



# Springbrook P.S. Newsletter

## From the Principal's Pen...

### *Springbrook's Character Trait for the month of March is Responsibility*

March 1st is designated as Lunchroom Supervisors Appreciation Day. We, as a school community would like to thank our Lunchroom Supervisors for their dedication and the pride that they demonstrate with respect to this important job on a daily basis.

We officially welcome spring on March 20th. After a very long, long, cold winter we can look forward to putting the snow blowers and shovels away! Spring time gives us the opportunity to observe nature come back to life. During the March Break you can enjoy an Open House on Wednesday, March 13 to Saturday, March 26th at the Jack Smythe Centre.

Despite a very cold night we had a very successful EQAO parent evening on February 11th. The intent of this meeting was to give parents of Grade 3 and 6 students a deeper understanding of how, why and when we administer the EQAO assessment. If

you would like to obtain a parent guide you can access this and other useful information at [www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com). I would like to thank the Grade 3 team, Mrs. Ajay & Mr. Simpson and the Grade 6 teachers, Mrs. Motola & Mrs. Khairuzzaman and also Mrs. Messier for planning and organizing this important meeting.

Student success is at the core of what we do every day; however, we can't do this alone. I encourage you to continue to work with your child at home. The EQAO website is an exceptional resource. Learning is very hard work, but within the hard work we will continue to use manipulatives, technology, critical thinking, differentiated instructions and various teaching strategies. Getting the right answer is only part of the equation but to explain your thinking is a skill that we constantly have to teach our students. I have a great deal of confidence in the commitment and dedication of my staff to continue to develop your child's

skills so that they will be successful.

As stated at the meeting, the Grade 3 & 6 teachers have been sending home their students' work. I encourage you to spend time going through this work with your child. The Term 1 report card was a good indicator of your child's academic performance. The expectation is that students are demonstrating Level 3 responses to be at provincial standard. Our final goal is to have at least 75% of our students at Level 3.

**The EQAO assessment dates are May 21 to May 28.** Please do not plan any trips for this period since it is mandatory for all grade 3 and 6 students to complete this assessment in the areas of Reading, Writing and Math.

**Happy March Break!!**

## Mark Your Calendar

- ☺ March 1st—BBoyizm presentation for all students
- ☺ March 7th—Gr 7 Immunization Round 2
- ☺ March Break—March 11th—15th inclusive
- ☺ March 27th—Grade 8 Graduation Photos
- ☺ April 8th—Open House 6:00—7:00 pm "Explosion of the Arts"
- ☺ April 19th—Good Friday—No school
- ☺ April 22nd—Easter Monday—No School
- ☺ April 25th—Sibling Photos
- ☺ EQAO Gr 3 & 6 May 21st to May 28th

# Keep your child safe on the internet

Even without trying, children can come across materials on the internet that are obscene, disturbing, violent, hate-filled, racist or offensive in other ways.

Here are some steps to help you ensure that your children use the internet as safely as possible:

- ◇ Make sure your children understand what sites are appropriate for them
- ◇ Keep the computer in a common area of the home like the kitchen or family room
- ◇ Discuss the meaning of an "unsafe" site with your children
- ◇ Explain to your children what they should do if they reach an unsafe site
- ◇ Make exploring new websites a family activity
- ◇ Pay attention to the games your children may download or copy
- ◇ Look into software or online services that filter out offensive materials or sites

It's important to review safety tips with children regularly. It is possible for children to meet unsafe strangers on the internet. Ensure your child knows the following rules:

- ◇ Never give out personal information (including name, address, phone number, age, school name or location)
- ◇ Never arrange a face-to-face meeting with someone they meet online
- ◇ Never use bad language or send mean messages
- ◇ Never respond to email messages that make them feel confused or uncomfortable
- ◇ Tell an adult immediately if something on the internet makes them feel uncomfortable

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## Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration is ongoing at this time for children born in 2015.

You will need to provide the following documentation:

- Canadian birth certificate or passport
- Permanent Resident Card
- Immunization Records
- Proof of address, such as a driver's licence, utility bill, bank statement. We are not able to accept a lease as proof of residence.



