What an amazing year we have had! With all of the many wonderful adventures, activities, and special events, the year really seemed to fly by! We have a lot to be thankful for here at Edenrose and would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to all of the wonderful staff, students, parents, guardians and community members who make this school such an amazing place to learn and work! We have reflected on our year and we most certainly look forward to many more exciting times within this learning community. Thanks so much to everyone for all that you do and the difference that you make!

Please be sure to read through the Hello and Good-Bye section of this June Newsletter (pages 1 – 2) as we say good-bye and farewell to some of our colleagues and hello and welcome to those joining us for the first time.

We would also like to offer our best wishes to our Grade Five students who will be embarking on their Middle School educational experience. Remember your Three R’s and be sure to get involved in School Life!

In closing, we say a special thank you to all our parents and community members who have volunteered with our School Council, in our classrooms, out on field trips, in the Library and with our Safe Arrival program, as well as the many other things that have been part of school life. You have all certainly assisted with making Edenrose the special place it is.

We wish you a wonderful and safe summer.
and friendly smiles. It has been a pleasure working with her all year and we really wish her all of the very best in her new role and school.

Mrs. A. Sykes, Ms Piazza, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Virk, Miss Suleman, Miss Elsey, Ms Rai, Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Potts who have been with us as this past year on Long Term Assignments, will also be moving on to different roles this fall, and we wish them continued success in their careers.

Mrs. Rogers who has been a Registered Nurse/Teaching Assistant with us here at Edenrose, for the past 5 years, will be moving to a new role at Dolphin Middle School. We will certainly miss her support and expertise here at Edenrose P.S. Enjoy your new school and role!

We would like to warmly welcome our new 0.5 Vice Principal, Ms McNeely. Ms McNeely comes to us from Floradale Public School and she brings a wealth of experience. We are very fortunate to have Ms McNeely here as a half time Vice Principal to support our school community!

We would also like to welcome the following new teachers to our Edenrose School Community: Ms Barron (Grade Five) from Owenwood Public School in Peel, Mr. Pietrantonio (JELC) and Mrs. Pellerin (ISSP) from Willow Way Public School in Peel, Mme Saint-Onge (Grade One French Immersion) from Sheridan Park Public School in Peel, Ms Redman (Grade Two/Three) from Cashmere Avenue Public School in Peel, Mlle Lesperance (French Immersion Grade One) from Britannia Public School in Peel, Mlle Young (Grade One French Immersion) from Homelands Middle School in Peel, Mr. Gagliardi (Grade Two English/French Immersion) from Kindree Public School in Peel, and Ms Szczygiewi our new Teaching Assistant from Britannia Public School in Peel.

Welcome everyone! We hope you enjoy Edenrose Public School as much as we all do!

**MILK**

Just a reminder to everyone that milk (both Chocolate and White) continue to be on sale during the morning recess (at our OKEE Snack Shack) and at lunch time in the main office. Milk tickets can be purchased for $7.50 in advance (that's 10 tickets at $0.75 each!) or sold for $1.00 each. Milk is an essential part of a nutritious lunch, we are encouraging all of our students to drink milk each day!

**2011-2012 STAFF**

Principal: Mrs. C. Herauf  
Vice Principal: Ms J. El Refaie  
Vice Principal: Ms T. McNeely  
Kindergarten: Mrs. Samarita, Mrs. Marcantonio, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Angra & Mrs. Chan-Toki  
Grade 1: Ms Reid, Mrs. Alpaugh (LTO)  
Grade 1 French Immersion: Mme Fidler (nee Bosyj), Mlle Faubert, Mlle Young, Mme. Karrys, Mlle Lesperance and Mme. Saint-Onge  
Grade 2 French Immersion/English: Mlle Mitrovich, Mr. Gagliardi, Mr. Scott, Mlle Geier, Mlle Asselin & Mrs. Robinson (LTO)  
Grade 2: Ms Abols, Mrs. Price  
Grade 2/3: Mrs. Redman  
Grade 3: Mrs. Kan, Mrs. Diamonon & Mrs. K. Sykes  
Edenrose ErinoakKids: Primary - Mrs. O'Neil (LTO), Junior - Ms McGuire  
PELC: Mrs. McKay  
JELC: Mr. Pietrantonio  
Grade 4: Ms Parker, Ms Tutte and Mrs. Cantafio  
Grade 5: Ms Barron, Mr. Zelinka & Ms Long (LTO)  
ISSP: Mrs. Mackenzie, Ms Solomon, Mr. Menezes & Mrs. Pellerin, ELL: Mrs. St. Hill-Taylor & Mrs. Chan-Toki  
Physical Education: Mr. Goode & Ms Solomon  
French: Mlle Da Silva & TBD  
Library: Mrs. Allore  
Music: Mrs. Barratt (nee Hallok) & TBD  
Planning Time: Mrs. Sikka & TBD  
Office Manager and Office Assistants: Mrs. Karnik, Mrs. Smith & TBD  
Custodians: Mr. Walt, Mr. Bibca & Ms Biskupsi  
Teaching Assistants: Ms Barbosa, Ms Kennedy (LTO), Ms Szczygiewi, Mrs. Perveen, Ms Johnston, Ms Buyers & TBD  
Behavioural Teaching Assistant: Mrs. Jimenez

