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From the Principal's Desk

We have had nothing less than a great start to the year. Our bake sale was an overwhelming success, raising over \$300 for our grade 8 graduation trip. Our other events this month have contributed to a sense of belonging and excitement for our students and staff! Check out the pictures on our Facebook page!

As we prepare to give special thanks in October, we, as a staff, thank you for entrusting your children to us. We feel that, with your support, we can make a difference this year in helping your child reach their potential. We look forward to working with you over the course of the school year for your child's success.

Mrs. LP

Did you know...

...Taisha Lesser, from the Music Circle in Perth, will be offering choir and Glee Club to interested students at no charge to families? The school and school council will be covering the cost.

...all sport events cost \$100 for registration per team?

...buses cost \$250 to Perth or Beckwith and \$350 to Ottawa?

...fundraising is optional but much appreciated?

...our Farm Fresh fundraiser is due on October 13?

...our Chocolate bar money is due on October 27?

...immunization for grade 7 & 8's is on October 26? These are only covered while students are in elementary school.

...confirmation is scheduled for November 24th at 7pm in the church for our grade 7 students?

...our students will be participating in Stuff a Cruiser this Friday so please send in any non-perishable items that you can?

...we will have "WE" presenter presenting to our Social Justice club on October 13 at 1:00 p.m.?

Parent Workshops

The Ontario Early Years Centre is offering a variety of workshops this fall. All parents are welcome!

Pre-registration is necessary— call OEYC 613-283-0095 ext 300

Positive Discipline — 3 session workshop Oct. 11, 18, 25 6:30 - 8:30 pm Ontario Early Years Centre, Smiths Falls

Tips for Twos - 2 session workshop Oct. 17, 24 6:30 - 8:30 pm Carleton Place Childcare Services

How To Talk So Kids Will Listen - 3 session workshop Oct. 19, 26 and Nov. 2 6:30 - 8:30 pm Arklan School, Carleton Place

Beating the Bully Recent research suggests that about a third of victims rarely consider school a safe haven. Bullying can also lead to a significant loss of self-esteem. Children may become anxious and shy around other children, feel sick, and have sleep problems, or refuse to go to school. If the bullying is occurring at school, speak with your child's teacher. School boards in Ontario have anti-bullying programs in place to ensure all children understand bullying is not tolerated. Support is offered to the student who has experienced or observed **bullying**, to enhance coping strategies such as assertiveness, problem solving and self-confidence. For more information, visit www.triplep-parenting.net or call 1-800-660-5853 .

School Council

Our first school council meeting took place on Tuesday, September 27th. Nicole Dunn remains our school council chair, Rick Green is treasurer and Erin Tsouharas is secretary. Other members of council are Mieke Birley, Joanne French, Darlene Doyle, Trish Clarke, Shane Conlon, Brian McKenna, Rebecca McCullough (Staff representative), Maureen Douglas, (Staff representative) and Theresa Lalonde Pankow. We look forward to a great year! Our next council meeting will take place on November 15 at 6:00 p.m. Parents are always welcome to attend.