

J.J. O'NEILL CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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November 2011 Newsletter

The Prayer of St. Francis
Lord, make me an instrument of your
peace,
Where there is hatred... let me sow
love,
Where there is injury...pardon,
Where there is doubt...faith,
Where there is despair...hope
Where there is darkness...light,
Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,
grant that I may not so much seek,
To be consoled... as to console,
To be understood...as to understand,
To be loved... as to love,
For it is in giving... that we receive,
It is in pardoning, that we are
pardoned,
It is in dying...that we are born to
eternal life.

Let us always remember those who
fought and continue to fight for
freedom,
as we pray for peace in our world.



LITURGICAL UPDATE

Father Rod will celebrate our Mass on
Thursday, November 17th, at 1:15 p.m. at
St. Patrick's Church. Students from Grades
two to eight will be attending the Mass.
Parents and parishioners are welcome to
join us.

ADVENT CELEBRATION

Please mark your calendar for our Advent
Celebration on December 7th. at 6:30 p.m.
in the school gym.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Grade 7 students will receive
the Sacrament of Confirmation on
Thursday, November 29th at St. Patrick
Church at 7:00 p.m. Students are asked to
be at the church by 6:30 p.m. A reception
will follow in the Parish Hall. Thank you
again to the ladies of the CWL for hosting
the reception.



SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM

Parents are reminded to call
the school if your child is
absent. We have an answering
machine available for you to
leave a message at 613-354-9500, before or
after school hours. Please continue to call
or send a note if your child will be absent
for illness, vacation, tournaments, etc. We
appreciate your support, to ensure the
safety of the students.



J.J. O'NEILL SCHOOL WEBSITE

Please take a minute to check out our
website at <http://schools.alcdsb.on.ca/jjon>.
We continue to update it and add news
items for students and parents.



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NOVEMBER INTERVIEWS

November interviews will follow the same routine as last year. The parent-teacher interviews will be done on a **request basis only**. Throughout the term, teachers have communicated with parents in a number of different ways including phone calls home, notes in agendas, parent/teacher conferences and monthly classroom newsletters to name a few. Parents are always encouraged to contact the teacher if you have any concerns. Report cards will go home on **November 10th**. **Only if you wish to have an interview**, please send a note to the teacher indicating your request for an interview, and the preference of Wednesday, Nov. 16 or Thursday, Nov. 17. An interview will be arranged and the classroom teacher will send home the date and time. Teachers will contact you if they would like to have an interview concerning your child's progress. **Only requested interviews** will take place on **Wed. Nov. 16 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. and Thurs. Nov. 17, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.**

DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING AT THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR:

The Scholastic Book Fair "Futuristic Theme" is coming to our school! **We invite you to share in this celebration of books and reading with us on December 6, 7, 8th**. A Book Fair is about promoting literacy and improving reading skills in a fun and engaging way. Students will visit the Book Fair during class time and can purchase books during the visit. If you are unable to visit the Fair, look over the Book Fair flyer, which will be sent home with your child and use the Student Wish List form to select books. Then simply send it in with the correct amount of money to the school. Drop into the school library on the following times and dates, where you will find books for every person in your family. Don't forget to enter our Family Event Draw. You could win \$50.00 in books - \$25.00 for your family and \$25.00 for your child's classroom.

For every \$10.00 you spend at the Book Fair, up to \$6.00 goes back to our school.

This allows us to purchase needed books and educational resources for our school library.

Book Sale



Book Fair Times and Dates:

Dec. 6 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Dec. 7 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Dec. 8 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

STAFF DONATIONS TO UNITED WAY

Staff at J.J. O'Neill Catholic School are supporting the United Way in their own way. We have Blue Jean Fridays and all staff who participate donate \$25.00 to the United Way, specifically to the The Food Sharing Project. The Food Sharing Project is the program that provides our school and many others in the area with food to feed students when they are hungry. It's a fun way to raise money for a worthwhile cause.



SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

The next council meeting is **November 7th, at 6:00 p.m. in the library**. The Health Unit will be making a presentation. We welcome all parents to join us.

TERRIFIC KIDS FOR OCTOBER

Congratulations to our Terrific Kids for October.



