

# Prince Philip Public School



## February 2012 Newsletter

### FROM THE VICE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

As we approach the midway point in the school year, it's time to celebrate our Term 1 accomplishments and look forward to the many new skills, concepts, and events that will unfold in Term 2. As you review the upcoming Report Card which will go home on February 9<sup>th</sup>, please assist your child in the development or refinement of their educational goals and daily responsibilities for this term.

If you have any concerns about your child's progress, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher. We look forward to hearing from you and to working together to ensure our students continue in their success throughout the remainder of this school year!

During Term 2, we will be offering remediation programs for students in Grades 6 through 8 to support them in the areas of Literacy and Math. Parents should look for this information during the second week of February.

Students in French Immersion at Prince Philip are working hard in preparation for the "Le Concours" – a French public speaking competition that will be held on February 16<sup>th</sup> in our gym. Class competitions will occur during the first two weeks of February.

- *Mr. Mayhew*

### STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the following élève du mois (*students of the Month*) for **January** who have been recognized for the Character Trait, "**Co Operation**".

- 7C Kelsey Cere & Domenic Parlatore
- 7I Nicholas Snyder and Jennifer Strong
- 8M Isaac Haughton & Madison Savoie
- 8D Shawn DeGaut & Caitlin Fortuna
- 5M Sehr Bhatti & Jelena Kokir
- 5P Larissa Adama & Shannon Beckett
- 6K Alysha Alsop & Justice Graves-Landry
- 6D Michelle Kim & Easton Thibeault
- 7G Connor Mackenzie & Jaydienne Sharp-Mayo
- 7V Alysa Jones & Milosh Madzar
- 7H Bojana Calina & Maya Zibert
- 8Mc Nina Krajisnik & Wesley Prankard
- 8S Lena Perkins & Felix Zheng



### **ALL THE BEST - MRS. HOUDE**

The students and staff of Prince Philip held an assembly on Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> to honour Mrs. Houde. Mrs. Houde has been at Prince Philip for 9 years keeping our halls “spic and span”. It is with sadness we say goodbye, but wish her continued success as she heads over to Cherrywood Public School.

### **INTERMEDIATE GIRLS' BASKETBALL**



The Prince Philip Intermediate Girls basketball team has had a successful regular season in 2012. Entering the playoff, the girls are undefeated and looking to capture the Area 1 championship. Good luck Puma girls! In addition, the girls just won their second consecutive A. N. Myer tournament championship on Fri., January 27<sup>th</sup>. We defeated Dalewood in an exciting final 20-17 with a great team effort. Special thanks to Mrs. Thomson (*aka: Tyler's mom*) for organizing and running this great day for our team. We now begin to prepare for the DSBN championships which will take place in February. The team is as follows: Emily Benson, Naomi Brown, MacKenzie Campbell, Taylor Campbell, Destiny Clark, Jadyn Ferguson, Caitlin Fortuna, Sarah Lee, Alexa Maude, Samantha Murray, Ally Peek, Chelsey Skrebic, and Yuchen Xu.

### **INTERMEDIATE BOYS' BASKETBALL**

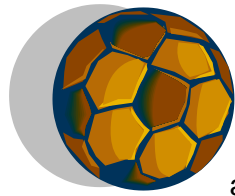
The Intermediate Boys basketball team is off to a great start this year winning their first 10 games of the season. Five of those wins helped the team capture the A. N. Myer tournament championship on Wed., January 26<sup>th</sup>. Each member of the team has played a crucial role in the success of the team so far. Team members are: Jonah Cushing, Nate Czajkowski, Peter Falivena, Gary Feng, Sein Izumita, Miko Jovkovic, Brendan Karagias, Michael Matovic, Aleks Simeunovic, Tyler Thomson, Michael Vescio, and Reid Yochim. Good luck on your quest for the DSBN championship!

