From the Desk of Mr. Peck

Spring is finally here, or so it would seem. Students are enjoying their breaks and even some gym classes outside. Track and Field for our Junior and Intermediate students occurs at the end of this week and our grade eights are looking forward to Quebec and then graduation. Many are looking forward to summer holidays. With such hope in the air, sometimes we lose focus on school. We do what we can to keep your children grounded in learning. Please help us by encouraging your son or daughter to finish the year well with: good behaviour and character, consistent homework completion, and best work on assignments.

School Council and staff members, very early in this school year, pointed out the need for improved parking and student drop off and pick up procedures. Mrs. Juffermans and I, in conjunction with staff, School Council, the Town and even the police, have reviewed the situation and will be implementing changes over the next weeks and into September. We believe if all parents cooperate, that we can improve traffic flow. But more importantly, we believe we can improve safety if everyone follows the rules.

This newsletter is coming home with our new rules in flyer form. Also, attached to this newsletter is some parent/student “homework”. Complete it and return it by Friday, May 20th, and your son or daughter will be entered into a draw to win one of two free bikes!

School Council – May 19th at 7:00 pm in our school library

Please mark May 19th on your home calendar. That will be our last School Council meeting for the year, and it would be great if we could continue the trend of excellent attendance right to the end. We will be tying up loose ends, planning the Community Spirit Day and setting some general direction for the new school year. Hope to see you there.

Summer Advantage

"Summer Advantage" is a fully coloured, 192 page activity book designed to maintain and extend all Kindergarten to Grade 7 students’ academic learning over the summer months. **There is one activity book per grade level from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 7.** All books are aligned with the Ontario curriculum expectations. These activities are intended to keep students’ thinking skills sharp over the summer. The cost of each booklet is $19.05 plus GST. With each book ordered, Summer Advantage will provide attraction discount coupons to numerous attractions including Wonderland, Ontario Place, Medieval Times, Centreville, South Simcoe Railway, Pucks Farm, Safari Niagara Zoo, Bowmanville Zoo, The Hamilton Civic Museums, Bingemans, Kitchener
Museums, Stratford Shakespeare Festival and more. Watch for the flyer coming home soon.

Fred C. Cook Elementary School / Bradford Public School
Consolidation Update

No funding has been announced from the Ministry of Education to proceed with the new school construction to consolidate Fred C. Cook Elementary School and Bradford Public School. Therefore, both schools will continue to operate as they stand for September 2011. When Ministry of Education funding is announced, all school communities will be notified.

Kindergarten A Days in May

May 20th and May 27th are both Kindergarten A days. These are back to back Fridays, and it’s a bit unusual to have two Friday A days in a row.

Community Spirit Day

School Council is asking all of us to set aside June 4th from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm for Community Spirit Day at W. H. Day. Stay tuned for exciting details…Some interesting attractions have already been booked.

Chocolate Sales

Thanks to those students and parents who helped with chocolate sales, and a big thank you to Mrs. McMinn and her team. This fundraiser involved a great deal of organization and time commitment. We will be discussing it at our next School Council Meeting. Once we know the final details on how much money was raised, we will let the school community know.

April was Food Drive Month at W. H. Day

Thanks to those who generously contributed. Congratulations to Mrs. Turgeon’s class. They brought in the most food and enjoyed an ice cream sundae party as a reward.

EQAO Dates

Students in grade 3 will be writing EQAO tests during the week of May 30th. Students in grade 6 will be writing their version of the test the week of June 6th. Please mark these dates on your calendar and ensure that your child is at school on those days, well fed and well rested. We want our school to score well.

Important Upcoming Dates

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