



Mathews Mustang News



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At Mathews we believe in maintaining positive school S.P.I.R.I.T. and a commitment to excellence.

S – Success P – Passion I – Integrity R – Respect I – Independence T – Tolerance

Principal: Simon Hancox

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Principal's Message

It is so hard to believe that the first month of school has come and gone! It has been a very busy month at Mathews with a few special events and extra-curricular activities getting into full swing. It was great to see so many people at our Open House the third week of school. I hope you all had an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and was able to put the names to faces of other staff members. This is a great beginning to establishing that all important parent/teacher relationship. Try to keep in frequent touch with your child's teacher – through checking your child's agenda each night, using the agenda to communicate with one another, or call to make an appointment to speak with the teacher before/after school. Should you have any questions or concerns about your child's program or progress, please contact us so that we can work together to ensure your child's success. Teachers have been spending a great deal of time getting to know your child both academically and socially. We have gathered a great deal of information and in October we will be planning school wide improvement goals to meet the needs of all of our students. Many of our extra curricular programs are up and running. The boys soccer team and girls soccer team participated in a tournament. Both teams had a lot of fun and played very well. Our Breakfast Club and Nutrition Program are in full swing and special thanks to Mrs. O'Grady and Mrs. Colombe for all of their hard work. Thank you to all that have volunteered to help out this year. You are invaluable to our school, students and staff. **It's going to be a great year!**



Council Corner

The first Mathews School Council Advisory Committee meeting was held on Thursday, September 29th, 2011. Annette Huizinga will continue to chair the School Council, Jacqueline Bujold will be the secretary, Loreta Racho will be chair of fundraising and Stacey Maguire will help plan special events and continue to support the home reading program. Special thanks to all who attended. We welcome new voices to Council and encourage you to get involved. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday November 23, 2011.

ALLERGIES!!!



Please be advised there are a number of students attending our school this year with severe allergy which can cause an anaphylactic reaction. An anaphylactic reaction is an allergic reaction so severe that in some cases, it can be life threatening.

At this time, we are insisting that **no products containing nuts** be sent to the school and if these products are consumed at home that student wash their hands and brush their teeth thoroughly prior to arriving at school. It is crucial that we work together to ensure the safety of all students.

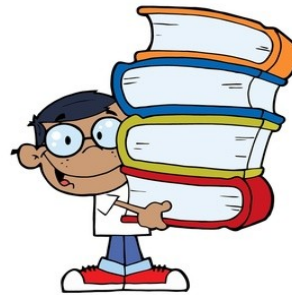
Visitors to Our School

All visitors are welcome in our school. In the interest of student safety and security, ALL visitors (including parents and guardians) are asked to sign in at the office when visiting the school and wear a visitor's tag.



Library News

Thank you to all the parents, students and teachers who helped make this year's Book Fair such a "Blast". Our school was able to raise \$867 in books for our school library – SIMPLY AMAZING! Congratulations to Cole Crawford for winning the Family Event door prize! He received \$25 in books for himself and \$25 for the Grade 1 classroom.



The Annual Poster Contest was OUT OF THIS WORLD !!!! Students from Grade 1 – Grade 8 submitted over 100 posters advertising the Book Fair while also including the "Space" theme in their design. The posters winners were especially difficult to select since there were so many outstanding submissions. The winners from this year were:

Grade	Poster Winners	Slogan Winners
1	Alishba Kiyani, Sara Curcio McPherson	Maddox Carrey – Lost in Space!
2	Tyler Hemmingsen	Jordan Easson – This is a BOOKTASTIC World!
3	Kristopher Lara	Noah Trotter – Books are a Blast!
4	Madison Dakin	Madison Dakin – A Galaxy of Books for YOU!
5/6	Emily Lawrence, Kiara Kalenuik	Spencer Bentz – Blast into a Book!
7/8	Keith Watts	Jenna Watson – Readings Gone Far Out!
PJ	Alyssa Krekorian	

Pizza Days



Every Wednesday will be our Pizza Day. The pizza is in accordance with the new Healthy Schools policy and has low fat cheese and whole wheat crust. (There are a few exceptions to this throughout the school year. Please check your calendar each month). Pizza will be sold for \$1.00 per slice. **No pre-ordering is necessary** – just bring your money on Wednesdays. Juice and milk will also be sold. Juice is \$1.00 per can, chocolate milk is \$1.00 and white milk is \$.75.

Breakfast Club

The Breakfast Club Program has started once again this year. We would like to send a huge thank you to the volunteers who give their time and energy to this program. If you would like to help out with the Breakfast program, but don't have the time to volunteer, a donation at any time of the year of any of the following would be greatly appreciated: cereal, jam, cheese whiz, whole wheat bread, bagels, muffins, juice, etc. (please remember they must be nut free). Just have your child drop the items off the office. Thank you so much for your support of this very worthwhile program.

Professional Development Day



Please note on your calendar that Friday, October 7th, 2010 is a Professional Development Day for teachers and staff. The following Monday is Thanksgiving. We hope that you will all enjoy this long holiday weekend with your families.

Nutrition Program

Our Nutrition Program is underway!!! Students will be provided with a nutritional **snack** following the Canadian Nutritional Guidelines at first break daily. These snacks are available for all students, however students may choose to bring their own 'nut free' snacks. The snacks provided are from 3 food groups usually consisting of a grain, fruit/vegetable and dairy. **SPECIAL THANK YOU:** to our wonderful Snack Lady, Mrs. Colombe who has generously donated her time in preparing and serving the snacks.

