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## HAZEL'S VIEW

"PROMOTING EXCELLENCE THROUGH COLLABORATION"

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### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parent(s):

February is a short month, and it seems that we have so many activities to keep students challenged and engaged. The skiing and skating trips have just been completed, and now, our outdoors types head off to Camp Tawingo for a week, beginning February 13<sup>th</sup>. The bands and choirs perform in the Toronto Kiwanis Music Festival and all Grade 7 and 8 students participate in Job Shadow Day (Feb. 24). Many teachers are running extra-curricular activities, house league sports and remedial sessions to support student learning. Hazel McCallion is clearly an active, full service school.

At the recent parent meeting, we had the opportunity to meet our new Superintendent of Education, Dianne Miles. She informed us of the Peel District School Board focus on improving EQAO scores, "Working together to achieve literacy success" which is something we already are very involved in. Our mission, vision and values align well with the district focus on literacy. Please take a few minutes to review these as they form the foundation of everything we do at HMC.

**Mission:** Meeting the diverse needs of Middle Level students by providing appropriate opportunities for academic and personal growth in a respectful environment.

**Vision:** Hazel McCallion Senior P.S. will be a place where we actively implement Literacy Across the Curriculum, promote an atmosphere of respect and dignity, encourage home support and involvement, develop partnerships for student growth, creatively utilize technological resources, provide and implement comprehensive transition plans, attract and retain staff who share the mission of HMC, and expand inclusionary practice.

**To realize our mission and vision, we value:**

- Diversity
- Literacy
- High expectations: striving for personal best
- Teamwork
- Wellness

Finally, during February, teachers will be finalizing marks for the second report (distributed March 10). It is never too late to make improvements to ensure that marks are the best they can be. Remember our motto: "If it's to be it's up to me."

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## IMPORTANT DATES

- February 1** – Gr. 6 presentation by Grace Morrison (Music, Drama, History)
- February 1** – Special Education and ESL Parent evening
- February 2** – Babysitting Club 2:30-4:00
- February 3** – Gr. 7 English presentation by Grace Morrison
- February 6** – Black History Assembly (special speaker Dwight Drummond – CITY TV)
- February 8** – Gr. 8 English Grace Morrison Presentation
- February 9** – Student Awards Assembly
- February 9** – Babysitting Club 2:30-4:00
- February 10** – Gr. 7/8 French Immersion Grace Morrison Presentation
- February 13-17** – Tawingo Week
- February 14** – Activity Afternoon with "Friendship" dance – Red, White and Pink Day
- February 15** – School Council Meeting 7:00 pm in the Library
- February 16** – Babysitting Club 2:30-4:00
- February 17** – Senior Band at Toronto Kiwanis Music Festival
- February 18** – Jazz Band at Toronto Kiwanis Music Festival
- February 20** – Senior Choir at Kiwanis Festival
- February 20-23** – Graduation Photos
- February 24** – Job Shadow Day (Grade 7 & 8)

## FROM THE OFFICE

### Tiny Tigers Playschool Streetsville Secondary School

**Is your child ready for the next step in learning?** The Tiny Tigers Playschool at Streetsville Secondary School has a limited number of openings for the spring term. The Playschool runs Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday beginning on February 21, 2006. Hours of operation are from 9:30 to 11:45 a.m., and the program will run until June 1, 2006. The cost is \$11.00 per day. Children 2 ½ to 5 years of age who are toilet trained are eligible to attend.

The Playschool program is designed to provide

a stimulating and creative play environment for preschoolers and an opportunity for parenting students to develop positive parenting skills while working with children. Call Mrs. Bochnak at (905) 826-1195 ext. 171 for more information.

## GRADE SIX

### Silver Birch 2005

The Silver Birch Awards, founded by the Ontario Library Association (OLA) in 1992 has been a critical success from the beginning. The



Silver Birch Reading Program has captured the hearts of young readers across the province and encouraged

Ontario children to read more, learn more about Canadian writers and develop their powers of discrimination. This program provides students in Grade 6 with the opportunity to read an excellent selection of recent Canadian literature and rewards them for reading by making them judges in a province-wide event. Members of the OLA nominate and select 10 fiction and 10 non-fiction books for this prestigious award. Students are given the opportunity to vote for their favourite book in April by reading at least 5 of the nominated books. The Grade 6 teachers at Hazel McCallion Sr. P.S. have all the titles available in their classes and we will be participating in activities. Please encourage your child to meet the challenge and participate in the program by selecting quality reading by Canadian writers.

## Grade 6 Social Studies – First Nations Peoples

In the first term, the students of 6A (Mrs. Woods) have been engaged in learning about the main characteristics of North American First Nations cultures, including the close relationship of the First Nation peoples with their environment. The children have had the opportunity to collaborate in groups developing their skills of inquiry/research, communication, use of maps, globes and models, as they research a "big question" on their chosen First Nations cultural group. Students are anticipating a culminating presentation of the project in the first week of January, as they

apply these skills to develop an understanding of Canadian history and make decisions on present day issues. We hope that this experience will extend and enrich their understanding of the subject.

