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## FEBRUARY 2010 NEWSLETTER

### From the Principal's Desk...

#### CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE!

We are pleased to announce that our new website is now available and can be found at:

<http://barondale.peelschools.org>

Check out our website on a regular basis for important school information and updates. Our newsletter is posted online, and we hope to have our April issue fully online. Paper copies will still be made available for families who make a special request. All other families will be able to access the newsletter online.

We are continuing to see readers develop their skills in our Barondale Bookworms Program. Grade 1 readers are receiving one-on-one support on a daily basis and Grade 2 readers are enjoying the opportunity to participate in Reader's Theatre activities. We are thankful to parents, grandparents and community volunteers who make this program possible.

We look forward to our annual Barondale Fundraiser on Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> with a Valentine's theme this year. Students will enjoy moving to music as an energizing way to raise funds for our school. We appreciate the work of the School Council in coordinating this event for our school.

**J. Redhead**

*Many Hands, Many Lands, One Heart*



#### **SUPPORT FOR HAITI**

Thank you to our Barondale community for their generous support for those in need in Haiti. We appreciate the contributions from our Barondale families as we reach out to support those whose lives have been devastated in the recent disaster..

#### **GRADE FIVE SKI TRIP**

Reminder - the grade 5 ski days are:

February 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Students should dress appropriately for the weather and bring a lunch.



#### **MOVE-A-THON FUNDRAISER**



This year we will have a Valentine's theme for our Move-a-thon Fundraiser. Funds raised from this event will be used to support the installation of LCD projectors and to buy Guided Reading books which will be beneficial for student learning. At our Kick-off assembly, some of our teachers performed a dance they had choreographed to get students in the spirit! Students are asked to raise money through friends and family only and should **not go door to door** in order to collect funds. Prizes will be given at a special assembly following the event. Thanks to the support of parents and the community, we look forward to another successful fundraiser at Barondale!

## **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

Starting school is a big step. Begin this journey into learning with us by registering your child for kindergarten. If your child was born in 2006, he or she can start kindergarten in September 2010. Registration will be held at our school on **February 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. and February 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**



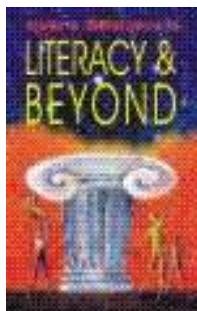
### **What you will need to bring to registration:**

- *proof of child's age - Canadian birth certificate or Canadian passport or PRC.*
- *proof of address - utility bill, credit card statement mailed to your home; we do not accept a driver's licence.*
- *proof that your child has been immunized*

In order to attend school in Ontario, your child must have an up-to-date immunization record. When you register your child for school, you will provide a copy of your child's immunization record and the school will send it to Peel Health. After registration, keeping your child's records up to date is your responsibility. Peel Health reviews immunization records regularly. For information about immunization, or to get a copy of your child's record call Health Line Peel at 905-799-7700.

## **PARENT LITERACY CONFERENCE**

*Make a difference in literacy and beyond - practical ways parents can boost learning* is on **Saturday, April 10, 2010** at Stephen Lewis Secondary School in Mississauga. This **free** learning event is open to Peel parents of students at all grade levels.



- choose from more than 45 practical workshops designed to help you help your child succeed in school
- purchase educational materials from exhibitors
- receive a free lunch, giveaways and more

**Register online in the 'Parents Boost Learning' section of [www.peelschools.org](http://www.peelschools.org)**

## **WORKSHOP EXPLORES PARENT, CHILD RELATIONSHIP**

Dr. Gabor Mate, physician and author of many books, including *Hold Onto Your Kids: Why Parents Need to Matter more than Peers*, will be at the HJA Brown Education Centre for an evening workshop on the parent and child relationship.

Attend this session for information on:

- the critical importance of attachment
- things that stand in the way of healthy development of our children
- how parents can establish and maintain meaningful relationships with their children

**Date: Monday, Feb. 8, 2010**

**Time: 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

**Location: HJA Brown Education Centre, 5650 Hurontario Street in Mississauga**

**Cost: \$10 is payable in cash at the door**

Space is limited—reserve your seat by calling 905-451-2862, ext. 380. This is an adult event and childcare is not provided.

The workshop is open to all parents and is brought to you by the Peel District School Board's social work department.

## **NUTRITION MATTERS**

Good nutrition comes from eating a balanced diet chosen from each of the four food groups in *Canada's Food Guide to Healthy Eating*: grain products, vegetables and fruits, milk products, and meat and alternatives. Children need to eat a variety of foods everyday to be healthy. With a little creativity and planning you can make lunch fun for your child, while still meeting their nutritional needs.



By focusing on foods from the four food groups and limiting less nutritious foods, you can help your child get the nutrients and energy he or she needs to have a successful school day.

## MARCH REPORTING



As of this March, there will be no designated parent/teacher interview time scheduled for the second term report card.

