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Heritage Fair Winners!!

We would like to thank all of the students who took the time to participate in the Heritage Fair; your work was spectacular!! Congratulations to those students who were recognized for their projects at the school level: Emily Harris, Andrew Smith, Daniel Tucker, Samantha Ryan, Jordan Dalton Pittman, Emily O'Brien, Rebecca Warren, Caileigh Callahan, Halyn Waye, Rachel Hewitt, Alex Crewe, Victoria Strickland, and Kendra Hayward. I am sure you would like to know that several of our students won awards at the Regional Fair in Trinity as well. Emily Harris and Jordan Dalton Pittman were recognized by Donna Butt for Enthusiasm and Performance; Daniel Tucker was recognized in the Veteran's category for his project on Beaumont Hamel; Andrew Smith received the Sir Laurier LaPierre award for Enthusiasm in Sharing; and, Emily Harris was selected from all of the participants to represent our Region this summer in Ottawa. In addition to these students, Mark Butler and Samantha Ryan were also selected to move to the second round of judging which meant that five of the nine finalists from the entire Region were from our school. Matthew Rocks!!! We have also been asked by students and parents to thank Ms. Hewitt for her commitment and work—we could not do this without her!

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School Closures

May 18

June 25 is our Last Day

Less than 4 cycles of the schedule left!!!!

Our External Review

The External Review Team has completed its assessment of our Strategic Plan and has since given an oral report to our staff. A formal written report will be compiled in the coming days and we will share it with our community. The team was very impressed with our school, and as you already know, they recognized that our school is a place of excellence!!!

Mark Your Calendar!

- * May 18 Holiday
- * African Children's Choir
May 21
- * Kindergarten Grad June
12
- * CRTs June 1st—10th
- * Intermediate Finals June
16th—19th

Matthew Students Lead!!

This past weekend several of our Intermediate students took part in an amazing conference on student leadership. Caileigh Callahan, Rachel Hewitt, Hope Waye, Halyn Waye, Amy Rolls, Sarah Warren, Brook Quinton, and Lauren Eddy were all selected to travel to Fatima Academy to share, lead and learn. We are looking forward to them sharing what they learned with all of our students. A thank you to Ms. Elliot and Ms. Dalton for traveling with the students, and to Mr. Blackmore for arranging the travel and logistics.

Intermediate News for Parents!!!

Parents need to be aware that the school is taking measures to monitor the lunches which students bring back from the convenience store lunch times. We have tried to be flexible here, but over the last week students are showing up to afternoon classes with super-sized slurpies, bags and bags of candy, pop, sport drinks, and other such foods that are included in our “Serve Never” category. On one occasion, a student returned with a can of whipped cream for his lunch. These items do little to promote health, and actually hinder the students’ opportunity to learn, think, and focus. Please speak to your child about this.

Cell phones and other electronic devices are not allowed to be brought to school. These devices disrupt the students’ focus on learning and often become the catalyst to arguments and disagreements between students. Students send and receive texts in class, they often take pictures of people who prefer not to be photographed, and phones have become a medium for bullying in schools. It is your responsibility as a parent to control your child’s use of cellular technology in school. No matter what they tell you, there is no reason for them to have them during their day in school.

And, exam time is around the corner for our Grade 7 and 8 students. At this time of the year if your child tells you they have no homework, then they are probably not telling the truth. Though the evenings are longer and warmer you really need to make sure that your child is attending to his/her studying. We count on you for this.

African Children's Choir Visiting

We are very pleased to announce that The Grace Pentecostal Church has helped us secure the Watoto African Children’s Choir to perform in our community. The group will hold a concert for students at our school on May 21st at 1:00pm. This choir is made up of children selected from impoverished communities and educated such that they can return to their villages and make a difference. Though the group requests no funding, we want to make a donation to help them with their cause and so we are asking each student to bring in one dollar. The community concert will also be at the school at 7:00pm. There is no admission but an opportunity will be provided during the concert for you to make an offering. Please make an effort to see this group perform—They are Awesome!!!!

Exam & CRT Schedules

Jr High Exams—June 16th—19th

CRT’s 3 & 6—June 1—10th

Soccer Registration

May 27, 7-8:30

June 3, 7-8:30

Dean Little Room

**We do have an upcoming
PD day planned, when the
date is finalized we will let
you know!!!**

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