**SUBWAY DAY**

The next Subway Day is on June 16, 2011. The order forms were sent along with this newsletter and must be submitted no later than June 7, 2011. Late orders will not be accepted. Please also keep in mind that a drink must be included in your child’s order. We are really trying to promote our milk orders, so please remember that students can enjoy cold, refreshing and nutritious milk any day of the week. For more information on the Milk Program, please read the section below!
OKEE is ready to travel this summer! Remember to send your digital photos through the holiday to edenroseps.council@peelsb.com so we can share them in our newsletter in September.

At this time we would like to thank all of our Edenrose families who have travelled and taken OKEE with you throughout the school year. It has been so nice to read about everyone’s adventures and to see the stunning sites and scenery where you take your photos. We certainly hope that OKEE travels a lot over the summer months! At this time we would like to express our thanks to Miss Makin, one of our volunteers for helping to re-create our exciting OKEE and OKEE-in-Action boards. These boards really needed a make-over and we really appreciate your time and effort.

Thanks also to Miss Carnie for updating the Future We Want bulletin board (located beside the OKEE in action board). It looks teRRRific and Ms El Refaie is still waiting and hoping that some of our classes will have her in to share this amazing story book and the message that goes along with it.

Finally, a huge thank you to Mrs. Huang for always creating the amazing OKEE section/features of our monthly newsletters. Mrs. Huang collects the pictures you send in, writes the accompanying information (including student’s names and their teachers) and formats it all with the pictures and sends it to us in time for our monthly newsletters. We certainly appreciate all of your help and organization with this!

Let us know how you and OKEE are celebrating spring! Send your digital photos to edenroseps.council@peelsb.com.

May was a very Musical Month at Edenrose, beginning with the Grade Five Music Matters choir performing at the Board Office with Sherwood Mills and Fallingbrook students. They looked fantastic in their bright T-shirts and sang beautifully.

The Junior students are busy comparing music of Bach in the Baroque period with music of today, and primary students are having fun accompanying songs with percussion instruments. June will be a creative month with all students applying what they have learned about the different elements of music when making their own music.

On Friday, May 20th, we were delighted to welcome TorQ Percussion for two presentations in the gym. They had beautiful instruments including a marimba and vibraphone as well as a number of different kinds of drums. They were all very experienced musicians, most with Masters degrees from the University of Toronto. One of the young men is presently working on his Doctorate. Their performance was one of the best we’ve had the privilege of experiencing through Prologue to the Performing Arts.

Thanks for your continued support of the Music program at Edenrose.

Mrs. Hayden and Mr. Zelinka
PHYSICAL EDUCATION

In June, the Grade 5 students will finish a Soccer and Ultimate Frisbee unit. The focus will be on kicking and trapping skills, strategic play and offensive and defensive coverage. In Ultimate Frisbee, students will learn the basic concepts on throwing and receiving skills.

Students from grades 1-4 will be participating in manipulative activities with equipment involving indoor and outdoor games. Students will have an opportunity to use the scoops and scooters in various competitive and cooperative games.

On June 3rd Edenrose will participate in a Soccer Baseball Tournament at Dixie Public School. Over 8 teams will be participating in this fun and exciting event.

On June 9th, the Edenrose Cross Country Team will be participating in a run at Wildwood Public School. To prepare for their race, students have been training during lunch hours. Their hard work and dedication is sure to pay off on race day!

