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RICK HANSEN'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR



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IMPORTANT DATES:

Monday, November 14-25 Food Drive

Thursday, November 17th

3:30 p.m. – Parent-Teacher Interview

Wednesday, November 23rd

12:55 p.m. – Canned Goods for Cupcakes
Grade 5/6, 7/8

Thursday, November 24

8:50 a.m. Gr. 8 day @ E. L. Crossley
6:00 p.m. – School Council Meeting

Monday, November 28, 2011

Bodson's Birthday Bash

Scholastic Book Fair Begins (Nov. 28-Dec. 2)

Wednesday, November 30, 2011

8:50 a.m. Gr. 8 Day @ Port Colborne S.S.

Christmas Dinner -1pm December 15th

Christmas Concert -Tuesday, Dec. 13th Matinee Performance @ 1:45, Evening Performance 6:30 p.m.

STUDENT SAFETY for students who are driven, walk or ride their bike.

Expectations for Students: ****Bicycles and walking students are not to be on Lee Street, in front of the School, where the buses unload and load.

1) Students who are not taking the bus at dismissal time:

Gr. 4-8 students who are walking may not exit via the Main office doors nor the Library doors. They are to exit the building using the Junior/Intermediate exit doors, turning left and walking along Napoleon street **OR** upon exiting turn right and use the gate on the tarmac for access to Claredon St.

Gr. 4-8 students who are being picked up will exit the building using the Junior/Intermediate exit doors and meet their ride in a predetermined spot **OR** they may exit at the Main Office Doors and walk left or right to one of the corners in order to cross Lee Street, if necessary. **Students are to cross Lee Street at a corner and not walk beside nor between buses**

JK-Grade 3 Students who are being picked up will be picked up at the Main Office by their parents/caregivers. They will exit using the Main Office Doors and turn left or right and walk to a corner along the wall of the school (**not near the buses). **Parents and students are to cross Lee Street at a corner and not walk beside nor between buses.**

2) Students Who are driven to school:

- Enter via the Main office doors
- Parents may drop off students immediately outside the Main Office or may walk their students into the front doors
- In the a.m., only one or two buses at a time are unloading, which allows for more flexibility and space for students arriving at school
- Students are not to walk between buses that are waiting to unload.

3) Students who ride a bike to school: are not to be on Lee Street, in front of the School, where the buses unload and load.

- are to enter the school yard via Claredon St. and the gate providing access to the tarmac, walking their bike across the tarmac **OR** are to enter the school yard via Napoleon Street and park their bikes at the rack provided

PROGRESS REPORT CARD Tuesday, November 15, 2011

The fall progress report card:

- Encourages early and ongoing communication between you and your child's teacher
- Tells you how well your child is developing the learning skills and work habits we know are essential for success
- Continues to report on all academic subjects — such as Language, Mathematics, Social Studies, Geography, History, Science and Technology, Physical Education, Health, The Arts — but instead of assigning a grade or mark, it will tell you how well your child is progressing: **“Very well”, “well” or “with difficulty”**

What role do I have as a parent?

We know that you, as a parent or guardian, are vital partners in your child's education, and that children do better at school when their parents are involved.

We know that you want clear, meaningful and understandable information about how your child is doing at school.

We know that you want to hear from your child's teacher regularly throughout the school year.

This policy - with its new report cards— will help make that happen.

When are report cards issued?

All elementary students in Grades 1 to 8 will bring home a fall progress report card (issued on November 15th) and two revised provincial report cards, one in winter (February 9th) and one at the end of the school year (June 26th).

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AT SCHOOLS

All schools are to have three fire drills in the fall and three fire drills in the Spring, in order to practise school evacuation in the case of a fire.

At our school, we have already had 3 practice fire drills. Practice enables our staff and students to act quickly, in order to provide a safe environment here at our school.

Later in November, there will be a letter going home describing a Lock Down Drill. It is also required of each school to have two practice lock down drills, in order to provide

for the safety of our students. This will be discussed with students carefully and the actions that are required will also be calmly and clearly discussed with students.

In addition to these drills, our school has a heightened awareness of heart conditions, due to the health needs of a student. There is an AED (Automated Emergency Defibrillator) in our school that is accessible and we have many staff that have been trained in CPR and the AED. This is so that, as a staff, we have a plan and are prepared for a "CODE BLUE" when a student, staff member or a visiting adult goes unconscious and requires CPR. This is a positive drill to practice and it is important that we approach our practise of this in a calm way,

so that we are prepared. The use of the AED is helpful prior to the arrival of the EMS (Emergency Medical Services) that would arrive at our school if 911 was to be called. Students will be spoken to by their teachers and will understand that CODE BLUE is in place to help someone. We need to remain calm and do what we have practised.

We have had one CODE BLUE drill in October and we will have one later in November.