### **JUNIOR CO-ED SOCCER (TEAM 1)**

Congratulations to the members of the Junior Co-ed Soccer team who won the championship for the second year in a row. Each game was very close and the players showed great poise and discipline. They advanced to the finals winning in penalty shots due to two nice goals and two amazing saves. In the finals, a dramatic late goal and an overtime strike captured Prince Philip the tournament championship. As well, students showed a great deal of sportsmanship and character. Congratulations to the following players; Courtney Allan, Jocelyn Allan, Jared Colangeli, Trent Hunter, Joshua Lisi, Nathan MacInnis, Alyssa Marino, Stefan Miljenovic, Alex Restivo, Rachel Simon, Shelby Wilson, and Manuela Yepes.



## JUNIOR CO-ED SOCCER (TEAM 2)



Team 2 had a great day! They played very well, especially in the last game. Players showed excellent skill, strong team play, and great sportsmanship. Members are: Sebastian Cardenas, Matthew Coker, Mitchell Duval, Julia Gruyich, Chela Kamps, Michelle Kim, Brandon Macauley, Callie McCarthy, Julianna Mihelic, Sourena Noori, Stephanie Partheniou, Jorge Rodriguez, and Max Thatcher.

## FRENCH IMMERSION OPEN HOUSE

On Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, at 6:30 pm (*gymnasium*), we will open our doors to parents and their grade 3 and 4 children interested in beginning French Immersion here at Prince Philip. We look forward to seeing many parents at this session.



## THE SOUND OF MUSIC



### Help Wanted

This year's spring musical is well under way! We are humbly asking for some help from the parent community this year in terms of costumes and set piece support. If any family member or friend in our school community would be willing to help sew costumes (*we provide the material*) or build/paint set pieces, please contact either Mme McGovern (*dramatic director*), Mlle Di Franco (*musical director*) or Mme Phillips (*costumes*) at the school. We are also looking for any donations of any clothing that may be used for costumes, material, props, construction and paint materials, or anything else which may help with our production to cut costs. As always, "thank you" to all parents for your support of the Arts at Prince Philip.

\* A big thank you to Mrs. Kiemele for her generous donation of material for costumes.\*

### Rehearsals

All rehearsals are indicated on the pink schedule that was handed out at the end of December. If you have misplaced your schedule, please check the school website. All daytime vocal rehearsal schedules are subject to change (*since we are moving along quite nicely!*) and students must listen to announcements for changes.

## INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES

All decisions concerning school closures are made by our Board Office, not the individual school. Bus and school cancellation information will be reported on local radio stations by 7:00 am. Information is also posted on the DSBN website [www.dsbn.org](http://www.dsbn.org). In the event busses are cancelled, but the school remains open, we ask parents to notify the school if their child(ren) will remain at home. For possible bus delays, please visit the [www.nsts.ca](http://www.nsts.ca) website.



## STUDENT ABSENTEES & LATES



If your child is going to be away from school or even a bit late, please phone the school and leave a detailed message including:

- ✿ student's name,
- ✿ homeroom teacher's name,
- ✿ date of absence, and
- ✿ reason for absence.

For your convenience, our answering machine is on 24/7. The safety of our students is paramount; and having parents take a proactive approach by calling the school prior to an *absence* or *late*, makes attendance run smoothly and efficiently. Many thanks to those of you who continually keep us informed!!

## PARKING AT PRINCE PHILIP

There is no question our school parking lot can get quite busy during dismissal time considering the number of buses that arrive to pick up students. As a result, we'd like to remind parents to avoid using the parking lot between 2:30pm and 3:00pm in order to ensure the safety of our students. Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.



## FAMILY DAY HOLIDAY



There will be NO SCHOOL on **Mon., February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012** as Family Day is observed in Ontario as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each February.

This holiday celebrates the importance of families and family life to people and their communities. Many people plan to take part in activities aimed at the whole family. These include visiting art exhibitions, watching movies, skating on outdoor ice rinks, playing board games and taking part in craft activities. Some communities plan special public events, and art galleries and museums may have reduced price or free entry.

As the weather is usually very cold in February, hot chocolate and freshly baked cookies are popular snacks. Other people use the long weekend as an opportunity for a short winter break or to travel to visit family members or friends. As Family Day falls on the same date as National Heritage Day, some people use the day to explore their personal heritage and family history.