By this point in the school year, we have found that most parents are well aware of their child's progress based on the ongoing communication from the school. You will receive a letter with the March report card identifying if your child is meeting provincial expectations. Should your child not be meeting provincial expectations, the teacher will contact you to discuss your child's progress and how to further support his/her learning needs.

Our teachers are committed to providing parents with the information they need to support their child's success and will continue to communicate with parents throughout the school year. There are three report cards each year and they provide an overview of your child's progress over a period of time. The best way to see how your child is progressing in school is through the ongoing communication you receive. Some of the ways you keep up-to-date about your child's progress include the following:

- talk to your child about school
- check agendas on a daily basis
- review your child's homework
- receive copies of marks your child has received on assignments and tests
- ongoing communication with your child's teacher

## YAHTZEE CLUB



The Grade 4 and Grade 5 students have enjoyed some brain fun during the months of November, December and January. They learned a game called Yahtzee which uses five dice and is a game of probability, strategy and chance. Thanks to our Grade 5 Yahtzee Experts and Yahtzee Leaders for their extra help: Charlie, Carman, Harshil, Rachel Z., Gordana, Aisha, Fatimah, Tejah, Srustie and Darshini.

## LIBRARY NEWS



### Comic Workshop

In January, students in Grades 2-5 had the opportunity to participate in an arts education program all about learning the fundamentals of drawing comic art. The workshop was a great success! We hope everyone has been able to use the skills we learned to develop their artistic and writing talents.

Thank you to parents for your donations which helped support this program.

### Forest of Reading

The Kindergarten to Grade 2 students are well under way with listening to the Blue Spruce books being read to them during their weekly visits to the library. Each student will vote for their favourite book in March.



Students in grades 3, 4 and 5 have also begun reading the nominated books for Silver Birch and Silver Birch Express. They will vote in April and the school-wide results will be announced then. We will have to wait until May to get the Provincial results and the winners in each category.

Happy Reading!

## HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

We have some exciting new choices for our hot lunch program at Barondale! Starting on Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, the following menu will be available:

MONDAY	Spaghetti
TUESDAY	Pizza / Nuggets
WEDNESDAY	Subs
THURSDAY	Burger
FRIDAY	Pizza / Nuggets



All lunches will cost \$5.00 and the vendor will continue to be Mani's Pizza. All products are halal. Thank you for supporting our hot lunch program, we know that students enjoy having the opportunity to order a special lunch on a daily basis. We very much appreciate all of the work that Mrs. Mulla does in order to make this program possible at Barondale!

## NEW DIRECTOR



The board of trustees has been involved in a formal search for an individual to replace retired director, Jim Grieve. We are pleased to announce that our new director of education will be Tony Pontes, currently Superintendent of Staff Development and School Support Services at the Peel District School Board.

Tony Pontes has spent his entire career in the Peel board. He began his career in 1978 as a teacher of mathematics and woodworking at the then J. A. Turner Secondary School. After time as a teacher, department head and vice-principal he became principal of Chinguacousy and then Mayfield Secondary School. In 2000, his leadership skills were acknowledged by his appointment as Superintendent of Education. Mr. Pontes has had the opportunity to serve as both an elementary and secondary superintendent and that experience provides a key insight into the needs of all of our schools.

In 2009, Tony Pontes became Superintendent of Staff Development and School Support Services at the H.J.A. Brown Education Centre. That role offers a truly global perspective on the needs of schools and will be invaluable as he becomes director.

The board is confident that Tony Pontes will continue to build on Peel's commitment to student success. We look forward to his leadership as director of the Peel District School Board.

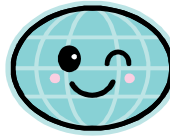
## BOOMER THE BEAR NEWS



Congratulations to Sarah Juman in Mrs. Pennock's Grade 2 class. She was the lucky winner for a free pizza lunch in our January Newsletter lucky draw. Good luck with the February draw!

## EDUCATION WEEK

**April 19-30, 2010**



Our theme this year for Education Week is "Smile Together". We have a lot to smile about at Barondale! We will be having an author visit for all students and a wonderful storyteller who will be doing an evening presentation for parents and children at our Open House.

We are also celebrating the Peel District School Board's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with activities and events that will be on display in the classrooms and hallways during Education Week.

Please mark the following dates and be sure to attend our Open House!

April 19-23 Book Fair

Tuesday, April 20 Open House 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
6:30 - Storyteller in the gym - Cheryl Thornton (parents and children welcome)  
7:00 - Parents visit classrooms

Thursday, April 22 Meet-a-Musician (Gr. 1-3)

Tuesday, April 27 Author Visit - Frieda Wishinsky: nominated this year for the Blue Spruce award for her book *You're Mean, Lily Jean*

## UPCOMING DATES

February 1, 8, 22 Grade 5 Ski Trip  
February 12 Move-a-thon Fundraiser  
February 15 Family Day (No School)  
February 17/18 Kindergarten Registration  
February 19 Olympic Spirit Day (red/white)  
February 26 Celebrations Assembly  
March 15-19 March Break

Read the **School Council** insert and fill out the ballot to win a **free pizza lunch!**