Pointsettias Fundraiser

William E. Brown's *annual poinsettias fundraiser* is here once again.

The orders were to be in November 18th, however the last day we can accept orders is Monday, November 21st, 2011, and pick up will take place December 2nd after 12 noon, during school hours. The poinsettias will need to be picked up the day of delivery to ensure a fresh plant.

The money that is raised each year goes toward the grade 7/8 trip to Quebec City. All children in the school will benefit from this fundraiser now or in the near future.

ALL ORDERS ARE TO BE RETURNED TO THE HOMEROOM TEACHER WITH ALL OF THE MONEY ENCLOSED.

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES

There may be times during the school year where inclement weather or other situations could cause transportation cancellations or school closures.

At times when student transportation has been cancelled and schools remain open, the decision of whether or not to have children in school on that day rests with the parent or guardian.

Should you decide not to send your child to school in the event that transportation is cancelled but schools remain open, or if your child is ill or late, please ensure that you call your child's school to inform them of your child's absence.

A key resource in any emergency is the DSBN Emergency Information form that you filled out at the beginning of the school year. Please let the school know of any changes in contact information or procedures you wish to be followed throughout the school year.

For secondary schools it may become necessary to cancel late buses. Notice will be provided via school announcements and on the websites and subscription features by 11:30 a.m.

Information about transportation cancellations and school closures will be available as soon as it is available through the following channels:

Websites:

www.dsbns.org
www.nsts.ca

Subscription Features:

DSBN Facebook or Twitter
NSTS Transportation Delay or Cancellation Alerts

Phone:

Niagara Student Transportation Services 905-346-0290 Voice Auto Attendant

Radio Stations:

CKTB (610 AM) St. Catharines
WAVE (94.7 FM) Hamilton
CKOC (1150 AM) Hamilton
CHML (900 AM) Hamilton
CHAM (820 AM) Hamilton
Y-108(107.9) Hamilton

CHRE (105.7 FM) St. Catharines
CHTZ-FM (97.7 FM) St. Catharines
CKEY (105.1 FM) Niagara Falls/Fort Erie
K-LITE-FM (102.9 FM) Hamilton
GIANT FM (91.7 FM) Welland

Television Stations:

CH – Hamilton
CityTV Breakfast Television
CTV Toronto
Cogeco Channel 10

The Rick Hansen 25th Anniversary Tour :
Thursday, November 17, 2011

On Thursday, November 17th we had the privilege of being part of an amazing national event. The Rick Hansen 25th anniversary of the Man in Motion tour not only passed by our school but also stopped at it. We also had the honour of having one of our very own students, Megan Kanyo, take part in this historic event as a Medal Bearer. She ran a running part of the relay. Megan was chosen as a result of her academic achievements, her extra-curricular involvement, and her dedication to global citizenship.

Rick inspired the world by being one person to travel across it. At this time, his vision is that if one person can do that, imagine what 7000 people can do. This is why there are 7000 Canadians passing the medal to each other during the 25th anniversary. This is a national event drawing international attention.

Members of the WEB to World group were helping that day, acting as ambassadors as the relay team started at WEB and then had a break at 10:30 with us. Megan ran the Relay Team into our school area followed by the relay convoy.

Many parents were able to participate in this event by being on hand to cheer Megan on as she ran the relay team in to WEB at approximately 10:20. Thank you to the members of WEB to World who assisted with today. Also, many parent volunteers who sent in food and assisted with the event today. Due to the generosity of these donations, there was extra food. This has been forwarded to "Open Arms Mission" and the school Council food drive.

Exert taken from the communication to the Rick Hansen Relay team naming Megan as our WEB Medal Bearer.

Megan has always been respectful young lady, a strong academic student with excellent learning skills. Two and a half years ago Megan's mother passed away suddenly and unexpectedly. It was a shock to our entire tight-knit school community. Megan's mother, Sue, was one of our bus drivers, a lunchroom supervisor and a dedicated school volunteer. But for Megan's family, an older brother in grade 8 and a younger sister in Grade One, and her Dad, it was a devastating blow.

In the last few years since losing her Mom, Megan has done her best to make her Mom, Sue proud. Not only has she continued to be a strong academic student but Megan has become a true role model within our school community. Megan participates in all school teams available to her including basketball, soccer, volleyball and cross-country. She has also held many jobs of responsibility such as primary classroom helper and student secretary. For the last two years, Megan has been a part of our winning Fall Fair parade committee.

In addition, Megan is a dedicated member of our WEB to World "Me2We" group (formally our student council, which Megan was voted to be on by her peers). Her T-shirt design was chosen to be our club's logo and many students can be seen wearing her original art work within the school and community. Megan has attended the last two WE DAYS in Toronto along with the follow-up meetings and workshops.