Last, but certainly not least, the Edenrose Soccer Team participating in a Soccer Tournament at Oscar Peterson Public School on May 25th. After four round robin games, Edenrose played Sheridan Park in the consolation finals for third place. Edenrose scored a late goal on a penalty kick and managed to hold on for a 1-0 victory in front of a packed audience. Tremendous soccer skills and teamwork were needed for finishing third place. Congratulations, Edenrose Soccer Team!

Until next time, stay active and have fun!

Mr. Goode

ELL NEWS & AMBASSADORS

We Welcome Summer

As our school year comes to an end, we look forward to the long and warm summer days ahead. For lots of Canadians, the Victoria Day Weekend marks the beginning of the season. After this date, more and more typical summer events are held, such as picnics, sports days, outdoor parades and festivals. We are very fortunate to be living in a city where we can participate in so many multicultural festivities.

Here are just a few that you can participate in:

- Mississauga International Children's Festival
- Mississauga Marathon
- Carassauga Festival of Culture
- Spring Fling in Ching
- Doors Open Brampton
- Kalayaan Philippine Cultural Festival
- Mississauga Waterfront Festival
- Mosaic South Asian Heritage Festival of Mississauga
- Mississauga Waterfront Festival
- Streetsville Founders Bread and Honey Festival
- Canada Day Celebrations
- Can Sikh Festival
- Mississauga Rotary Ribfest
- Muslim Fest

More information about these events can be found at your public library, community center, as well as, on the Internet and in the newspaper.

Thank You to our Edenrose Ambassadors!

You have worked hard all year to represent and showcase our school and you did a great job!

Momina, Gurkaran, Shayan, Christal, Tian Tian, Bela, Caci, Kiya, Amina, Maha, Sarah, Alan, Gabriela, Lisa, Doan, Ayesha, Sneha, Angelina, Seerat, Amanda B., Amanda T.

Mrs. St.Hill-Taylor
**TURN OFF THE SCREENS (TOTS)**

All Edenrose students were challenged to **turn off all screens**, whether they be computer, television or video game screens and spend some quality time with family doing many other activities such as board games, swimming, cooking, etc. Many of our students met this challenge. Many tracking sheets were returned to classroom teachers and as a result all students who met the challenge were entered into a draw for a great family prize. We drew names for 35 prizes.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to all of our Turn Off The Screen winners. We hope you enjoy the prizes presented at our end of May assembly.

**PLAY DAY**

Play day is being organized and planned as we speak! All of our staff and students are getting ready for a fabulous morning of activity and a lot of fun. If you look on our school calendar, you will notice that we are having play day on **Thursday, June 23rd**. We will have a rain date of **Tuesday, June 28th**, but after all the rain we’ve had in April and May, we’re pretty confident that we aren’t going to need this day at all!

If you are interested in volunteering for play day please contact the school office and we can help direct you to the staff involved in the organization of this amazing event!

**PLASP**

Registration currently taking place for September.

Fee assistance is available.

To register your child, visit the PLASP Program Director, Before or After School. For further information, call 905.890.1711 or visit the website at [www.plasp.com](http://www.plasp.com).

**ECOFEST**

**Ecofest – a free outdoor festival**

Saturday, June 18, 2011
Noon to 4 p.m.
Britannia Farm, 5520 Hurontario Street, Mississauga

Featuring a performance by 2009 JUNO Award nominee Chris McKhool and a live Birds of Prey Presentation on the Main Stage

- enjoy live entertainment
- take a tour of the hybrid electric MiWay bus
- bring your classmates for a chance to win a birds of prey assembly for your whole school
- participate in on-site activities and free teacher professional development

Ecofest is a collaborative project with support from organizations across the Region of Peel. Remember to bring a picnic blanket, sunscreen and reusable water bottle.

Some of our Edenrose students won a 4-pack of passes for use at Ecofest! Way to go students! Thanks for Walking to School!

Visit [www.peelecofest.com](http://www.peelecofest.com) for details.

**EDENROSE HAS GOT TALENT!**

**Calling all talented boys and girls!** If you’re interested in strutting your stuff and showing off your talent, have we got the event for you!

Edenrose’s Annual Talent show will be taking place on June 14, 16, 20, and 22, at lunch time in the gym!

