



STURGEON CREEK SCHOOL NEWS



May 1, 2008

News From The Grade 4/5 Room

Over the past couple of months the grade 4/5 class has been studying Medieval Times. Over the weekend the students had to gather different supplies in order to build a model of a medieval castle. They were encouraged to bring items such as milk cartons, cereal boxes or other interesting containers that could be used. The students have been working hard in order to ensure that they have all of the different parts of the castle in their model such as the keep, drawbridge and outer wall.

In math class both the grade four and the grade five students have just finished a unit on fractions and decimals and have now moved onto a unit on length, perimeter and area. The students have been measuring different objects around the classroom and will be practicing using different units of measurement. The students will also be working on calculating the perimeter and area of objects when given the side lengths.

Over the past couple of months the grade 4/5 class has been participating in the Pizza Box reading program. The program was set up in order to provide the students with a variety of reading materials that they may not have had the opportunity to read before. The students had the opportunity to earn up to 4 pizza coupons which they could use at Pizza Hut for keeping a reading log that showed that they read 300 or more minutes in a 3-4 week period.



I would like to thank all of the students that took part in the program and Ed Cain for organizing the program.

The grade 4/5 class had been scheduled to do a spring clean up in Barwick on Friday, May 2nd. This event has been postponed until Friday, May 16th.

Mrs. Teeple

Grade 6/7/8 News

Mr. Thomson and Mrs. Sheppard would like to recognize the entire 6/7/8 classes. Last week the students participated in a classroom speech contest. All students put in a great deal of time preparing, writing and practicing their speeches. We are very pleased with the overall quality of the speeches. You should be very proud of yourselves.

On May 2nd at 1:55 p.m. we are having our school wide speech contest and we have six students participating in this event. There are two students from each of the 6, 7, and 8 classrooms. These students include: Myan Miller and Hailey Desserre from grade 6; Karly Caul and Maria Vandenbrand from grade 7, and Kelsea Hunsperger and Kaylee Heyens from grade 8. Good luck to the six of you!

Information packages for the Toronto trip are being prepared and will be sent home in the next week. Thank you to all those who have sent in payments each month.

Mrs. Sheppard
Mr. Thomson



- May 2 - Speech Contest 1:55 p.m.
- May 6 - School Council Meeting
- May 8 - Spring Tea 1:00 p.m.
- May 14 - Hepatitis B, Meningitis C, HPV Vaccinations
- May 16 - Spring Clean Up in Barwick
- May 19 - Victoria Day Holiday





Grade 2/3 News

The grade 2/3 class would like to take this opportunity to wish Miss Both a fond farewell. She has been an immense help in providing students with extra support. She has completed her Education Assistant program and will be going to New Brunswick to pursue her career. We wish her all the best in the future.

Mrs. Hay
Mrs. Williams
Mrs. Walter

Take a break with your kids – how about a bike ride together?

While you're out you can check up on their riding skills and make sure they are following the rules of the road. To set a good example, join the kids in putting on a helmet. It shows that helmets aren't just for kids, and that adults want to protect their melons too!



Check the fit of your child's helmet.

A helmet needs to be worn correctly to protect the head from serious injury. Your child's helmet fits correctly when:

- The helmet covers the top of the child's forehead and sits level on the head.
- Each side strap meets in a 'v' shape around your child's ear.
- The chin-strap is snug under the chin, but still comfortable.



The helmet does not move when your child nods or shakes his or her head.

For more information visit www.safekidscanada.ca or contact your local health unit.

Information for School Newsletters Regarding Northwestern Health Unit Meningitis Vaccine School-Based Clinics

Re: New Meningitis Vaccine Program for Teenagers:

Since January 1, 2005, the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care has provided publicly funded meningococcal C conjugate vaccinations for all teens in **Grade 7 and to those students between 13 to 22 years who have not received a previous dose of this vaccine.**

During April and May of 2008, Northwestern Health Unit staff will offer school-based meningitis (meningococcal C-Conjugate) vaccine clinics to all students in **Grade 7, in conjunction with the second dose of the Grade 7 Hepatitis B Program.**

Although this vaccine is voluntary, immunization against this very serious disease is strongly recommended. An information/consent form will be sent home with your child. The fact sheet outlines information you need to have about this disease and the vaccine that has been proven to be over 90% effective in preventing this potentially serious disease.

If you want your child to receive this vaccine at the school-based clinic, it is important that you complete all sections of the consent form and return it to your school prior to the scheduled clinic date at:

Sturgeon Creek School on May 14, 2008.

For more information, please call your local Northwestern Health Unit at 852-3268.

