

NORTH QUEENS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Mar 10	Absolute Presentation Grades 7-12
Mar 11	Term 2 Reports (Elem/Junior High)
Mar 12	Last Day before Spring Break
Mar 15-19	Spring Break
Mar 22	First Day Back After Break
Mar 24-25	Chris Kennedy Visits (Drummer)
Mar 27	Regional Science Fair
Mar 31	Parent Teacher Interviews
April 1	PD Day (No School)
April 2	Good Friday (No School)
April 5	Easter Monday (No School)

Flat Stanley

The grade 2/3 class has embarked on an exciting project! The students have read the novel, Flat Stanley, by Jeff Brown, and have initiated writing friendly letters to family relatives and friends throughout our country and abroad. (Flat Stanley is a character in a book who is flattened because a bulletin board falls on him. As a result of this accident, he is now as flat as a pancake and can be mailed anywhere; he can partake in many travel adventures!)

The students made their own version of Flat Stanley, placed him in a large envelop and mailed

him out to relatives and friends a few weeks ago. These generous relatives and friends were asked to pose, with Stanley, somewhere in any community. They were then asked to return these photos to our school describing Stanley's adventure. To date, Stanley has visited communities in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, even British Columbia! We even have a photo of Stanley standing on a GOLD podium at an Olympics site. If you are in the school, pop in to our classroom and check out some of Stanley's adventures; this project is ongoing and takes weeks, even months, to complete. The students are thrilled! Mrs. Deighton and the grade 2/3 class.

The Evergreen Project

The Evergreen Project is a project of the Child and Youth Advisory Council of the Mental Health Commission of Canada. It develops strategies and actions to improve mental health care, promote mental health and maximize the potential of every infant, child and youth living in Canada. Evergreen is asking for public input through an online survey. More information on Evergreen is available at: <http://teenmentalhealth.org/> The survey is available at: <https://surveys.dal.ca/opinio/s?s=7808>

Do Djembe Workshops

Chris Kennedy of the Goatworks will be coming to North Queens to do djembe workshops with students from grades 2-12 on March 24 and March 25.

Lifeguard Training Opportunity

Nova Scotia Recreation is offering a three week lifeguarding course at Dalhousie University. More information can be found at:

<http://www.recreationns.ns.ca/node/3001>

ACYL Youth Leadership

ACYL Youth Leadership is a program for youth aged 14- 18 in Atlantic Canada. They are holding two Youth Seminar Camps this spring. One will be held at Canoe Cove, PEI from April 15-18 and the other at Camp Wildwood, New Brunswick from May 13-16. More information may be found at: <http://www.acyl.coop/> or by contacting Trevor MacDougall at (506) 862-0737.

Important Dates for Next Year (2010-11)

September 3rd -First day of school for students

October 21st – PD day (No School)

October 22nd – NSTU Conference Day (No School)

November 26th – PD Day (No School)

December 17th – Last Day before Christmas Break

January 4th (Tues) First Day back after Christmas Break

March 14th-18th – March Break

April 8th – PD Day (No School)

June 30th – Last Day of School

4-Leaf Clover News by Hayley Frail

The last 4-H meeting was held on February 10th. The meeting was called to order by reciting the 4-H pledge. Minutes of the last meeting and the treasurer's report were read and passed.

Submissions for the highway signs came from Cullen Carver, Hayley Frail and Breagh Lane, with Breagh's design winning the competition. (She got a nice skateboard for her efforts). Plans were made to go to Ski Martock on February 28th, but because of poor weather conditions we have rescheduled for Sunday, March 7th. We need to meet at Martock by 9:45 am for a 10:00 start. If you have any questions, contact Karen (682-3223) or Judy (682-2400). A special meeting to introduce new members to public speaking and demonstrations was scheduled for February 17th but had to be changed to February 23rd due to a snow storm. Most projects have already begun or are soon ready to. If you had not

had a meeting yet your leader will be in contact with you in the near future to set a time and place. Chocolate bars will be here in March. You need to know what you are doing for 4-H Rally by the next meeting. (Speech, Demo, Introducer, or Thanker). Important dates to remember: March 29th and 30th – Club Rally; April 10th – County Rally; April 24th – Regional Rally (We are hosting this year). Don't forget the next meeting, which will be on March 10th at 6:30 in the school cafeteria. See you there!

Premier's Power of Positive Change Awards

The boys in pink, David Shepherd and Travis Price, took action with a simple gesture and made a big difference in their school community and beyond.

In honor of their efforts to stand up against bullying, the Premier's Power of Positive Change Award will recognize students in grades Primary to 12 who are making a positive difference in their schools, their communities and their province. There are few things in the world more powerful or more life-changing than a good deed. This award will recognize students from around the province who are going the extra mile to make a positive change. The award will be presented in the form of \$2000 bursaries, to be used for post-secondary educational opportunities. Up to ten awards will be given to Nova Scotia students annually. To be eligible, nominees must demonstrate leadership by organizing a school or community activity or show exemplary conduct in promoting positive change. Successful candidates will be presented with their award at a reception hosted by the Premier and the Minister of Education in June. Criteria for the Power of Positive Change Awards, additional information, and forms are available online by going to powerofpositivechange.ca.

Go Spartan Go

Good luck to the North Queens Spartan Boy's and Girl's Basketball teams who are currently participating in the Division 4 Provincial Basketball Championships. The Girls are competing in Baddeck and the boys are in Lockport. We wish them much success.