



# Prince Philip Public School

## February 2010 Newsletter

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

Happy New Year (belated)!! Wow, it's hard to believe that we're already one month into the new year and there are only 6 weeks until the March Break. Many new skills and concepts are being covered this term. Please assist your children in reviewing and in pursuing their educational goals for this term and help them to re-focus on their daily responsibilities and academic progress. 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 new year!

### **Curriculum Focus**

Students at Prince Philip are Reading for Meaning, focussing this term on Point of View, Extending Understanding, and Voice. We are also pleased to announce that our Numeracy Support Teacher, Nancy Theal, has been working with our Math Team on the implementation of high yield problem solving strategies.

- *Mr. Clarke*

### JUNIOR BOYS VOLLEYBALL 2009

Our 2009 Junior Boys volleyball team had a successful season this year. With only a few returning players to the roster, the boys ended the season as Area 1 finalists and DSBN semi-finalists. The boys worked hard at improving their skills and represented Prince Philip with excellent behaviour at all of our games and tournaments. Congratulations on a great season. Thanks to Mr. Bryk and Mr. Cushing for coaching. The following students were members of the 2009 Pumas: Gary Feng, Sein Izumita, Michael McEachern, Tyler Hildebrand, Ben Simmonds, Calvin O'Neill, Reid Yochim, Michael Vescio, Jonah Cushing, Miko Jovkovic, Goyko Halavanja, Adam Paterson, Nate Czajkowski and Akasham Rajagopaul.

### JUNIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL 2009

Congratulations to the Junior Girls Volleyball Team for another fine season. The girls came out to every game and practice with much enthusiasm and puma pride. We were especially proud of their efforts and team spirit at the DSBN Tournament. Many thanks to the families in our Prince Philip community for your continued care and support and especially thank you to



Mme Harris, Mme Kirouac, and Mlle Flett for coaching! Kudos to the following young ladies who made up our team: Angela Kim, Nina Krajisnik, Taby Campbell, Alana Bright, Gina Kosanic, Julia Bauer, Sagiri Ikenaga, Yu Chen Xu, Sabreena Lawal, Sophie Gruyich, Gabby Blanchfield, Emily Benson, Jadyn Ferguson, Ally Peek and Ivana Madzar.

### **INTERMEDIATE BASKETBALL**



The 2009-10 version of the Prince Philip Intermediate Girls basketball team is off to a good start in defence of their DSBN championship. The girls advanced to the semi-finals of the Boyd Arnold tournament and are currently undefeated in league play. The girls are gearing up for a tournament on January 28th at E.L. Crossley as they seek to gel as a team and prepare for the DSBN tournament at the end of February. Good luck Puma girls! The team is as follows: Mary Thomson, Bryanna McCabe, Kelsey Snyder, Kailynn Mannella, Olivia Poulin, Grace Lee, Celia Karagias, Chelsea Schmidt, Nazuki Izumita, Roberta Walker, Amalea Witteveen and Bethy Amoff. Thank you to Mr. Cushing for his coaching the girls' team again this year.

The Intermediate Boys basketball team is off to a great start this year. Capturing the Boyd Arnold Championship earlier this month, the team proved that they were real contenders for the DSBN championship this year. Each member of the team has played a crucial role in the success of team. Hopefully we can continue to mesh as a team and build upon a very talented group of young men. Please come out and watch a game this season, this is a very exciting team to watch. Team members are Eric Marriott, Zak Bickell, Mike Gruyich, Matt Peacock, Alp Alacok, Kyhly Rusk, John Malcolm, Dare Odutayo, Dane Seymour, Josh Paterson and Steve Simons. Thank you to Mr. Dunlop for coaching the boys' team again this year.

### **JUNIOR SOCCER**

Congratulations to all the members of the Junior co-ed soccer team who on January 20th travelled to the Niagara Sportplex's indoor facilities to complete in a one day tournament. With very little practice together, but a lot of combined skill, the team represented Prince Philip very well. We finished first overall in the round robin tournament, however lost to a very strong Martha Cullimore team in the semi-finals. Thank you to everyone who tried out for this team and thank you to each member of the team who represented Prince Philip that day. Thanks also to Mr. Dunlop for coaching. Team members: Peter Falivena, Jadyn Ferguson, Jonah Cushing, Emily Benson, Gabby Blanchfield, Sabreena Lawal, Yu Chen Xu, Nate Czajkowski, Alberto Rodrigues, Michael Vescio, Goyko Halavanja, Reid Yochim, and Sophie Gruyich.