Many forms of talent are welcome! You can do a dance routine, sing a song, play an instrument, or do a comedy act or a magic trick! You can read a poem or tell a story, or maybe you have...
another physical talent such as karate or taekwondo, come on down and show us your moves!

**Important Information!**

- Sign-up for the talent show will be on **June 10th at lunch time**! If you will be performing to music, bring it with you on June 10th and be prepared to leave it with the teachers so we can preview the music (please be sure to select only appropriate music and lyrics)
- You may only perform once, and we encourage you to get a group of friends together and come up with something interesting as a group!
- There is a 3 minute time limit on each performance
- The Audience will be limited to the performers and their parents only!

So make sure you sign-up on **June 10th**!

EDENROSE, we know you have talent, so come on out and showcase it!

**SPIRIT DAYS**

Thank you to the entire Edenrose community! We have surpassed last year’s goal and have raised over a thousand dollars from our Spirit days. Through various spirit days like crazy hat day, pyjama day and wacky outfit day, the community has raised **$1010.00** for an amazing Canadian charity, Free The Children. If you have not done so already, please visit [http://freethechildren.com/](http://freethechildren.com/) with your child/children.

Mark your calendars! In the month of June, we will be having 2 more Spirit days on **Friday June 17th** and **Friday June 30th**. On the 17th we will be having ‘Beach Day’. Students are invited to wear their favourite and appropriate beach wear (flip flops, sunhats, sunglasses...) Families will be invited to make donations of 50 cents or more to a Peel ‘soup kitchen’ that serves many needy individuals and families.

On June 30th, we are inviting all children and staff to wear red and white in honour of Canada Day. Please note that donations are **NOT** requested on this day.

@ THE LIBRARY

Forty of the Silver Birch Club readers and parent volunteers participated in the Forest of Reading Celebration at the Powerade Centre on May 13, along with almost 4,000 other keen readers from Peel schools! It was a very upbeat, exciting day, with presentations by drum groups, dancers, and of course some of the authors themselves. I would not have believed that that many students, teachers and parent volunteers could all learn to hip-hop in 30 minutes! I have to say that I was extremely proud of the Edenrose students; they were a credit to the school and to their families.

All the wonderful books that were purchased for the school by the Parent Council for the Blue Spruce and Silver Birch collections are on the shelves now for everyone to enjoy.

Thank you very much to the following families for donating books to the Edenrose library: **Aslan** and **Mehta**.

The last day for returning books will be **June 10**, so please, please look for those missing books. Teachers have been reading out the students with overdue items for several weeks now. Thank you for your cooperation!

Mrs. Allore

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Did you enjoy your free coffee at our drive-thru on May 19? Thank you so much to early-bird volunteers **Mr. Sahdra**, **Mrs. Khandke**, **Mrs. Banker**, **Mrs. Tribriwal** and **Mrs. Banerjee** who made sure everyone had a warm cup of coffee as they dropped their children off. Special thanks to **Darius, Aditya and Nathan** who helped at the tables and delivered coffee to our school bus drivers.

Edenrose students enjoyed another "glowing" Move-a-thon on **Friday, May 6** and raised over **$2700**! Council appreciates everyone’s efforts to
raise funds for our school in a healthy and active way! Your generous support of this year’s Move-a-thons, Family Movie Night, Acorn Cards and Mabel’s Labels events has allowed Council to:

- Purchase the 2011 Forest of Reading collection for our library
- Purchase 2 additional document cameras for classroom use
- Update Rainy Day bins in each class and purchase additional ones for the growing number of classes
- Fund the annual Staff Appreciation Lunch, Play Day and the Grade 5 Graduation and yearbook

We couldn't make any of these events successful without the help of our parent and community volunteers and our Volunteer Coordinator, Mrs. Khandke - thank you!

Our final meeting of the year is **Wednesday, June 8 at 6:30 p.m.** in the library. Please send an email to edenroseps.council@peelsb.com if you will need babysitting during the meeting.

**CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!**

We are in the process of updating our list of volunteers and want to make sure we haven't missed anyone who is interested in helping out in the classrooms, the library or with school trips and Council events.

If you have not already been contacted by **Edenrose’s Volunteer Coordinator, Mrs. Khandke**, have a Criminal Record Check on file with the school office and would like to be on the volunteer list, please send an email to edenroseps.council@peelsb.com. Include your name, phone number(s) and your preferred availability. Council will pass your information to Mrs. Khandke who will contact you directly when the School is looking for volunteers to assist with various events. This is a great opportunity to be involved in your child's school and your community.