Front: Rhett, Hawley, Adrianna

Middle: Dayan, Liam, Jayna, Heidi, Ryan, Patrick

Back: Jenny, Hailey, Halen, Kaeli, Susie, Kylie, Emily, Mr. Tinline from the Kiwanis Club.



ELF SHOPPING

The annual Christmas Elf Shopping for all primary students will be held on December 12th, & 13th. The primary children shop for their Mom and Dad (step parents or guardians) for \$1.00 each gift. If you have any items to donate, please send them in as soon as possible. Items can be cards, mugs, jewellery, etc. Donations of gift bags, wrap and tape would be greatly appreciated as well. It is so wonderful to see the excitement on the children's faces as they choose their special gifts. All proceeds will go to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Iris Berry will be coordinating this event again this year, however, she would like an assistant coordinator as well as volunteers to help run the event for both days. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Iris at 613-354-1714.

THANKSGIVING WITH THE GRADE FOUR CLASS

We celebrated Thanksgiving with a class liturgy. Students and teachers (Mrs. Hegan, Mme. Adams, and Mrs. Forster) were responsible for different jobs such as readings, songs, prayers, and decorations. Here is one student's perspective of our Thanksgiving celebration.

Our Grade Four Thanksgiving Liturgy October 7, 2011

During the liturgy, we started with a brief introduction and then an opening prayer. Then, we read a parable from the holy Gospel about inviting people to a feast. Next, we sang "Children of the Light". After, we said the Prayers of the Faithful. Then, we handed out the Thanksgiving bags (we wrote positive thankful comments about each other and put them in our own decorated bags to read and enjoy). Next, we sang "Be Not Afraid". Finally, we said the closing prayer.

After, we had the refreshments. I was the head decorator. I brought in fresh produce (gourds, pumpkins, and dried corn) from my garden! I want to do that again in the Christmas Liturgy. I think the comment bags were an excellent idea! I got all the good comments! I wouldn't change the liturgy at all!

By: Gregory Roth



A READER'S JOURNEY

A developing reader's journey begins at birth when babies imitate our speech, play with sounds and sit on our lap to enjoy books with simple pictures. Children move through predictable age-related milestones which include increasing the number of words they are able to understand use, rhyming, matching letters with sounds and making predictions.

With repetition, practice, and support, your child's journey to becoming a reader will be an adventure!

How can you support children's language and reading?

- ✓ Develop a habit of talking and reading from birth to build your child's knowledge.
- ✓ Sing songs and play games.
- ✓ Re-read favourite books.
- ✓ Listen to your child tell stories.
- ✓ Develop a reading routine before bed.
- ✓ Go to the library to find books together.
- ✓ Point to pictures and words as you read.
- ✓ Have fiction and non-fiction books available.
- ✓ Limit screen time to encourage reading.

Provided by: Ontario Early Years Literacy Specialists.

KEEPSAKE NATIVITIES

Last year, primary students created Keepsake Nativities and presented these as gifts following the evening Advent Celebration. This year, Mr. Vella has donated thirty Keepsake Nativities to St. Patrick Parish. On the first weekend of Advent (Nov. 27, 2011), children will begin to create these kits as part of the Children's Liturgy. Then, at Sunday Mass on December 11, Mr. Vella will display his collection of nativities in the Parish Hall along with those made by the children. Father Rod will make a special blessing and a certificate will also be presented. Together, school, family and parish unite during Advent.



November 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 School Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.	8	9	10 Report Cards go home	11 *Remembrance Day (10:45 a.m.) *Author – Eric Walters (pm)	12
13	14	15	16 Requested interviews 4 – 6 p.m.	17 Mass 1:15 at St. Patrick's Church Requested interviews 4-6 p.m	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 P.A. Day	26
27	28	29 Confirmation – Gr. 7 students 7:00 p.m. at St. Pat's Church	30			



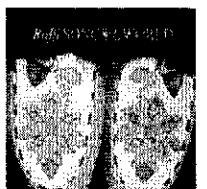
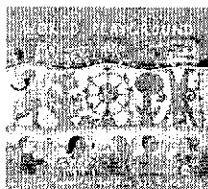
Singing makes language more fun!



Singing slows language down, helping children hear the beginning, middle and end of words. The music makes the words easier to remember, and it's a fun way to make language come alive for you and your child. Using music is a great way to strengthen reading and listening skills.

Sing even if you can't carry a tune!

