



# Prince Philip Public School

## March 2010 Newsletter

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

Happy March! Will it be 'in like a lamb and out like a lion' or vice versa? We are over half way through the school year with our March Break a mere two weeks away and yet students and teachers alike are actively engaged in a wide variety of activities outside the classroom from sports teams and clubs to fundraisers and musical rehearsals. Within the classrooms, literacy remains our main focus and students at Prince Philip are in the middle of their second critical learning pathway focussing on Reading Expectation 1.9: Point of View. Teachers are working collaboratively encouraging students to identify the point of view presented in texts, give evidence of possible biases, and suggest other possible perspectives. Keep working hard Pumas!!!

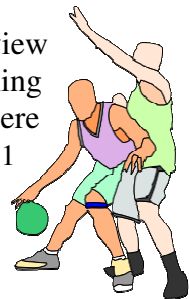


- *Mr. Clarke*

### INTERMEDIATE BASKETBALL

The Intermediate Girls basketball team has had a successful season to date. This month they captured the Area 1 Championship with a win over Orchard, going undefeated in League and playoff play. They currently have a 15-4 record as they head into the DSBN tournament next Tuesday, March 2 at Governor Simcoe. The girls are looking to defend their title for the third year in a row and claim the "A" Division championship. Good luck Pumas!

This years Boys Intermediate Basketball team will square off against Lakeview school in the DSBN finals. The boys got off to a great start winning the opening tournament (Boyd Arnold) of the year beating Lakeview in the finals. They were also a finalist in the E.L. Crosley tournament and clinched the Area 1 Championship over Forestview. Going undefeated in the DSBN tournament so far, they now have their eyes set on becoming the best team in the entire DSBN. Good luck on Monday (March 1<sup>st</sup>) boys!



### JUNIOR BASKETBALL

The Junior basketball season is set to kick off in March. Currently the boys and girls are running through the paces in anticipation of a great season. Mr. Clarke (girls coach) and Mr. Zeoli (boys coach) would like to thank all junior students who tried out for the team. Good Luck Junior Pumas!!!

## MUSICAL UPDATE

Tickets for Prince Philip's musical production of Grease will be on sale at the office beginning March 1st. The ticket prices and show dates are as follows:



Tuesday April 27, 7pm  
Wednesday April 28, 7pm  
Thursday April 29, 7 pm

Adult admission: \$7  
Children under 13 & Adults over 60: \$4

Mlle Di Franco and Mme McGovern would also like to thank all of the parents and students who have been volunteering their time, resources, and talents in assisting the production. Any additional help would still be much appreciated!

## FRUIT KABOBS

During the first week of February, student council encouraged all staff and students to eat healthy by selling fruit kabobs. The tasty treats managed to generate \$137 which will be used as an operating budget and to supplement future charitable donations.



## GRADE 8 QUEBEC TRIP FUNDRAISING

Congratulations to our grade 8 students whose Slushie fundraiser managed to generate \$385 over 3 days (February 16-18) to help further offset the cost of their Quebec Trip. The grade 8 staff and students would like to thank those staff and students who helped to donate toward the trip by purchasing the green and blue Slushies. Additionally, a big **THANK YOU** to Mrs. J. Maves (Ainslie's mom) for donating the Slushie Machine and ingredients. Another **HUGE THANK YOU** goes to Mrs. Houde who patiently cleaned up daily spills.



## GRADE 7 TORONTO FUNDRAISING

On February 11 our grade 7 students organized a buyout that managed to generate \$944 in order to help offset the cost of their year-end trip to Toronto. The grade 7 staff and students would like to thank, not only students for their contributions, but also Martha Cullimore for allowing the usage of their Popcorn maker. Thanks for the help, neighbour!

## “SO YOU THINK YOU CAN DANCE PRINCE PHILIP”

Dance instructor Kathie Allison-Maves was at Prince Philip school from February 22nd -26th teaching all students how to dance. Students had the opportunity to learn ‘hip hop’ from a professional dance teacher. Classes were able to ‘bust a move’ and put together a routine in a short period of time. ‘Twitch’ move over ..... here we come! Thank you to Mrs. Ibey for organizing the activity.



### SCIENTIST IN THE CLASSROOM

On February 3rd and 4th, the grade 8 students at Prince Philip were involved in Scientist in the School activities. The program delivered by “Scientist Megan” focussed on Fluid Dynamics and provided a hands on learning experience for all participants. Students investigated hydraulic and pneumatic power through small construction projects (tow truck, crane, fork lift) that demonstrated the applications of hydraulic and pneumatic systems. Experiments helped to demonstrate the relationship between force, pressure and area using both water and air in the syringes. The day also included lessons on density and buoyancy and how different liquids can affect the flow rate of objects. A big thank you goes to Mrs. Shad for volunteering her services.

### TOBACCO FEUD

On Friday, February 5th, the grade 7 students participated in "Tobacco Feud". Hosted by the Public Health Department, the grade 7 classes played in a head to head challenge, answering questions about tobacco use and abuse. Students learned about the laws concerning tobacco use, and its chemical and addictive properties. It was both educational and a lot of fun.



### CPR TRAINING

On January 28, the grade 7 classes participated in CPR training with the help of volunteers from Heart Niagara. They learned how to assist a conscious choking victim as well as an unconscious victim. They also learned the signs of a stroke and a heart attack. At the end of the half day session students received a CPR certification card and a Heart Saver brochure. (Written by Rylie O. and Kassandra O. from 7V)



## ABORIGINAL YOUTH LIAISON

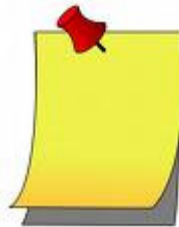
The DSBN is pleased to announce that Kristi Perrett (Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre) will be working within DSBN schools as an Aboriginal Youth Liaison to support Aboriginal students and families. This will enable students, teachers, administrators and parents/caregivers to have a better awareness and access to the numerous community supports available to Aboriginal students. Kristi will also be able to provide culturally appropriate strategies to increase student success. Please note that Kristi is not a Youth Counsellor and will make referrals if/when it is appropriate. Kristi's services can be obtained by contacting the school principal or Kristi can be reached directly at: 905-871-8931 ext 239, by cell 289-228-2339 or by email at [aboriginalliaison@gmail.com](mailto:aboriginalliaison@gmail.com).

## STUDENT PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF

In order to keep our students safe and alleviate parking lot congestion we are asking that parents adhere to the following reminders. Prior to the 8:25am bell, parents are encouraged to drop their children off at the north end of the parking lot where the busses offload (by the grade 7 entry doors). At dismissal, our parking lot is designated **busses only from 2:40- 3:05pm** and thus parents should pick up their children on McMicking Street without blocking the exit.



Please note.....



- The next school council meeting is on **Tuesday, March 23, 2010, at 6:30 pm** in the library. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- **March Break is Monday, March 15 to Friday March 19.** We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday!
- It is very important that parents/guardians call the school to let the office know when a student is going to be absent. Even when the busses are cancelled it is still necessary to let us know. (Please note that when busses are cancelled, they are cancelled for the entire day.) Otherwise we have to try to reach you to confirm where the student is. Please call 905-356-0521 at any time or please email us at [prp@dsbn.edu.on.ca](mailto:prp@dsbn.edu.on.ca) to report your child's absence. Thank you for helping us to keep your children safe.