### **MUSICAL UPDATE**

Rehearsals continue to be held on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Students should check their schedules to make sure they are at the required rehearsals. Thanks to Mrs. Bondy, our choreographer, and her fabulous dance coaches. We

are still looking for donations of time and materials, specifically construction and painting materials for sets, as well as costumes and make-up. Please contact Mme McGovern or Mlle Di Franco at the school, 905-356-0521, or email [christine.mcgovern@dsbn.edu.on.ca](mailto:christine.mcgovern@dsbn.edu.on.ca) if you can help.

### **FRENCH IMMERSION OPEN HOUSE**

On Thursday January 21 at 7:00 pm, we opened our doors to parents and their grade 4 children interested in beginning French Immersion here at Prince Philip. The evening was a great success. Highlights of the evening included:



- A new promotional DSNB French Immersion Video complete with images of and interviews with Prince Philip staff and students.
- Question and Answer period with parents and current staff and students
- Positive comments from Mrs. Klein and Mr. Sabourin (Thank you so very much!!!!)
- School tour
- Bucket Drumming demonstration by Mlle Di Franco and students of Prince Philip

### **HAITI RELIEF**



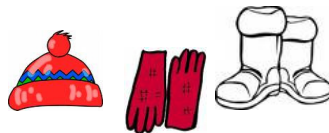
Way to go Pumas!!! On Friday January 22, student council encouraged all staff and students to pay a minimum \$2.00 to wear pyjamas and chew gum to raise money for the Red Cross' efforts in Haiti. In what can only be described as an outpouring of compassion, the staff and students of Prince Philip raised just under a staggering \$1200.

### **NEVADA NEWS**



We would like to remind you that the Prince Philip School's Nevada Ticket Boxes are located at the Avondale (Riall @ Dorchester). All proceeds from the Nevada Tickets will be put towards purchasing new team uniforms and fine arts shirts. Your generous support would be greatly appreciated.

### **WINTER CLOTHING**



Students do go outside for two 20 minute breaks every day. Students will go outside as long as there is not an extreme cold weather advisory or freezing rain. That is why it is important that everyone is dressed properly for the weather.

### **INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES**



All decisions concerning school closing are made by the Board Office, not the individual school. Bus and School Cancellation Information will be reported on local radio stations by 7:00 a.m. Information is also posted on the DSNB website [www.dsbn.edu.on.ca](http://www.dsbn.edu.on.ca) Early Dismissal during the school day, due to inclement weather, is also announced on local radio stations. We would

ask that you review with your child what arrangements have been made in the event of early dismissal for their arrival home.



### **THROWING SNOW /SLIDING ON ICE**

Students at Prince Philip are not allowed to throw snow while out on the school yard. Cold, frozen snow presents a threat to student safety especially when thrown and/or kicked. We take this rule very seriously and every student has been made aware of it. Sliding on the ice presents a safety risk often resulting in many injuries. Parents/Guardians are asked to please review this policy at home and we will continue to remind students here at school. We all thank you for your support in helping to keep the school yard safe!

## Please note....

- **Students will be dismissed at 11:50 a.m. on Friday, February 12, as it is an Early Release Day.**
- **There will be no classes on Monday, February 15, due to the provincial Family Day Holiday.** We hope that you and your family enjoy the day together!

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### **Strategies Used by Proficient Readers**

A good reader is **metacognitive**—aware of and able to use and articulate the following strategies in order to interact with the text.

- 1. Make Connections.** An active reader is able to draw from background knowledge and personal experiences while reading to help create meaning from the text.
- 2. Ask Questions.** An active reader asks both literal and inferential questions before, during and after reading to clarify and deepen understanding.
- 3. Visualize.** An active reader is able to create multi-sensory images in the “mind’s eye” while reading to help make sense of the text.
- 4. Draw Inferences.** An active reader knows that not all information is included in a text, and is able to hypothesize and predict what is going to happen next, based on evidence in the text.
- 5. Determine Importance.** An active reader sifts through information in the text to select important ideas, choose what to remember, and set priorities.
- 6. Analyze and Synthesize.** An active reader is able to break down information and to draw conclusions based on both the text and his or her own thinking.
- 7. Monitor Comprehension.** An active reader is aware when understanding is being compromised and is able to stop, go back, and reread in order for understanding to occur.  
(Based on the research of P. David Pearson)