## EARLY RELEASE DAY

Parents, please note that **Fri., February 17<sup>th</sup>** is an Early Release Day for students. All classes will be dismissed at 11:50am in order for staff to focus on professional development. During the afternoon, teachers will be meeting to discuss effective feedback in order to enhance their classroom programs.

## JERSEY DAY

On **Fri., February 3<sup>rd</sup>**, Prince Philip students can pay \$1 and wear their favourite team's jersey to help raise money for the "Make Change for Children" campaign. Thank you to Student Council for helping to arrange this important event.



## PARENT SURVEY RESULTS

Results from our parent survey which we conducted in the fall can be found on our school website. Special thanks to all who took the time to complete this important information. Our staff is in the process of using this data to plan programs for students and to enhance the communication between school and home.

## PASTA NIGHT FOR PRINCE PHILIP... WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

Prince Philip's School Council is in the process of organizing a Pasta Night to be held on **Thurs., April 5<sup>th</sup>** at the Niagara Falls Hose Brigade. Currently, we are in need of parents who would be able to help out during that evening. If you are interested, please contact the school as soon as possible.



## HOW PARENTS CAN ENCOURAGE TWEENS TO READ

(by: *Reading Is Fundamental*, 2008)

You know that reading is important and you want to make sure that your tween grows into adulthood with all the skills he or she needs to succeed. The following list offers suggestions for encouraging your tweens to read.

1. **Set an example.** Let your kids see you reading for pleasure.
2. **Furnish your home with a variety of reading materials.** Leave books, magazines, and newspapers around. Check to see what disappears for a clue to what interests your tween.
3. **Give tweens an opportunity to choose their own books.** When you and your tween are out together, browse in a bookstore or library. Go your separate ways and make your own selections. A bookstore gift certificate is a nice way of saying, "You choose".
4. **Build on your teen's interests.** Look for books and articles that feature their favorite sports teams, rock stars, hobbies, or TV shows. Give a gift subscription to a special interest magazine.
5. **View pleasure reading as a value in itself.** Almost anything your youngsters read — including the Sunday comics — helps build reading skills.
6. **Read some books written for tweens.** Young adult novels can give you valuable insights into the concerns and pressures felt by tweens. You may find that these books provide a neutral ground on which to talk about sensitive subjects.
7. **Make reading aloud a natural part of family life.** Share an article you clipped from the paper, a poem, a letter, or a random page from an encyclopedia — without turning it into a lesson.
8. **Acknowledge your tween's mature interests.** Look for ways to acknowledge the emerging adult in your tweens by suggesting some adult reading you think they can handle.
9. **Keep the big picture in mind.** For all sorts of reasons, some tweens go through periods without showing much interest in reading. Don't panic! Time, and these tips may help rekindle their interest.

Reading is Fundamental. All About Adolescent Literacy. 8 12 2011

<<http://www.adlit.org/article/23399/>>.



# It's all about FAMILY!

Family Day Free Skate! - Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Sponsored by Family and Children's Services Niagara

Lace up! Come out and have some fun! Celebrate Family Day with some fun family time!  
Free Skate time sponsored by FACS will be offered at the following locations and times:

Fort Erie	Leisureplex	2:00 pm – 3:30 pm
Grimsby	Peach King Arena	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
St. Catharines	Seymour-Hannah 4 Pad	9:45 am – 11:15 am
Lincoln	Jordan Arena	3:00 pm – 4:30 pm
West Lincoln	West Lincoln/Smithville Arena	11:30 am – 1:00 pm
Wainfleet	Wainfleet Arena	12:30 pm – 2:00 pm
Niagara-on-the-Lake	Meridian Arena	1:30 pm – 3:00 pm
*Niagara Falls	TD Rink at the Brink	12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Port Colborne	Humberstone Arena	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

*\*free skate and helmet rentals at Niagara Falls only*



## Foster Families Needed

Open your hearts and your home to local children and youth in need.

For more information on providing safe and temporary care for children in need

**Call 905-937-7731**

[www.facsniagara.on.ca](http://www.facsniagara.on.ca)