Please feel free to email Council with any questions you have related to volunteering and we will make sure you receive an answer. If you wish to have a "**Criminal Record Check**" completed, please call the School office and make an appointment to meet with Ms. El Refaie, who will provide you with the required form and instructions.

At this time we would also like to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to Mrs. Khandke for all of her time and effort to organize our Edenrose volunteers this year. Mrs. Khandke was always available to coordinate and locate needed volunteers for a variety of activities here at the school. Thanks so much Mrs. Khandke!

Speaking of volunteers, we wanted to let everyone know that Edenrose Public School will be thanking our Edenrose volunteers in a very special way. **Invitations will be sent out very soon, but we just wanted you to be sure to save the date, Monday, June 20, 2011 at 8:00 a.m.**

**WE WELCOME THE WORLD**

The Peel District School Board’s **We Welcome the World Centres** located in Brampton, Malton and Mississauga, are the first point of contact for all newcomer families to become familiar with the educational system in Peel. The centre are open all year—including the summer months.

In addition to providing literacy and numeracy assessments, **We Welcome the World Centres** provide newcomers with a host of services including: reception, orientation, interpretation and referrals.

At each centre parents/guardians and students will discover:

1. computer portals—guided introduction to the Peel Welcome to School Kits and other Peel resources
2. settlement service information
3. translation of materials to support the reception and assessment process
4. age and grade appropriate educational and related program resources
5. audio-visual materials to explain the adult education program
6. professionally administered child-care (only available during assessment and orientation process)
7. information about various community supports and programming available

For more information about the **We Welcome the World Centre** and the services they provide, call 905-366-8791.
EDENROSE PICTURE OF EXCELLENCE AWARDS

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DATES TO REMEMBER

May 30 - June 3 – EQAO Gr 3
June 3 – Soccer Baseball Tournament @ Dixie PS
June 6 – Professional Learning Day – No School for Students
June 7 – Sub order forms due
June 7 - Dr B visits Grade 1
June 8 – Dr B visits Grade 1
June 9 – Dr B visits Grade 1
June 9 – Apple Day!
June 10 – Cross Country @ Wildwood
June 13 – Peel Safety Village – Grade 3
June 14 – Crossing Guard Appreciation Day
June 15 – Peel Safety Village – Grade 3
June 15 – Track & Field @ Stephen Lewis SS
June 16 – Subway Day
June 17 – Celebration of Dance
June 21 – Big Kid Entertainment – Snow White 9:15am
June 21 – Big Kid Entertainment – Anti Cyberbullying
June 27 – Grade 5 Graduation
June 29 – Report Cards go home
June 30 – Awards & Sharing Assembly 9:30am
June 30 – Spirit Day – Red & White Day
June 30 – Last Day of School
**DAYS OF COMMEMORATION AND CELEBRATION**

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**LE Coin Français**

Many of the Grade 4 students have already memorized their lines for the presentation of the play *Boucles Violettes*. They are encouraged to continue practising at home and presenting to family and friends. We are excited about presenting this second play. During the month of June, students will learn about some of the popular tourist attractions in Paris and Quebec City. We will look for *la Tour Eiffel, la Rivière Seine, les Champs Elysées, le Château Frontenac and le Fleuve St. Laurent* using Google Earth. We will also continue learning and reviewing question words. Students have done many activities the verb *avoir* and we will continue to do work with the verb *être*.

The Grade 5 students are continuing to learn their lines of “Chat Angora”. The memorizing of lines is essential for a fantastic presentation. More work will continue to be done on changing sentences to the negative form and verb work. Keep participating in French class and speaking in French.

We are still collecting plastic milk bags for Da $ilva dollar$. If you have any at home, please bring them to school.

Our French auction is fast approaching. At the end of June, students will have their chance to buy great items at reasonable prices ;). Keep speaking in French to earn Da $ilva dollar$! If you still have items for the auction, please bring them in with a permission form. **We need more for all six classes.** Thanks for all of your support and donations so far!