With enthusiasm and dedication, Megan can always be counted to help organize and execute our community service projects or fundraising efforts. A few of the things that Megan has been a part of include community food drives, preparing and serving meals at a local shelter, Santa Swap Shop for our primary students, candy cane sales, bake sales, pet food drives, raising awareness of aboriginal issues in the school, working on the Free Rice website to earn food for poverty-ravished countries, and making milkbag bedmats to be sent to Haiti. In addition to all of that, Megan's cheerful and helpful attitude is appreciated and admired by all within our school community.

School Advisory Council Newsletter

The school year is well underway and a lot of things have been happening with the School Advisory Council. At the last meeting we had our elections for the 2011/2012 school year. Our elected positions are as follows:

Parent Chair--	Donna Grabell
Parent Vice Chair--	Amanda Moormann
Treasurer--	Kim Hines
Secretary--	Genevieve Blagdon

I would like to take this time to thank Connie Duncan for all of the years she has been our secretary. She was very dedicated to her position and we really appreciated it. Connie is still very much a part of parent council and is in charge of our annual fun fair.

Parent Council was able to purchase more books for the forest of reading series this year. The kids really love reading these books. Parent Council also made a recent donation to the Holocaust Education Fund. Some of the Grade 7/8 students went to the Holocaust education day at Centennial High School and found it quite interesting. Council also purchased some balls for the students to play with at recess. We are also looking into getting a new projection screen for the gymnasium.

Our poinsettia sales are well underway. The funds from this fundraiser is put towards the grade 7/8 Quebec trip. We will also be having our annual Christmas Baskets fundraiser shortly.

Our next meeting will be held on November 24th in the school library at 6:00p.m. We look forward to seeing you there. Thank you for taking the time to read our school advisory council letter.

Donna Grabell-School Advisory Chair

William E. Brown Food Drive

Calling all William E. Brown students, we need your help! William E. Brown will be having a two week food drive to help support the Wainfleet Lion's Club annual food drive to support the local food bank. Our food drive will begin the week of November 14th and will end on November 25th. During the two week period I will have cupcake day on November 16th for the primary students (grade J/K- grade 4/5) and also on November 23rd for the intermediates (grade 5/6-grade 7/8). So instead of bringing in 25 cents for the cupcake I am asking each student to bring in a can good or two for the food drive. So lets show what a big heart William E. Brown students have and make this a successful food drive! Thank-you for your support.

Donna Grabell
Parent Council Chair

Remembrance Day

Poem

By: **Miranda Mann**

I was horrified, and in a panic,
as my best friend lay lifeless on the dusty ground.
All the loss, war, and guns filled my damaged mind,
but as I thought of my loving family, I'm surely homebound.

I'm going to make it, and I'm going to try,
for me, my family, and also my pride.
Bombs, smoke, and dust filled the foggy air,
I could feel the grimy dirt growing through my hair.

Just then, a greasy bullet buzzed past my face,
I stood motionless, so did time and space.
Another fierce one came thrashing at me,
It hit me in the shoulder, like a bulky boulder.

And as the unbearable pain grew,
I woke up with sweat covering me like glue.
My wife awoke with shock,
now I lay aimlessly staring at the clock.

And it was just an evil memory,
that will haunt me in every dreadful dream.

I AM A SOLDIER

Remember how hard we worked to be in the Army.
Now we are fighting to win.
As I see a bullet coming for me I try to dodge but it's too fast.
I fall to my knees as I see my friends fall to.
My shirt is stained with blood.
I am terrified, will I make it through the war?
I have a dream to return to my family and for my friends to return too.
I am a soldier.

I'm here to win.
I can fight the pain.
As I get out of my trench another bullet hits me.
I fall to my knees once again, I've been not hit once but now twice.
I can't fight the pain.
I am a soldier.

All my memories will disappear.
For I give one last pray.
"For my family to be safe and for them to know I love them"
I wish I could remember the bad times and the good times in war.
I can't even remember the great times with my family.
I am a soldier and I will die like one to.

At my home my family will be so sad I died.
But my wife and children would know I loved them.
They will cry and cry for weeks.
But deep inside my family know I tried.
I was a soldier.

War

By: Riley Jackson

The ground makes a rumble
as we fumble
over the bodies that lay
on the bay.

The men who stood beside us are no longer there
they are among the smoke in the air.

We all have fear
because death is near.
With every bullet and every bomb
one more is gone.

Everyone is in pain
running through the rain
of bullets, bombs and blood
falling in the mud

and getting back up and running, praying and hoping for this nightmare to end,
end making scars that will never mend,
end taking loved ones from friends and family,
end killing innocent people,
end the terror, the panic,
end the killing.