## GRADE EIGHT

### Grad Photos



It is that time of year!! The Grade 8 students will have their Graduation Photos taken on February 20, 21, 22 or 23. Stay tuned for specific dates for each of the students.

## PHYS. ED. AT HMC

Thank you to all of the students and staff who participated in the Skating and Skiing trips during the month of January. It was great to see so many students being active and having fun at the same time. Special thanks to our skaters, skiers, and snowboarders; who attempted these sports for the first time.

### HMC Hoops!



Basketball season is underway here at HMC. The Senior Girls' team has been working diligently at practice and their efforts are quickly paying off. The team first hit the court at the annual Thomas Street Middle School Tip-off Tournament. In their first game, the girls played phenomenal defense holding their first opponents – Ruth Thompson Middle School - to a single point off a first half free throw! The second game turned out to be a little close for comfort however, the girls were able to string together some quick baskets at the right time to grasp victory from Dolphin Sr. P.S. The team made it through the round-robin undefeated to clinch top spot in Pool B, only to meet up with a strong opponent in the semi final, suffering their first defeat of the season and bringing a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish back to HMC.

The regular season opened with a game on the road at Lisgar Middle School. This game was again, a little closer than the girls would have liked. However, clutch free throw shooting and the girls' strong defensive prowess fought off a late game charge by the home team to hang on to a 1 point victory.

The team will return to play next week after a receiving an unexpected "BYE" this week. Stay tuned for the next home game and pick up a ticket to check out the action!

## LIBRARY

It is time for Red Maple reading, which means a chance to read brand new Canadian fiction



and a chance to vote for your favourite novel. There are 10 new titles in the library, with multiple copies. Students are encouraged to sign up and begin reading and then to make their voice heard in April, when the Red Maple reading award will be presented. Several lucky students will be invited to the voting ceremony in Toronto in April.

The library continues to be open at lunch for study hall and after school for book exchange. To date in January, over 80 students have taken advantage of a noon hour study hall to study, read or use the computers.

There is a mountain of overdue library books we are anxious to have returned. If your student has books on the desk or kitchen table, please encourage them to return them to the library and avoid having to pay a replacement cost for these lost books.



### French Immersion Parents!

I am looking for a French Immersion parent with a basic knowledge of French to help with the French collection in the library. I would like them to pull books on relevant topics, organize and maintain the collection and suggest items for future purchases. If you are interested, please call Ms. V. Miller, Teacher-Librarian at Hazel McCallion for more information. This position would involve about one day a week.

## GUIDANCE

### Attention Grade 6's and Parents

There will be a QE ARTS Information Night for any Grade 6 students interested in attending Queen Elizabeth Senior School for Grade 7 and 8. The open house is located at Queen

Elizabeth Senior Public School at 60 South Service Road in Mississauga on Wednesday, February 1, 2006 and Thursday, February 9, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

Please contact Ms. Spencer for more information.

## High School Update

Just a reminder that all Grade 8 students should have now handed in their high school option sheet to their homeroom teacher. Please let Ms. Spencer know if your high school destination changes between now and June. Confirmation sheets outlining your Grade 9 courses will be available in the Spring for those wishing to make course changes.

## Counting On You

The second session of our "Counting On You" after school program has begun! There are still spots available for Grade 7 and Grade 8 Literacy and Grade 8 Numeracy. Please contact Ms. Spencer at the school for more information.

It is a fabulous opportunity for students to develop their skills in Literacy and Numeracy.

## Job Shadow Day

Job Shadow Day is on Friday, February 24, 2006. Grade 7 and Grade 8 students are encouraged to spend the day shadowing an adult partner whom they know at their work site. There will be something special planned for the Grade 6's at the school. Job Shadow packages for Grade 7 and 8 students will be sent home with your child in early February enabling them enough time to sufficiently prepare for their exciting day!

## FUNDRAISING



Thank you to the students and families who participated in our fundraising events. As a result of your efforts we raised approximately \$8000 for our school. This money will be used to support student learning. A special thank you is extended to our top sellers:

- ❑ **George Katsoulis** was our overall top seller who sold \$960 in chocolate. He is the proud winner of an Ipod.
- ❑ **Rishi Kanjani** was the top seller for Grade 8. He sold \$840 in chocolate. He is the proud winner of a DVD player.
- ❑ **Jordan Wong** was the top seller for Grade 7. He sold \$324 in chocolate and is the proud winner of a DVD player.
- ❑ Finally, **Navdip Sidhu** was the top seller for Grade 6. He sold \$180 in chocolate and is also the proud winner of a DVD player.