- ◆ Sing lullabies, nursery rhymes and songs from your own childhood memories.
- ◆ Sing and dance along with a CD, DVD or **You Tube** video
- ◆ Clap hands, stomp feet, gently bounce your child to catch the beat of the words in songs.
- ◆ Let your child move the way the music makes him/her feel.
- ◆ Make up songs about what your child is doing-use a familiar tune with new words (putting on coat, washing hands, brushing teeth etc).
- ◆ Introduce music from different cultures. A few to check out: (All Putamayo CDs are great).

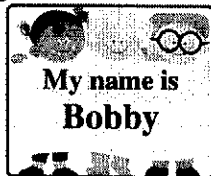


Name Games

Your child's name is special and can be used to motivate him/her to learn new things, including emergent literacy skills.

Your child's name is often the first word they recognize, spell and print.

Name games and songs help children learn sounds in words, alphabet letters, letter-sound connections, and sight words.



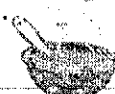
Read all about it! Show your child how important reading is in everyday life. Reading can be more than books! Point out different places that labels, signs and printed words can be found. Talk about how reading helps you find information, relax, learn more, imagine, create, discover and have fun.

Just for fun, this month, point to and read aloud:

- ◆ **labels** and **cooking instructions** on foods you eat. Start with the cereal!
- ◆ the **weather forecast** in the local newspaper, on the computer or TV.
- ◆ the **scores** for your favourite sport's team.
- ◆ **advertisements** on the bus when you use public transit.
- ◆ **street names** and other **signs** when out for a walk.
- ◆ a **menu** or the **placemat** at a restaurant.
- ◆ the school **newsletter** or calendar.
- ◆ a **funny story** from the **newspaper** or share a **comic strip** you enjoy.



Snuggle up with some soup! Invite your child into the kitchen on chilly days to make some warm soup. Reading recipes, using tools and measuring ingredients builds math and literacy skills in a fun and meaningful way. Talk about how food looks, tastes and smells. Notice shapes, sizes, colours. Introduce new vocabulary!



Home



Network

- ◆ Open to all home child care providers (licensed or informal) in Hastings-Prince Edward counties
- ◆ Get together in a friendly social atmosphere to share resources and ideas
- ◆ Free professional development and support
- ◆ Create resources to share with your children
- ◆ We meet the **2nd Wednesday of each month**
- ◆ Next meeting is November 9th!

Time: 6:45-8:00 pm (adults only)

Where: Family Space/OEYC-Belleville

For info and to reserve your seat, contact Donna Kaye

dkaye@familyspace.ca or 613-966-9427 x270

H-H-Highlight

Use a highlighter to print the letters in your child's name. It guides your child as he prints over top with a darker marker or crayon. Smooth, flowing movement is needed to print or write letters as a whole.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Today a reader, tomorrow a leader.</p> <p>-W. Fusselman</p>	<p>1 Let me pick out my favorite book to read. Before we start show me the cover, read the title.</p>	<p>2 Let's do a puzzle together.</p>	<p>3 Put on a puppet show. Make a puppet from a paper lunch bag, a wooden spoon or a sock.</p>	<p>4 Practice making comments instead of always asking me a question... "Your car is going fast, wheee!"</p>	<p>5 Family Game Night</p>	
<p>6 Get out the scrap paper, markers, glue sticks, & scissors to make a craft.</p>	<p>7 Help me make a book using paper folded in half and stapled along the side. I can draw or use photos.</p>	<p>8 When you ask me a question, give me LOTS of time to answer. Be careful not to answer for me!</p>	<p>9 Let's act out my favorite story book. We can dress up and use silly voices.</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 Read this book</p>
<p>13 Let's go outside to play ball games!</p>	<p>14 We should play <i>I Spy</i> and take turns.</p>	<p>15 I can help you make a grocery list.</p>	<p>16 Can I cut out grocery flyer pictures and make them into a book or a placemat? Yummy!</p>	<p>17 I need to scribble before I can learn to write. Scribbles reflect my personality.</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 Read aloud <i>Ish and The Dot</i> by Peter Reynolds</p>
<p>20 We should go for a walk in the woods. Bring the camera!</p>	<p>21 Sing songs and say rhymes to your baby like <i>This Little Piggy Went to Market</i></p>	<p>22 Tell me a story and then I can draw a picture</p>	<p>23 I need more cutting practice. We can use old cards, magazines or flyers.</p>	<p>24 Help me practice putting on my winter clothing. Sing "This is the way we put on our coat..."</p>	<p>25 Go to the library and help me find a book to teach me something new, like a non-fiction book about zoo animals.</p>	<p>26 I need a flashlight so I can read under my covers before bed!</p>
<p>27 Help me learn my telephone number</p>	<p>28 Play Simon Says to help me get ready for bed. "Simon says pull off your socks", "Simon says pick out a book".</p>	<p>29 Put on some music and we can listen and dance together.</p>	<p>30 Keep reading fun for everyone. Ask me questions and let me fill in the blanks. Maybe I can tell the story a different way</p>	<p>Find some quiet time to relax, reflect and enjoy each other's company this month.</p>	<p>LET'S TALK LITERACY</p>	<p>LET'S TALK LITERACY</p>