Mathews Canteen

The canteen will open on Monday, October 3rd. Students will have the opportunity to purchase a variety of "nut free" healthy snacks at a low cost at both nutrition breaks. Such items include juice boxes, granola bars, yogurt, milk (chocolate and white), water bottles, fruit, muffins, super yogurt'n juicy ice treats and so much more. All proceeds raised will help defer school trip costs. Why run to the corner store when we have what you need right here!!! Please see attached items with price list below.

Soccer Teams

The boys and girls soccer team represented our school very well at their one day soccer tournament held at the Welland Soccer Club recently. Throughout the two days, both the girls and boys displayed good sportsmanship, determination and as the day progressed, commendable teamwork. Congratulations to both teams, you made us proud!!!

Head Lice



Head lice is a common concern among schools. We have implemented a monthly check for head lice. All students will be checked and notes will be sent home accordingly. If your child has lice/nits, you will be notified by phone. Please review the following suggestions with your child to help reduce the spreading of head lice at Mathews.

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- **Never use anyone's brush or comb.**
- **Never share hats.**
- **Keep your hands out of another person's hair.**
- **Parents should check all school age children's hair regularly for lice.**

It is important that we all work together to prevent head lice. **If you find that your child does have head lice, contact the school immediately. We will then forward a letter home to all students in that classroom making parents aware and have them check their own children.** Classroom monthly head lice checks will continue this year. **Be assured that the information shared is confidential.** Thanking you in advance for your cooperation.

Progress Report

Growing Success: Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting

The primary purpose of assessment and evaluation is to improve student learning.

The following seven fundamental principles lay the foundation for rich and challenging practice. When these principles are fully understood and observed by all teachers, they will guide the collection of meaningful information that will help inform instructional decisions, promote student engagement, and improve student learning.

The Seven Fundamental Principles

To ensure that assessment, evaluation, and reporting are valid and reliable, and that they lead to the improvement of learning for all students, teacher use practices and procedures that:

- Are fair, transparent, and equitable for all students;
- Support all students, including those with special education needs, those who are learning the language of instruction (English or French), and those who are First Nation, Metis, or Inuit;
- Are carefully planned to relate to the curriculum expectations and learning goals and, as much as possible,

to the interests, learning styles and preferences, needs, and experiences of all students;

- Are communicated clearly to students and parents at the beginning of the school year or course and at other appropriate points throughout the school year or course;
- Are ongoing, varied in nature, and administered over a period of time to provide multiple opportunities for students to demonstrate the full range of their learning;
- Provide ongoing descriptive feedback that is clear, specific, meaningful, and timely to support improved learning and achievement;
- Develop students' self-assessment skills to enable them to assess their own learning, set specific goals, and plan next steps for their learning.

(Ontario Ministry of Education, *Growing Success*, p.6)

We know that parents have an important role to play in supporting student learning. Studies show that students perform better in school if their parents or guardians are involved in their education. This is the basis for the principle that students and parents should be kept fully informed about the student's progress. Our schools have procedures in place to ensure that parents are aware of the expectations for their child in the various grades.

2011-12 School Year Reporting Timelines

November 15, 2011	Grades 1-8 Elementary Progress Report Senior Kindergarten Progress Report
November/December	Junior Kindergarten Parent/Guardian Observation and Follow-up
February 9, 2012	Grades 1-8 Term 1 Elementary Report Card Junior Kindergarten Progress Report Senior Kindergarten Term 1 Report Card
June 24-29*, 2012	Grades 1-8 Term 2 Elementary Report Card Junior Kindergarten Term 2 Report Card Senior Kindergarten Term 2 Report Card

(* Schools must indicate their local issuance date)

At any time throughout the year, parent/guardians are invited to communicate with the school about their child's progress and achievement.

Cross Country

Several students will be participating in cross country this year. The events have and will be taking place on September 29th and October 6th. Both events will be held at Chippawa Creek. Stay tuned for race results.



Hepatitis B Vaccines

Thursday, October 13th

P.A. Day (No School)

Friday, October 7th

Thanksgiving (No School)

Monday, October 10th

Warner's Pumpkin Patch Gr.JK-3

Friday, October 28th

MONTHLY STUDENT AWARDS

Student of the Month - September

JK	Hannah Ricker
SK	Eden Pettit
Grade 1	Rowan Humphrys
Grade 2	Tyler Hemmingsen
Grade 3	Cassandra Paul VanNatter
Grade 4	Brandy Kalenuik
Grade 5-6	Chloe Racho
Grade 7-8	Zac Hamilton
Effective Learning	Austin Cook
French	Brandy Kalenuik

Citizenship of the Month - September

JK	Anastasia McKinnon
SK	Ryleigh Humphrys
Grade 1	Landon Burke
Grade 2	David Rochon
Grade 3	Canadance Humphrys
Grade 4	Lauren Gordon
Grade 5-6	Dustin Geady
Grade 7-8	Alexis Gordon
Effective Learning	Dakota Swartz

Artist of the Month - September

JK	Hannah Colombe-Millar
SK	Matthew Dube
Grade 1	Alisha Kiyani
Grade 2	Jordon Easson
Grade 2	Rebecka Piper
Grade 3	Anosh Kiyani
Grade 5/6	Grace Hines
Grade 7-8	Dylan Lavoie

Athlete of the Month - September

Female	Dylann Lavoie
Female	Alisha Humphrys
Male	Jerryd Whitwell
Male	Tyler Lafleur

Principal's Monthly Award

Criteria – Person who has consistently shown positive attributes and growth during the month in school. This month the student is Rebecka Piper. This student will get to have lunch with Mr. H! .

Please remember we are a
"NUT FREE SCHOOL"