## Black History Month Events

As you may be aware, February is Black History month. The generic theme is about Black youth perception of the society versus the society perception of Black youth. A group of students and teachers have been busy organizing some very exciting events. A number of performers and speakers will be present during our Black History month celebration on Monday February 6, 2006. A well-known rapper Mr. David Carty (aka Jelleestone) will perform and Solange Fermin a professional dancer will be performing a West African and contemporary dance. Cory Atkinson a consultant in leadership dimensions will do an interactive activity with the students. During the presentation, we will showcase the talents of Amanda Lindsay and Jasmine Wilson as they will be reciting poems. Also, there will be a presentation of the documentary that they have created. In addition, the school population will have the opportunity to visit the African and Caribbean Museum throughout the day. We are aiming to showcase between 30-40 characters that have made a significant impact in the story of humankind from the Ancient civilization to the 21st century. We will also have food samplin from different parts of the world. Parents have volunteered to help out for this segment by cooking and baking foods. Dwight Drummond (CITY TV journalist) will be filming some segments of our celebration. There is a great possibility that we will be featured on the news.

# Help you child become a lifelong learner, an active and independent reader, writer and thinker

Literacy skills are essential for success in today's complex and technological world. Learning how to learn is one of the most important tools we can give our children.

- Read books aloud to family and friends.
- Help your child write and illustrate a book.
- Take a trip to a local literary landmark.
- Develop a home library.
- Give a book as a gift.
- Volunteer together to read to patients in a hospital or nursing home.
- Get a library card and use it.
- Share your enthusiasm for a book with a child.
- Reread a favorite book.
- Ask your friends to tell you about the books that shaped their lives.
- Attend readings at your local library or bookstore.
- Recommend a favorite book to a friend.



## Cyberproofing – protect your child on the internet

**Peel Regional Police want to remind parents that cyberproofing is a safe practice. Through education, children will learn the necessary skills to help keep them safe on the internet.**



Cyberproofing techniques can be used by your children at home. Here are a few guidelines from Peel Police that may assist you and your child:

- Tell your child to never, under any circumstances, reveal personal information **online**.
- Remind your child to never agree to meet in person, an individual met on the internet.
- Teach your child to stop immediately if they see or read anything that upsets them.
- Put the computer with internet access in a high traffic area in your home.
- Restrict access to the internet when there is no supervision available.
- Be sensitive to the actions of your child on the internet.
- Monitor your long distance telephone bills for unknown telephone numbers.
- Consider drafting a contract with your child for the privilege of using the internet. Sample contracts

are available online at <http://www.peelpolice.on.ca/internetsafety/tip9.html>.

Select a family-friendly internet service provider. Before subscribing, ask:

- if they have programs in place to block obscene material
- if they maintain a list of recommended internet sites that are family-friendly
- what actions they take towards individuals who act inappropriately through their service

Acquire software to assist in protection from the internet.

Take a course on the use of the internet or have your child teach you. Make this a family activity.

## CONFERENCE HELPS PARENTS 'MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN LITERACY AND BEYOND'



The Peel board is hosting a one-day conference on Saturday, April 1, 2006 for parents of elementary and secondary school students in Peel. *Make a difference in literacy and beyond – practical ways parents can boost learning* features sessions by leading experts who will provide helpful tips and ideas on supporting students in literacy and beyond at home.

This is your chance to learn practical ways to boost learning. Take one day to:

- experience a powerful keynote presentation
- choose from a number of practical workshops
- meet other Peel parents
- explore valuable publishers' displays
- learn from some of our own educators – recognized throughout Ontario as experts in literacy

Each workshop is designed for a certain age group—primary, junior, middle, secondary or all. This free conference is open to all parents in Peel. The conference will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Rick Hansen Secondary School, located at 1150 Dream Crest Rd. in Mississauga.

You will be able to register for this free conference in February. Look for the conference brochure for more details or visit the board's website at [www.peelschools.org](http://www.peelschools.org). Go to the "Spotlight" section of the home page and click on the conference icon.

# **Maple Syrup Days**

## **at Jack Smythe Field Centre**

### **Open during March Break**

***Wednesday***, March 15 to ***Sunday***, March 19  
from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Bring the whole family (no pets please) out for an awesome visit to an authentic Maple Sugar Bush. Get involved as spring comes to life in the forest. Help empty sap, tap trees or sample some fresh syrup as we celebrate the new syrup season. Take a hike along our forest trails and feed a friendly flock of chickadees.

Children love the pioneer area. When not stirring our huge iron cauldron they can saw logs and drill planks with our antique tools. Visit our native teepee and listen to engaging aboriginal legends or check out the Sugar Shack where the sap really gets cooking and clouds of sweet smelling steam billow up out of the roof. Don't forget to taste our syrup. It's going to be sweet! See you there!

**Adults \$5      Children \$3 (*under 12*)**

**Hot-dogs, Refreshments and Maple Syrup will be available to purchase.**

For more information call the Jack Smythe Field Centre at 905-877-7771 or Sandy at 905-890-1010 x 2152

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