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Peel Board Seeks Community Input on the Future of Instructional Technology

In our *Report Card for Student Success*, the Peel board's strategic plan, a key goal is effective use of technology. One of our projects in that goal is a review of instructional technology—a look at how we use technology to support and engage students, and help each student achieve to the best of his or her ability.

This review is an opportunity for us to look at what and how technology can make a difference for students in the years ahead, and what actions we need to take to fulfill that vision.

In an effort to get as much input as possible, we invite you to provide your input online at: <http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22BL7EFNSX5>. If the link does not open directly from your email, please copy the link and paste it into a new browser window. The anonymous survey will take approximately 25 minutes or less to complete. Please provide your input by **Jan 5, 2011**.

Together, we will develop, and deliver, on a powerful vision for technology to support teaching and learning—one that will engage our students, and make a strong impact on student success.

Each Class at Clifton will be undertaking a **SOCIAL ACTION PROJECT** this year and leaving a symbolic representation of it on our Nobody Doll. Our Nobody Doll will slowly become a Somebody—watch it take shape and read about some of the great projects we will be doing.



The Grade 5 students drafted up responsibility contracts that they promised to fulfill at home and at school. They added gloves to Nobody to symbolize their helping hands...

Who is Nobody?



TO ALL PARENTS **WE NEED YOUR INPUT!**

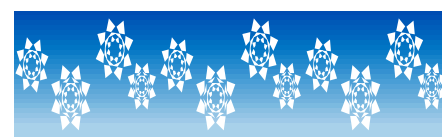
We are asking all parents to complete a survey to let us know what you think!

Go to: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CliftonParentSurvey>

Thank you so much.
We value your input.

Important Dates:

- ☺ **January 3rd:** Back to school
- ☺ **January 5th:** Pizza Day
- ☺ **January 12th:** Pizza Day
- ☺ **January 14th:** No School ~ PA Day
- ☺ **January 20th:** EQAO
Information Night
- ☺ **January 20th:** School Council Meeting
- ☺ **January 27th:** Kindergarten Interviews AM & PM



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Popcorn Day Pizza Days

Fundraising Bags



Pop corn day has been a huge success so far this year. Thank you to everyone for your support.

However, starting in the new year, there will be a different item for sale that will satisfy your snack attack. Stay tuned!

Pizza lunches occur every Wednesday. Pizza slices are delivered to each classroom at the start of the lunch hour.



\$2.00 per

your child to eat.

Example: Friday, December 3rd for the Wednesday, December 8th pizza day.

Orders must be submitted by the Friday morning BEFORE the pizza day you wish

NOW IN THEATRES

In Ms. Hirst's Language class, the students just finished a very exciting project... MOVIE POSTERS! The project was to design a movie poster in which the students were the main characters. The posters included a producer, director, characters, rating, catchy heading and pose.

The students also had to write a brief description of the plot, genre, and setting. When the pictures were done being taken, they were downloaded onto the computer so some students could add a backdrop text, special effects and much more. After Ms. Hirst showed us the posters, the students had to act out a scene from the movie. This was a very fun and exciting project. We would like to thank Mrs. Currie for helping us with this project.

So, we hope you will buy some tickets and watch our movies.

By: Eliana and Aisha

Ms. Hirst & Mr. Raymond's class.

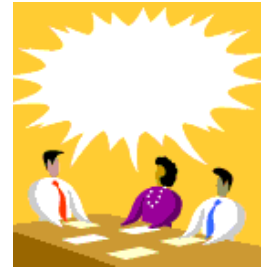


SCHOOL COUNCIL

MEETING

Thank you to all those parents who made it to our last School Council Meeting.

Our next school council meeting will occur on January 20th, 2011. See you then!



Parking

Just a reminder that it is illegal to park in the lane ways, or in front of the garbage bin.

Please be aware of the "no parking" signs as you may be subject to a ticket or towing if you park illegally.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Junior Games Club



Some students in grades 4 and 5 have been participating in the Junior Games Club during lunch. We have been playing 'Dodgeball'. The four leagues have been earning points for participation and team work. Well done everyone!

Parent Info Sessions

On November 24th, 2010 we had 35 parents come out to discuss the new Provincial Progress Reports. It was an informative session with many good questions from parents. It was immediately followed by the Parent Council Meeting.

There will be an E.Q.A.O Information night on January 20th, 2011. All parents are welcome to attend, but the information will be most important to those who have children in grade 3. Looking forward to seeing you there!

You got caught!



Congratulations to the following students who were **caught** more than 3 times doing a **good deed** by our Clifton Student Detectives!

Hitakshi, Shymaa, Eliana, Gheerthika ~ Grade 5

&

Marge and Dijana ~ Grade 1



Save the Dates!

The grade 3, 4, and 5 students will once again be skating at Cawthra Arena. This year, they will go on either February 3, 10, 17, or 24th.

Plan ahead with the 2010-2011 elementary school year calendar

Last day of classes for elementary students: June 30, 2011

School holidays



Family Day: February 21, 2011

Spring Break (inclusive): March 14 - March 18, 2011

Good Friday: April 22, 2011

Easter Monday: April 25, 2011

Victoria Day: May 23, 2011

Elementary professional activity days

Report Card Writing/Assessment Day: January 14, 2011

Professional Learning Day: May 9, 2011

Report Card Writing/Assessment Day: June 6, 2011

Character Education

We have focused on
Responsibility
this month at Clifton.

