



Les nouvelles John English News



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Principal's Message

As the school year comes to a close we often take time to reflect on success and achievement. The students can be proud of all that they have learned and the confidence that they have found in themselves. The students new to the school have managed work through the anxiety that comes with all first days and have become active participating members of the school. Those students continuing their time at John English have become mentors to others and leaders within the school. We congratulate all students on their progress this year.

It has been said that, "It takes a village to raise a child." Here at John English our student's success is a direct result of so many people. First and foremost is the parent support that our students receive. Parents help out in so many different ways. Your assistance, by providing a stable and nurturing environment at home and communicating any concerns to the school or classroom teacher, is greatly appreciated. Frequently parents make changes to their schedules so that they can drive students to and from activities, participate in field trips or attend special events at school and other places. We thank you for your support.

We also have an army of volunteers who help with so many different activities in the school. Healthy Bites, Parent Safety Patrol, the Ukulele program, volunteers in the classroom and many more groups benefit from your willingness to volunteer your time. Thank you for making John English a safe and welcoming learning environment.

I would also like to recognize the effort of the teachers here at John English. Throughout the year the teachers have spent time in the classroom providing a quality program for all students. They have highlighted learning goals, success criteria and have modeled what they expect from our students. They frequently give of their time to assist students who need a little extra time to ensure the best learning can happen. Outside of the classroom our teachers offer a tremendous variety of extra-curricular activities. At last count there were over 100 hundred opportunities for students to become involved in what is happening at John English.

Thank you to one and all for contributing to our success. We look forward to another great year beginning September 6, 2011 at 8:45 a.m.

C. Howe
Principal

Celebrating a Career !!

June 2011 will mark the transition to a new period in life for one of our distinguished teachers, Ms. Ablack. She provided so many students with compassion, understanding and wisdom, yet continued to set high expectations for student learning and achievement. We thank Ms. Ablack for her dedication to her students and John English. She could often be found in the family studies room late after school assisting students with sewing projects or putting the finishing touches on their baking. Ms. Ablack will leave many memories at John English. We wish her well in her retirement

2011 – 2012 School Year Calendar

It is important for students to attend school regularly and to avoid disruptions in their learning. When you are planning vacations or trips out of the city please take into account dates of note.

The complete school year calendar is available on the TDSB website and can be found at:

<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/site/ViewItem.asp?siteid=10190&menuid=34153&pageid=29050>

Important Dates

August 30 – TDSB at the CNE
September 6 – School Begins
September 9 – Coffee 'n Chat
September 14 – School Council
September 22 – Curriculum Night
October 17-19, 24-26 – Albion Hills for grade 7 students
October 26 – Class Photos

Fibonacci and Pythagoras Math Contests

Congratulations to the Grade 5 and 6 students who accepted the challenge to write the Fibonacci and Pythagoras Math Contest. This year again, John English students did very well and both grades performed over the Canadian average.

In Grade 5, the winners of the contest are:

- 1st place: Albert Bui and Diandian Dai
- 3rd place Rhys Parker

In Grade 6, John English was on the Canadian list of Honor and ranked 63rd out of 990 schools!

The John English winners are:

- 1st place: Pema Khando
- 2nd place: Luke Kwong
- 3rd place: Marin Janda

Both Pema and Luke were on the students' list of Honour, ranking 63rd and 140th out of a total of 19,800 students.



Track and Field Success

What a year we had. The 2010 – 2011 track and field season saw over 150 athletes from grades 2 – 8 competing from John English JMS. A total of 41 athletes qualified for the conference finals of which 18 went forward to compete in the city finals.

City Finals Highlights:

Madison Khan – Triple Jump – 2nd

Kareem Joe – 400m – 4th

Chanel McLeod – 100m – 3rd

Charlene Fisher-Sousa – Shot Put – 5th

This was the most successful track and field year to date. Congratulations to all of our athletes for their effort and dedication. Thank you to our coaches: Mr. Poyser, Ms. Marcil, Mme Kamnik and Mme. Lauziere.

Are you Moving?

We will be creating the class lists over the next few weeks. If you are moving, please advise the office this week so that we can make the necessary adjustments to our class lists. With the cap sizes for the primary classes, it is even more important that we have very accurate numbers regarding our student enrolment to prepare for September.

If you happen to move during the months of July or August, please take the time to contact the school during the last week of August to inform us of the changes that are

Lost and Found

Over the year we have accumulated many lost items, such as lunch bags, binders and articles of clothing. Our lost and found is located underneath the stairway, at the main doors exiting toward the playground. If you have lost an item, please take the time to look through what we have found. Items that are not claimed will be donated to charity or sent for garbage if they can not be used by others.



Time to Say Goodbye – Staff Changes

The end of the year is often the signal for changes at schools. John English is no different than any others.

Unfortunately, we will be saying good-bye to some teachers who have had a great impact on the lives of our students at John English. Mme. Stacey returns to the life of retirement and Mme Claude-Velan returns to her life in Switzerland. We have been fortunate to have our students benefit from their experience.

We also say good-bye to Mr. Ashton and Mr. Fils-Aime as they will be taking their talents to other schools in the board. We thank Ms. Kim for her energy and dedication the grade 4/5 students. We also say good-bye to Mr. Morris who has been working with our grade 7/8 students.

We wish Mr. Woolford great success at Parklawn Junior Middle School. Mr. Woolford has been instrumental in the daily success at John English. He will be greatly missed by the staff and students.

2011 – 2012 Classes

Parents and students are reminded that class lists will be posted on Friday September 2, 2011 on the front school windows. We thank you for your patience in this matter as it may be necessary to re-organize classes based upon the primary class cap sizes.

!!! QSP Fundraising !!!

The school council will once again be working with QSP to fund raise in 2011-2012. Please wait to renew your magazine subscription as our fundraising will kick off on September 21.