**Please register as soon as possible** so you and your child can receive information about upcoming events that will happen at the school in the spring.

# ParentConnect



*Online parent portal to access important student information*

Last year, the Peel District School Board launched ParentConnect, an online parent portal to access important student information.

## What is ParentConnect?

ParentConnect is a safe and secure website, created by the Peel District School Board, that acts as a single point to stay informed and to access all electronic services provided to Peel board parents and legal guardians.

The parent-friendly website will allow you to:

- view school-based alerts and information
- access real time absence reporting
- view current and historic elementary report card information
- get up-to-date busing information
- review secondary school credit history and diploma status

and more

To learn more about the benefits of ParentConnect, visit our school website or [www.peelschools.org/parentconnect](http://www.peelschools.org/parentconnect)

## Peel public schools celebrate Education Week

Peel public schools will host hundreds of special activities and events to celebrate Education Week 2019 from April 8 to 12. The theme for this year's week-long focus on education is *We Inspire*.

At Springbrook we will host an Open House on April 8th from 6:00—7:00 p.m. called "Explosion of the Arts" More information will be sent home closer to the date.

Each year, more than 50,000 parents and community members across Peel attend activities and events during Education Week. We are looking forward to an equally successful week this year.

# Black History Month

The month of February was a time we had designated to celebrate the accomplishments of Black men, women, and children. We also took this time to recognize the challenges Black men, women, and children have faced and acknowledge their resilience to overcome such challenges. This year at Springbrook, the students enjoyed a drumming and dance performance and attended at Black History Presentation on the Underground Railroad. It showed students that though our outward appearances may differ, we belong to one Human Race.

## March Break Maple Syrup Days at Jack Smythe

**Open House—Wednesday, March 13th—Saturday, March 16th 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Enjoy the beauty and wonder of nature as Spring blossoms. Jack Smythe Field Centre offers an exceptional family experience with a visit to its maple syrup bush. The March Break programs run from Wednesday, March 13th to Saturday March 16th from 10:00 a.m. with the last presentations of the day at 3:00 p.m.

The Peel District Sugar Bush program has been in operation for more than 40 years and provides families with an educational activity and a hands-on experience. The program is run by Peel District School Board teachers and staff during March Break.

Families are invited to get involved as spring comes to life in the following:

- Help tap trees and empty sap buckets
- Sample some freshly made maple syrup
- Hike along our trails and feed the friendly chickadees by hand
- Learn how pioneers collected and produced syrup compared to modern-day operations
- Visit the sugar shack where the sap boils and clouds of sweet smelling steam billow out of the chimney

The cost is \$5.00/adult and \$4.00/child 12 and under. Lunch will be available for purchase. It will include hot chocolate, cookies and hotdogs for you to roast over an open fire.

Directions to Jack Smythe Field Centre, 14592 Winston Churchill Blvd., Terra Cotta:

North on Mississauga Rd, left on King Street (you will see Credit View P.S. on your left), right on Winston Churchill Blvd (you will pass the Terra Cotta Conservation Area on your left) to the top of the hill and left into the Jack Smythe site.

For more information, please contact the Jack Smythe Field Centre at 1-905-877-7771

# CONGRATULATIONS!

## Regional Programs

Recently, a number of our Grade 8 students were accepted into very competitive Regional Programs for Grade 9. The programs include Science and Technology, Advanced Placement International Business and Technology International Baccalaureate and Sports

Alif—AP @ Central Peel

Harjot—IB @ Turner Fenton

Keesha—IB @ Turner Fenton

Haadiya—IB @ Turner Fenton

Dilysha—SciTech @ Chinguacousy

Simarpreet—IBT @ North Park

Manya—IBT @ North Park

Zainab—Sports @ David Suzuki

Jiya—Sports @ David Suzuki

Vansh—Sports @ David Suzuki

Sameer—Sports @ David Suzuki

Rijul- Sports @ David Suzuki

Vasu—Sports @ David Suzuki

Harman—Sports @ David Suzuki

Elisa—Sports @ David Suzuki

Jaskirat—Sports @ David Suzuki

Harman—Sports @ David Suzuki

Amit—Sports @ David Suzuki

Veer—Sports @ David Suzuki



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