REMEMBRANCE DAY BY AMBER SMITH

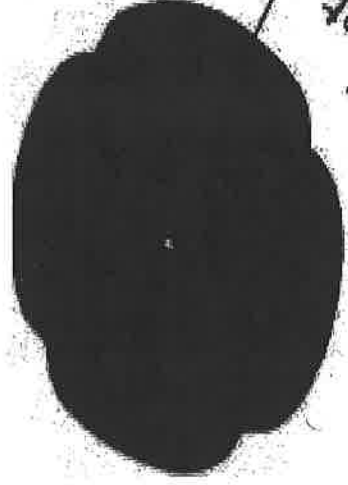
**Remembrance day is a time that we remember
the soldiers who died and the soldiers that remain**

**.We think of muddy clear land and the brave men
and women who died. we think of peace hope
death and love .**

**we think of freedom and those who risked their
lives for us .**

**we think of families who ache and feel pain when
their loved ones don't return home ,and the ones
who remain but feel empty inside .**

**we think of poppies and the poem "in Flanders
fields" and the soldiers that are still fighting
today. soldiers shouldn't be remember just on
remembrance day but everyday.**



Lest We Forget

Pray

I lay alone I think about my family, my friends.

I think about the future, the past, and the present.

Then I did something I hardly ever do I hoped and I prayed.

I prayed for my family to move on without me.

For my friends to lead successful, meaningful lives.

The last thing I prayed for is the war to be over soon.

The soldiers to be saved and lives to be preserved.

I smile as my eyes fall unto the vanishing colours of my last glorious sunset.

By

Shelby Ryerse

The Death Of The Battle

By: Emma Roszell

I was dreading this moment, but mostly the terror,
I looked down on the dusty ground, oh the horror.

I hear the mighty gunshot, but I disregard,

Then I gaze hopefully down the dark, lifeless boulevard.

The death, loss, and shock just took me over,

But I must get home to my family and lover.

They are the one thing I will fight for,

Although the empty eyes and flowing blood won't let me soar.

I need to get up and take the horrifying flight,

Even though these deathly memories won't help me at night.

I force myself up, just to look around,

Then the deathly shot made me hit the littered ground.

I lie motionless for many hours that seem to pass so slowly,

But I know that I will have died very nobly.

Finally the pain is unbearable and it's rushing all through my knees,

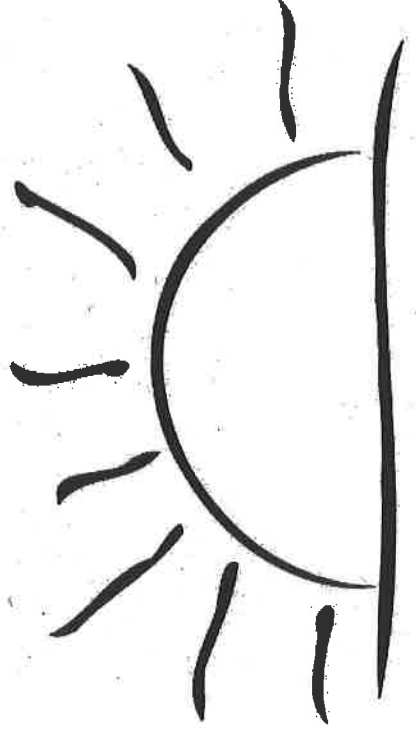
And in my final puffs of breath I can just quietly wheeze:

"Dear God, please help me and my family never part,

And I always want to live with them deep in their hearts."

I repeat this prayer many times as each line gets gradually slower,

Until my life is final over.



WEB to WORLD News

On Saturday, November 5th, members of the WEB to World group shared some of their weekend time and braved the chilly temperature to take part in the *Community Food Drive* in Welland. We knocked on doors and collected from house to house donations of non-perishable items to fill the shelves of the Open Arms Mission, Salvation Army and the Hope Centre.

Then the group made their way to Club Richelieu in Welland where we helped unpack, sort and repack tons and tons of food. Thank to members Kendra, Chaisse, Marisa, Adrianna, Mikyla, Alex, Vicki, Corryn Mikaela, Joe, and Caitlin for "being the change". If you would like to help next year, keep the first Saturday in November free on your calendar.

Bodson's Birthday Bash

Bodson's birthday is a week away,,,he is turning 8 and we have been sponsoring him since his 3rd birthday, sending at least \$3500 to him and his community through World Vision. Our Bash will be organized a little differently this year but we will still need your help. On Monday, November 28th the members of the WEB to World will organize and run the party and games during recess breaks. All students will be invited as they have every year. For a donation of \$2.00 they can play all the games they want and enjoy a birthday cupcake. The Birthday Bash will also be open and running for a period of time afterschool for any students and families to visit and join the celebration. Please contact Ms. Predote if you are able to help with the set-up, bake cupcakes, donate decorations, and/or small candies for prizes.