SLNRC.YOUTH @SLNRC.YOUTH 519-686-8600 EXT: 1589 Contact SLNRC Youth Supervisor Tassia to register for March Break Programming. 15 Spots Available Please come into the Centre to retain the Permission Forms and Weekly Package.
Western Engineering 4:00-5:30pm Youth Council 5:30-7:00pm	All Sorts of Sports 3:30-5:00pm Youth Dinner One Pot Mexican Rice 5:00-6:00pm	Youth Chefs Sheet Pan Quasidiles & Anchoed Onions 3:30-5:00pm Art Attack 5:30-7:00pm	Employment Drop-In 3:30-5:00pm Homework Help 5:00-6:00pm	Dreams De Game True Game 6pm - Participants Dinner 7pm - Showcase Opens	
MARCH BREAK PROGRAMMING					
Day 1: Team Building 11am-3pm Lunch Provided	Day 2: Disney Day 11am-3pm Lunch Provided		Day 3: Amazing Race 11am-3pm Lunch Provided	Day 4: St. Patrick's Day 11am-3pm Lunch Provided	
Western Engineering 4:00-5:30pm Youth Council 5:30-7:00pm	All Sorts of Sports 3:30-5:00pm Youth Dinner Ravioli 5:00-6:00pm	Youth Chefs Cow Boy Show & Red Velvet Cupcakes 3:30-5:00pm Youth Room Open until 6pm	Balancing Act Project 3:30-5:30pm Homework Help 5:30-6:30pm	After-School Program 3:00-5:30pm	
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Parent council is pleased to announce that our first two pizza lunches were a great success. We've received a lot of positive feedback from the students on how "Delicious" the pizza is. Piero's Pizzaria have been so wonderful to work with and we will continue to give them our business. Our volunteers are doing a fantastic job on making sure everything runs smoothly the day of and we can't thank them enough. We've raised just shy of \$1000 so far which will go towards purchasing new equipment for physical activity. We hope to have many more successful hot lunches and we would love to hear from our parents and students on more hot lunch ideas. Our next parent council meeting will be Monday, April 10th at 6pm in the school library for any parents who would like to join.