Healthy Schools Calendar

September 2011

Breakfast for Learning Month
www.breakfastforlearning.ca

AIDS Walk for Life
 (September 17 to 25)
www.aidswalkforlife.ca/Home.htm

Terry Fox Run (September 18)
www.terryfoxrun.org/english/home/default.asp

Terry Fox National School Run
 (September 28)
www.terryfoxrun.org/english/home/default.asp

October 2011

International Walk to School Month
www.iwalktoschool.org

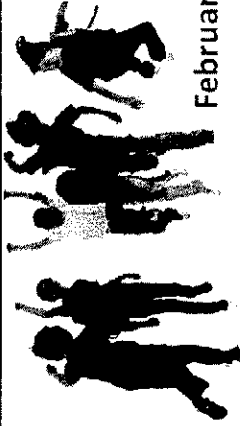
Fire Prevention Week (October 9 to 16)
www.firecan.ca

iwalk Week (October 3 to 7)
www.saferoutestoschool.ca

iwalk Day (October 5)
www.saferoutestoschool.ca

World Mental Health Day (October 10)
www.who.int

National School Safety Week
 (October 17 to 23)
www.safety-council.org



November 2011

Diabetes Month
www.diabetes.ca

Bullying Awareness Week
 (November 13 to 19)
www.bullying.org

Drug Awareness Week
 (November 20 to 26)
www.odap.org

December 2011

World AIDS Day (December 1)
www.cdnaids.ca

National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women in Canada (December 6)
<http://www.swc-cfc.gc.ca/dates/vaw-vff/index-eng.html>

January 2012

National Non-Smoking Week
 (January 15 to 21)
www.nnsw.ca

Wearless Wednesday (January 17)
www.nnsw.ca

Family Literacy Day (January 27)
www.abclife.literacy.ca



February 2012

National Heart Month
www.heartandstroke.ca

Eating Disorders Awareness Week
 (February 5 to 11)
www.nedic.ca

March 2012

Nutrition Month
www.dietitians.ca
www.milk.org



World Water Day (March 22)
www.worldwaterday.org

April 2012

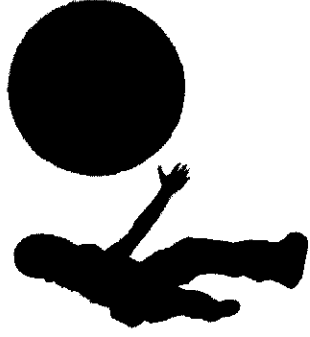
National Oral Health Month
www.cda-adc.ca

National Cancer Month
www.cancer.ca

World Health Day (April 7)
www.who.int/world-health-day/en/

Earth Day (April 22)
www.earthday.ca

National Immunization Awareness Week (April 21 to 28)
www.immunize.cpha.ca



May 2012

Speech and Hearing Awareness Month
www.casipa.ca

Children's Mental Health Week
 (May 6 to 12)
www.kidsmentalhealth.ca

Safe Kids Week
 (May 28 - June 3)
www.safekidscanada.ca

World No Tobacco Day (May 31)
www.cctc.ca

June 2012

Clean Air Day (June 6)
www.cleanairday.com

Canadian Environment Week
 (June 3 to 9)
www.ec.gc.ca

National Sun Awareness Week
 (June 4 to 10)
www.dermatology.ca