

South Shore News

November 2016

Special points of interest:

- Nov.12—SSCS dinner and auction @ Deer Run Church—5:30 pm
- Nov.14—Picture re-take day
- Nov.16—Samaritan's Purse shoebox items due; readathon & pajama day
- Nov.21—Mennonite sausage and wreath order forms due
- Nov.28—Report cards home
- Dec.1—Parent-teacher interviews from 3:50—7:00 pm; sausage and wreath pick-up
- Dec..2—PA Day—no school

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From the Principal's Desk...

Dear Parents,

On Nov.4, we say goodbye to Gr.2 teacher Miss Stephanie Dyck, who has been with us for 6 weeks. We wish her God's blessing as she begins a new chapter in her life.

As inclement weather approaches with colder days, please send your children to school with hats and gloves—it's always good practice to label your child's belongings. Also, please do not drive under the portico by the front door—this is the only safe walkway for our children to enter the building. Thanks for helping to keep our students warm and safe!

November will be an unusually busy and productive month:

Nov.12—SSCS dinner and auction will take place at Deer Run Church. Everyone is invited to eat various soups, chili, buns and dessert. There will be both a live and silent auction. Doors open at 5 pm; dinner is served at 5:30. Thanks to the many parents who have been busy preparing for this fun evening!

Nov.14—Picture re-take day, with Gr.2 and Gr.7/8 class pictures also being taken.

Nov.16—Samaritan's Purse shoebox items are due; students will celebrate their generosity with readathon and pajama day after preparing the boxes for overseas shipment. Once again, thank you for your kindness and generosity—we are truly a light in the world!

Nov.21—Mennonite sausage and wreath order forms due—you can drop them off after attending our Student of the Month assembly!

Nov.26—27—Our school choir sings with the County Classic Chorale, while artwork from all our students will be displayed. See page 4 for further details!

Nov.28—Term I report cards will be sent home. Please call Susie at school to arrange an interview time on Thurs. Dec.1 (3:50—7 pm).

Dec.2—PA Day for students—no school!

We are in the process of planning and rehearsing for our upcoming school Christmas concert—more details will be coming soon.

O Lord, thank you for entrusting these



Thanks to Jodie Matte for lending us her beautiful quilt entitled "City on a Hill," reflecting our school theme "You are the light of the world."

children in our care. May we always worship you as our heavenly Father and Creator, Please mold us into Christlikeness as we walk with You each day.

Gr.1 Food Drive

During the month of October, Mrs. Watson and our Gr.1 students gathered canned goods for the Salvation Army Food Bank. Our young students enjoyed gathering and sorting our various donations, and learned that it is good to assist the needy in our community. These young students and teacher are certainly a light in our community!





Mrs. Murray happily displays our Fundraising Kids' Club Thanksgiving pumpkin decorating project!

Report Cards

Report cards will be sent home Mon. Nov.28, with Parent-Teacher interviews taking place Thurs. Dec.1 from 3:50—7:00 p.m. Please call Mrs. Wall at school to arrange an interview time (519-819-2202).

Our report card format this year creates more room for teachers to report their students' progress.

Kindergarten students are here only three days a week, and will therefore receive a progress report.

Grades 1—8 will receive a Term I report card, reflecting specific strands in Language and Math. All

subjects will be reported on in their own space, making it easier for parents to track their children's progress in each subject.

We have also revised our assessment practices so that each grade is consistently assessed throughout the school:

80—100 = A

70—79 = B

60—69 = C

50—59 = D

Below 50 = R—Remedial assistance is required

I = Insufficient evidence is available

to determine a letter grade or percentage mark

A blank field where marks would typically go indicates that the subject was not reported on during that term.

Students in Gr.1-6 will receive a letter grade, while Gr.7-8 students will receive a numerical mark.

Two copies of the report card will be sent home; please sign one and send it back to school in the envelope provided.

Many thanks to Mrs. Lauren Omstead for updating our new report card template!

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.”

Colossians 3:23

Student of the Month

During our Student of the Month assembly on Oct.23, we celebrated the achievements of our “marvellous mathematicians.” Pictured here are JK—Kevin S.; SK—Leah K.; Gr.1—Jackson W.; Gr.2—Marissa W.; Gr.3/4—Noah F., Scott D.; Gr.5/6—Keira F., Dax M.; Gr.7/8—Kayla D., Zack M.

Congratulations to all!



After winning the draw, Eli and Josh Dyck stand proudly beside their new scooter!

South Shore Fundraising

Parents, thank you for your incredible support of our school! All our fundraising efforts exceeded their initial projection! Our profit from chocolate bars was over \$4100, while profits from our movie night yielded over \$500 (we even ran out of candy!).

We are now preparing for our upcoming fundraisers which include the SSCS dinner and auction night, Christmas wreath and Mennonite sausage sale.

Top chocolate bar sellers Ethan S. and Frank W. are seen holding the largest chocolate bar ever! Frank won the chocolate bar, while Ethan was delighted to win the basket of candy!



South Shore Cross Country

Our second cross country meet took place Oct. 18 in Malden Park in Windsor, cheered on by parents and Coach Miss Bishop.

Congratulations to Cassandra D., Isabel F., Carter N., Jillian S., Ciarra B., Zak P., Emily S., Ivan S., Frank W., Andrew B., Juliana D., Dax M., Ashley N., Ethan S. and Austin R.—all our participating students ran their personal best time! Thanks, Coach Bishop and Coach Dekker, for training our students!



South Shore Soccer

Our soccer team recently played in two separate tournaments in Windsor on Oct. 6 and Oct. 13. In the first tournament, the results were 3 wins and 2 losses, but in the Oct. 13 tournament, they ended in second place in their division.

They worked hard, displayed great sportsmanship and had fun, as seen in the photos above and to the right. Thanks to Mr. Mike Church for coaching our students!



Gr.3/4 Bridge Building

On Oct. 14, Miss Murray's Gr.3/4 class took part in a bridge building activity where students worked collaboratively to build bridges out of recycled materials. Bricks were placed on the bridges to see which bridge could hold the most weight. Both parents and students alike enjoyed the afternoon of collaboration and creativity.

Students were then encouraged to build their own bridg-

es—you can see our future engineers in the photo on the right.

Thanks for providing an opportunity for our students to experiment and collaborate creatively, Miss Murray!



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Christmas is coming! A choir of 20 dedicated students from Gr.3-8 have rehearsed tirelessly as guest performers at the upcoming County Classic Chorale concerts on Sat. Nov.26 at 7:30 pm and Sun. Nov. 27 at 3:00 pm. Both concerts will take place at the Leamington United Church; ticket prices are \$12 for adults and \$6 for students.

Our entire school has been involved in this concert: all our students have provided artwork for this concert—it will be displayed on power point behind the choir. Jude M. created the artwork for the poster advertising the concerts, while Mrs. Alina Wall photographed each item of art to prepare for the power point. Thanks to everyone who has helped with this endeavor, especially our teachers, who worked to creatively develop our students' art skills!