Merci bien,
Mlle Da $ilva ☺
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION PROVIDES GUIDANCE ON FEES FOR LEARNING MATERIALS AND ACTIVITIES

This spring, the Ministry of Education released a guideline for schools on fees for learning materials and activities. The guideline is meant to clarify information in the Education Act by outlining the types of fees schools are able to pass along to families.

All Peel District School Board schools are reviewing current practices and working towards meeting the expectations in the guideline. The Peel board is developing a policy on fees and it is expected to be approved in fall 2011. Schools will fully implement the policy by September 2012.

Here is what you need to know:

- Schools cannot charge for materials or activities that are required as part of the core curriculum of the regular day school program like workbooks and textbooks.
- Schools can charge for enhanced or optional programs, activities and materials like field trips, special presentations, agendas and yearbooks.
- Schools will confer with the school council when setting fees for program enhancements and will communicate with parents about the fees. Fees will be itemized and any fee parents are asked to pay will be used only for its intended purpose.
- We will continue to strongly encourage the use of agendas or another type of communication book because we feel it is an excellent way to share information between school and home and to help students organize their work. However, it will not be mandatory for agendas to be purchased.
- Teachers will continue to ask families to provide basic school supplies for their children’s personal use like a pencil case with pencil crayons and pencils. Continuing with our current practice, if a student does not have these supplies, we will ensure the student has what he or she needs to complete school activities and assignments.
- It continues to be important to us that students not miss out on opportunities because of situations beyond their family’s control. We will continue to encourage and welcome families to come to us if financial support is necessary to ensure their child can benefit from enhancements to the regular school program. A child will never miss an opportunity because of financial reasons. We will ensure any communication and the support provided is kept confidential.

We know program enhancements are part of what makes the school experience memorable and fun for students. We look forward to working with our families and staff to make sure we are able to meet the needs of all of our students.

KEEP TRACK OF YOUR CHILD’S VACCINATIONS

To attend school in Ontario, children require an up-to-date immunization record, unless you have a valid exemption. When your child receives a new vaccination, remember to contact Peel Health and provide the information. Peel Health monitors immunizations on a regular basis to ensure all children attending school have been immunized.

Make sure Peel Health has an up-to-date record of your child’s immunizations by calling Health Line Peel at 905-799-7700; Caledon residents can call toll-free at 905-584-2216. Translation services are available.
If you have a school-age child, finding summer child care can be a real challenge. But you can follow these three simple steps to help you choose a program that's best for your family. It will mean a summer full of fun and learning for your child—and peace of mind for you.

**Step 1**
Call Child Care Info Peel
905-890-9432 or 1-888-836-5550

Child care experts provide specific information about summer camps and other child care providers in your neighbourhood. They can answer your questions and give you information to help you choose the program that's right for your family.

It's a good idea to call the info line early to give yourself enough time to investigate potential programs and make your decision before the program fills up.

**Step 2**
Schedule an appointment to meet with the program director or to speak over the phone, so that you can get more information about the program. If possible, visit the program or the facility in which it will be held. The more information you have, the better you will be able to decide if this program is a good “fit” for your child and your family.

**Step 3**
When you are checking out summer programs, don’t be afraid to ask a lot of questions—it’s the best way to make sure you have all the information you need. In general, you will want to ask questions about the program, staff, health and safety practices, food provided, and costs.

For more information, call Child Care Info Peel or visit www.cdrcp.com/ccip.html.

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**IDLE-FREE ZONE**

Our school is working to protect the health of our students and the health of our environment. We ask you to show your support by turning off your engine while dropping off or waiting to pick up your child at school.

The emissions that come from our tailpipes harm all of us, especially children who breathe more and at a faster rate than adults. By turning off your car, our students, teachers and parents won't breathe in unhealthy fumes as they enter school.

Air pollution also poses particular risks for our children with asthma. So, if you're going to be sitting still for more than 60 seconds, remember to turn your car's engine off. You'll not only improve our air, you'll also save money in fuel and vehicle wear and tear costs—then we can all breathe easier.

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**SUMMER ACTIVITIES THAT BOOST LEARNING**

**Kindergarten to Grade 4**

**Sorting and stacking** – Teach classification skills with dinnerware. Ask your child to match and stack dishes of similar sizes and shapes. Also have your child sort flatware – forks with forks, spoons with spoons. This is like recognizing the shapes of letters and numbers.

**Comic strip writing** – Use comic strips to help with writing. Cut the segments of a comic strip apart and ask your child to arrange them in order. Then ask your child to fill in the words of the characters (orally or in writing).

