



Cheetah Chatter



Cherrywood Acres Public School

May 2011

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Getting results - help your child prepare for provincial tests

For parents of primary and junior students

Grade 3 and 6 students participate

All grade 3 and 6 students in publicly-funded schools across the province participate in Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) testing. The testing will take place over several days in May and June. Students are tested in reading, writing, and mathematics. The tests are based on the Ontario Curriculum expectations, and measure the skills your child has learned by the end of the primary (Grade 3) and junior (grade 6) divisions.

Stay Positive

Here are a few things you can do to help your child stay positive about the test:

- Celebrate your child's successes and effort each day.
- Limit your child's absences from school.
- Schedule appointments at times other than the assessment period.
- Ensure that your child gets a good night's sleep and eats a healthy breakfast and lunch.
- Make sure that your child arrives at school on time.
- Speak positively about the test. Say things like, "Try your best."

Continue regularly scheduled extra-curricular activities

Learning for life (not just for EQAO!)

Promote lifelong learning and not just learning for test time:

- Show an interest in your child's schoolwork by talking about what he/she has done.
- Use and check your child's agenda daily.
- Establish a daily homework routine.
- Support your child with his/her homework assignments, but don't do it for him/her.
- Include your child in planning for family activities (e.g., timing, sequence of events, things you'll need).
- Encourage your child to show his/her thinking while working through activities. Have him/her consider the following questions:

Have I done what I was supposed to do?

Can I add any details to show my thinking?

Have I communicated what I wanted to?

Have I checked my work over?



School Council Meeting

Please join us at our regular School Council Meeting on Wednesday, May 4, 2011 at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome!

Thank you! Thank you!

A great big thank you to the Education Foundation of Niagara for their generous donation that allowed Cherrywood to hire a professional dance instructor for our curriculum based dance program.

EQAO is coming....

That's the name for the Provincial testing from the Education Quality Accountability Office (EQAO) with the Ministry of Education. Students in Grade 6 will participate in these assessments sometime during the week of May 30-June 3, 2011. The Grade 3 students will participate during the week of June 6-June 10, 2011. More information will follow to the classes that are involved. Please plan to make sure that your child is in attendance and schedule any appointments outside of these time frames.



Me To We

The Me to We Club has been working very hard over the past few months with their favourite community organizations. Educational videos have been created on the awareness of abusive relationships in support of Gillian's Place. In support of The Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority some students snow shined, made homemade bat cages for bats in need, and planted bulbs for Spring. Another group of students helped to organize and were able to participate in a dog fashion show that raised \$4000 for Therapy Trails. On May 27 the students will come together to share in their learning experience and to celebrate their community service learning.



School Vandalism

We ask for your cooperation in reducing vandalism. Should you observe unusual activity at the school please call in confidence either of the following emergency numbers:

905-682-8065

Or

905-653-1293

Thank you!

Volunteers Are Needed For Our Bingo

We are in need of volunteers for Bingo on May 8, June 19, August 7, September 11, October 16 and December 4 at the Delta Bingo on Drummond Road.

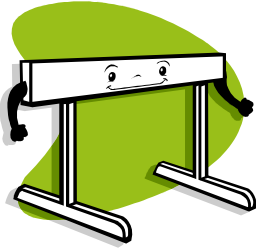
The regular bingo employees attend the tables selling tickets and handing out prize money. We sit together in a room and count floats. We sell sheets of cards before the bingo starts. One volunteer sits beside the caller and hands out prize money to the bingo employees. At the end we count the cash and balance. There is always someone around to help.

Please donate your time as funds raised at Bingo are helping to offset the cost of class trips.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!



Track & Field



This year's track events will be held at Oakes Park on Tuesday, May 3 from 9:30am -2:00pm.

Oakes Park will allow our students to use the best equipment and to familiarize them with the event location. Our Regional meet will be Wednesday, May 18, also at Oakes Park, for those students who qualify. All other students are expected to be at school that day as there are no teachers to supervise spectators.

