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William E. Brown School NEWS



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Super Star Awards: Habits of Mind

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Habit of Mind for the month of May:

Responding with Wonderment and Awe

Have fun figuring it out!

Finding the world awesome, mysterious

and being intrigued with phenomena and beauty.

- Look for interesting problems to solve because they enjoy it.
- Enjoy making up their own problems.
- Love learning!
- Can see beauty in everything around them.
- Are curious about the world..

IMPORTANT DATES:

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	<u>May</u>	<u>June 7</u>
Habit of Mind for the month of May	1	Grade 8 trip to Cave Springs
School Dress Code	2	10 P.A. Day (no classes)
Slip! Slap! Slop!	2	13 DSBN Track & Field meet, Niagara Olympic Club, Niagara Falls
School Improvement Plan 2010-2011	3	17 Grades 3 - 7 trip to Cave Springs
WEB to WORLD News	3	17 WEB Fun Fair
	18 Hot Lunch	21 12 p.m. Volunteer Assembly
	20 p.m. WE Brown Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart event	22 5 p.m. School Council Meeting
	23 Victoria Day (no classes)	24 Term 2 report cards go home
	24 Track & Field meet, Pride Field, Ridgeway-Crystal Beach SS	28 2:00 p.m. Sr. Kindergarten Graduation
	25 5 p.m. School Advisory Council Mtg	28 6:00 p.m. Grade 8 Graduation
	***May 30-June 9 : Grade 3 & Grade 6 EQAO assessment	29 Last Day of school
		a.m. End of the Year Assembly

DRESS CODE REMINDERS:

Reminder that with the varied weather that occurs at this time of year, students need to come to school prepared to go outside.

They have been encouraged to wear a light coat or a sweatshirt. This ensures that they are prepared for when the temperature may be cooler in the morning and possibly warm up later in the day.

With the warmer weather approaching, the topic of appropriate clothing has been raised. The underlying principle is that children should arrive at school **dressed appropriately for work/school, not for a trip to the beach or the mall.** T-shirts should be free of pictures or language involving violence, drugs or alcohol.

Tops that are worn need to either have sleeves or straps that have a width of 2 adult fingers. All tops need to cover ones stomach

Shorts & skirts should be a reasonable length (thumb length) that allow for modesty & activity.

Footwear worn at school should be appropriate for active and safe play. Running shoes are recommended. Crocs and flip flops, while being comfortable and cool, do not protect the foot, nor support it for active play.

Hats and hoods are to be removed in the school.

Please take the time to review these guidelines with your child (children). We appreciate your support in maintaining these standards.

SUN SAFETY:

SLIP! (on a shirt)

SLAP! (on a hat)

SLOP! (on sunscreen)

****Be prepared for the warm weather and the strong rays of the sun.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL NEWS:

Please note that the next School Advisory Council Meeting is Wednesday, May 25th at a new time, 5 p.m.

SUMMER ADVANTAGE "Preparing for Success" JK-Grade 8 Student Activity Books

For the cost one double-double per month, you can give your child a learning advantage.

Visit our website: summeradvantage.ca (written by Ontario teachers for Ontario students)

This fall, the teaching staff at William E. Brown School had the opportunity to discuss past student achievement in the areas of Literacy and Mathematics. Individual classroom performance of students, report card marks, PM Benchmarks, CASI reading Assessment, EQAO results and other data are all considered.

In June 2011 we will be reporting to our school community on the improvements that have been demonstrated in the area of Literacy and Mathematics for the 2010-2011 school year. As a staff, we will continue to support and encourage our students to demonstrate an understanding of what they have read.

Literacy Smart Goal:

100% of students will improve 1 point on a 12 point scale in their ability to express their understanding in Reading using different text forms and styles, as measured through written & oral response answers by May 31, 2011

In Mathematics, it is also necessary for students in all grades to communicate and express their understanding. This is especially a challenge for many students in the area of problem solving, which is involved in each strand of the Mathematics Curriculum.

Mathematics Smart Goal:

100% of students will improve 1 point on a 12 point scale in their ability to explain their thinking in problem solving using high yield strategies (bansho, congress, etc) as measured through written & oral response answers by May 31, 2011.

E.Q.A.O. PROVINCIAL ASSESSMENTS: The Provincial Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics , Junior and Primary, for Grade Three and Grade Six students is scheduled to occur between May 30th and June 9th. Further information has been forwarded to the classes involved.

GRADE 7 & 8 STUDENT LEADERSHIP:

A special thank you to many of our Grade 7 and 8 students who are demonstrating responsibility and leadership in many areas of William E. Brown School Community. Daily jobs include Classroom Helpers, Bus Monitors, Milk Distributors, Post Office. Once or twice a Week, jobs include Canteen, Pizza/Hot Lunch, Student Secretaries, Recycling and Intramural Referees. The staff and school also appreciate the Grade 6 students who have filled in during the absences of the Grade 7 and 8 students.

WEB to WORLD News...

Bake Sale for Japan: Thank you to all who contributed baked goods for this cause. We were able to raise \$186.35. A cheque has been sent to World Vision - Japan Disaster Relief.

Way to make a difference W. E. Brown School!