**Float and sink** – Encourage hypothesizing (guessing). Use several objects – soap, a dry sock, a bottle of shampoo, a wet sponge, an empty bottle. Ask your child which objects will float when dropped into water in a sink or bathtub. Then drop the objects in the water, one by one, to see what happens.

**Grades 5 to 8**
Follow the news – As a family, choose an important news event to follow for a day or two. Ask each person to find as much information on the topic as possible – read newspapers, listen to the radio and watch TV news. Then talk about what everyone learned.

Pro and con: what do you think? – Make a family game of discussing a special issue. For example, "Teenagers should be allowed to vote," or "There should never be any homework." Ask your children to think of all the reasons they can to support their views. Then ask them to think of reasons opposing their views. Which views are most convincing? For variety, assign family members to teams and have them prepare their arguments pro and con.

Stretch, run, walk – Ask your child to do at least one kind of exercise every day. For example, run or walk briskly for 10 minutes. Walk, when possible, instead of driving, for any distance less than a mile. Have your child make a week-long exercise plan. Try to think of a modest reward for sticking to the plan and exercise with your child.

Let your voice be heard – Promote good citizenship. Help your child write a letter to the editor of the local newspaper about an issue affecting children – for example, suggest that a bike path be built near the school or that a city event be planned for youngsters. Children are citizens, and their ideas are worth hearing.

PREPARING FOR THE SUMMER SUN

Excessive exposure to the sun can lead to health concerns such as sunburn and skin cancer. As summer approaches and the weather gets warmer, it is necessary to apply sunscreen to protect ourselves from too much sun damage and burns.

In summer, we are exposed to higher levels of ultraviolet (UV) rays. This exposure is a risk factor for developing skin cancer and cataracts later in life. The UV index is the measure commonly used in Canada to assess the strength of the sun’s UV rays risk on a given day.

What is the UV Index?
The index scale ranges from 0 to 10. The higher the value, the more intense ultraviolet rays.

The UV index is calculated daily by Environment Canada using ozone and weather information. It can vary from day to day with changes in the ozone layer – the thinner the ozone layer, the higher the index reading.

How to protect your family from the sun?

- Wear a hat (preferably with a broad brim), sunglasses and protective clothing on sunny days.
- Use sunscreen with a SPF of 15 or greater whenever you're outdoors.
- Encourage your children to play in shady areas if they are outside for a long period of time.
- Remember that sunburn can occur even on a cloudy day, as up to 80 per cent of UV rays can penetrate light clouds, and 40 per cent of UV rays can bounce back from sand, water or concrete.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN—HOW TO KEEP YOUR CYCLIST SAFE

Here are some tips you can review with your child to ensure bike season gets off to a great start:

The right fit
- children should be able to straddle the bike with both feet on the ground
- a bike that is too big or too small can be a safety hazard
- the helmet should fit—if it's too loose, it could fall off, if it's too tight, it's uncomfortable

Get noticed
- a young child's bike should be equipped with a bell and reflector
- older riders should have a light and/or reflectors

Follow the rules
- no riding on busy streets
- no riding at night
- stop for all STOP signs

Actions that cause injuries
- driveway ride out—not stopping and looking both ways before entering the street
- running the stop sign
- turning without warning
- cycling in the dark
- following the leader—one child goes through a stop sign or misses a parked car but the second cyclist doesn't

Plan Ahead with the 2011-12 Elementary School Year Calendar

First day of classes for all students: September 6, 2011
Last day of classes for elementary students: June 29, 2012
The number of instructional days for elementary and secondary students: 188
The number of professional activity days for the elementary and secondary: 6

School holidays

Labour Day: September 5, 2011
Thanksgiving Day: October 10, 2011
Family Day: February 20, 2012
Spring Break (inclusive): March 12 – 16, 2012
Good Friday: April 6, 2012
Easter Monday: April 9, 2012
Victoria Day: May 21, 2012

Elementary professional activity days

Professional Learning Day: November 4, 2011
In-school professional activity/reorganization/teacher planning: September 27, 2011
Reporting to Parents: November 18, 2011
Report Card Writing/Assessment Day: January 16, 2012
Professional Learning Day: May 11, 2012
Report Card Writing/Assessment Day: June 11, 2012