We are showing Responsibility
when we:

- Set goals, stay focused and stick with the task until completed
- Do our share of the work
- Recognize and learn from our mistakes
- Follow through with our commitments
- Demonstrate initiative and perseverance in overcoming difficulties

Kiss and Ride

Please do not park your car in the kiss and ride lane. It is a fire route and you can be tagged and/or towed. If you must stop or get out of the car for any reason, please find a parking spot on the street.

Please wait for the car in front of you to leave before you do. Do not over-take cars in the kiss and ride. This is for the safety of the children, parents, and vehicles, as well as considered common courtesy.



When your child is absent Please Call Us!

At 905-277-2611

Closing schools because of bad weather

During the winter months, we may need to cancel buses or close schools because of bad weather.

The board decides by 6:45 a.m. whether to cancel buses or close schools. To find out if busing is cancelled or schools closed, visit www.peelschools.org or call 905-890-1010 or 1-800-668-1146. You will receive one of the following messages:

Peel District School Board buses are cancelled. Schools remain open for students and staff, but buses are cancelled. Buses will remain cancelled all day. All activities that require busing will also be cancelled. Permits, night school classes, daycare and other activities in schools will operate as usual.

All Peel District School Board schools and board offices are closed. Due to weather conditions, schools and board offices are closed to students and staff. All activities in schools and board offices are also cancelled, including daycare, night school and permits.

All evening programs and permits at the Peel District School Board are cancelled. Due to weather conditions, all activities in schools and board offices are cancelled, including continuing education courses and events. The buildings will be closed.

All weekend programs and permits at the Peel District School Board are cancelled. Due to weather conditions, all activities in schools and board offices are cancelled, including continuing education courses and events. The buildings will be closed.

S.T.A.R Reader

We're very proud of the S.T.A.R. readers at Clifton P.S. S.T.A.R. stands for **Sit Together And Read**. Each month, Grades 1 to 5 students are asked to set "at home" reading goals and share these reading experiences with their parents/guardians. At the end of the month, results are tallied and those students who have achieved their goal receive a certificate and have group photos displayed on the bulletin board by the computer lab. We invite you to join your child in celebrating the S.T.A.R. experience!

Kindergarten P.I.E. (Parent Involvement as Educator)

When teachers and parents work together, students do better at school. Mrs. Khawaja, our settlement worker, and Mrs. Chow, our Early Literacy Teacher, work together to organize fun, learning activities for families.

Kindergarten PIE hopes to return in

the Spring. It is for all families with children 6 years old and younger.

They get together to listen to stories, sing and dance, exercise to music, make things to take home, and play games with friends.

Have a great winter!



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Help your family prepare for cold weather

Canada Safety Council recommends the following tips for staying comfortable and preventing hypothermia when working or playing outdoors:

- Wear a warm hat—most body heat is lost through the head. Children should keep an extra hat at school.
- Wear layered clothing. Layers allow warm air to stay trapped around the body.
- Protect your feet and hands. Wear loose waterproof boots. If the boots have liners, carry an extra pair to replace damp ones or take an extra pair of socks. Mittens are warmer than gloves. Carry an extra pair of mittens to school, on outings, etc.
- Prevent dehydration and exhaustion, which can lead to hypothermia. Drink plenty of fluids and pace yourself when doing vigorous activities.
- Stay fit by exercising and eating well—people who are fit are less susceptible to hypothermia.
- If you stay indoors, avoid moving from a hot environment to a cold one. Excessive sweating caused from an extreme change in temperature increases the risk of developing hypothermia.



**THIS DOCUMENT IS IMPORTANT.
PLEASE HAVE IT TRANSLATED.**

ARABIC

هذه الوثيقة مهمة. يرجى ترجمتها

FARSI/PERSIAN

این مدرک مهمی است. لطفاً آنرا ترجمه کنید.

GUJARATI

આ માહિતીઓ મહત્વની છે.
મહેરબાની કરીને તેનું ભાષાંતર કરાવશો.

HINDI

यह सूचनापत्र महत्वपूर्ण है।
कृपया इसका अनुवाद करा लें।

PUNJABI

ਇਹ ਪੱਤਰ ਬਹੁਤ ਹੀ ਜ਼ਰੂਰੀ ਹੈ।
ਇਸ ਲਈ ਇਸ ਦਾ ਕਿਸੇ ਤੋਂ ਤਰਜਮਾ ਕਰਵਾ ਲਿਓ।

VIETNAMESE

Tài liệu này rất quan trọng.
Xin vui lòng nhờ người nào đó dịch ra.

URDU

یہ دستاویز اہم ہے۔
برائے مہربانی اسکا ترجمہ کرائیں۔

Добро пожаловать
BIENVENUE
MABUHAY
WELCOME
स्वागत
BEM-VINDOS
خوش آمدید
WILLKOMMEN
MŌC SE CHUỆT
WITAJCIE
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