Year End Planning

Primary Trip will be to The Carousel in Port Dalhousie June 23rd (Kindergarten & gr 1-3)
Grade 4 trip to Medieval Times June 24th
Grade 5&6 trip will be June 23rd to Marineland
Intermediate Camp Trip will be June 13-16
Grade 8 Graduation Details to Follow
Report Cards go home June 24th
Last day of classes will be Wednesday, June 29th
Play Day will be June 29th in the afternoon
Awards will be June 28th 9am
Please return Library books by May 26th for inventory.

If you are moving over the summer please let Mrs. Sielicki at the office know.

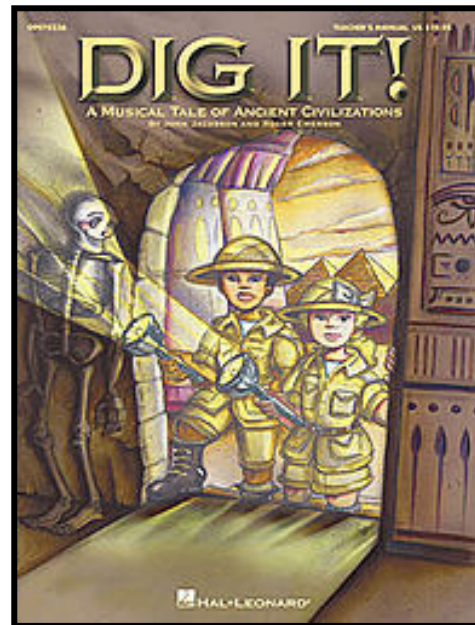


Music Monday

Every year across the country, thousands of schools and community groups join together in song to celebrate **Music Monday**, Canada's largest simultaneous music event. **Music Monday** is organized by the **Coalition for Music Education** to promote the importance of music education for our young people and their communities.

This year's event is being held Monday, May 2, and Cherrywood has a musical concert planned from 12:30pm-1pm. To begin with, the grade ones will be singing "My Dog", while the rest of the primary division will be playing different songs on bells, "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star", "The Blue Bells of Scotland", and "When Irish Eyes are Smiling". The juniors will be playing pieces on the recorder. The grade fours will play Kagome, and the grade five and sixes will perform the classic, "Ode de Joy". To end the concert, the primary division will sing "Rocking in Rhythm".

We hope to perform this concert outside (weather permitting), in the front of the school, so the community can share in it with us.



Dig It—The Musical

Wednesday, May 11 @ 7:00pm

Thursday, May 12 @ 7:00pm

\$3.00/person

\$10.00/family of 4 or more



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <i>Day 8</i> <i>Music Monday</i> <i>12:30pm –1pm</i>	3 <i>Day 9</i> <i>Track & Field</i> <i>Oakes Park</i> <i>9am-2pm</i>	4 <i>Day 10</i> <i>School Council</i> <i>Meeting 6:30pm</i> <i>Dental Screening</i> <i>Pizza Day</i>	5 <i>Day 1</i>	6 <i>Day 2</i> <i>Lunch</i> <i>Connection</i>	7
8	9 <i>Day 3</i> <i>Gr 2/3 & Gr 3</i> <i>Safety Village</i>	10 <i>Day 4</i>	11 <i>Day 5</i> <i>Dig It</i> <i>The Musical 7</i> <i>pm</i>	12 <i>Day 6</i> <i>Dig It</i> <i>The Musical</i> <i>7pm</i>	13 <i>Day 7</i> <i>Lunch</i> <i>Connection</i>	14
15	16 <i>Day 8</i>	17 <i>Day 9</i>	18 <i>Day 10</i> <i>Regional</i> <i>Track & Field</i> <i>Oakes Park</i>	19 <i>Day 1</i> <i>Spring Photos</i>	20 <i>Day 2</i> <i>Dance-A-Thon</i> <i>Lunch</i> <i>Connection</i>	21
22	23 <i>Victoria Day</i> <i>School Closed</i>	24 <i>Day 3</i>	25 <i>Day 4</i> <i>Pizza Day</i>	26 <i>Day 5</i> <i>Gr 1 & 2</i> <i>Safety Village</i>	27 <i>Day 6</i> <i>Me To We</i> <i>Give Where You</i> <i>Live</i> <i>Lunch</i> <i>Connection</i>	28
29	30 <i>Day 7</i> <i>EQAO Gr 6</i>	31 <i>Day 8</i> <i>EQAO Gr 6</i>				