

Palmer Rapids Public School



MARCH 2018



Message from the Principal.....

March already! It seems the year is flying by!

This past month we were able to run our skating program. It's simply amazing to see the progress our skaters make over the course of the week. A special thank you to all the parent volunteers who came out to support this wonderful initiative, and to the BLR Township, that make this amazing physical education program possible. An extra big shout out to Jordan Genrick!!

This past month we hosted the Primary Cosom Hockey Tournament. Palmer Rapids was well represented with amazing student athletes and outstanding sportsmanship! Way to go. A special thank you to all teaching staff involved in this endeavour, as well as the Parent Volunteers that ran an amazing canteen – raising plenty of money for the school!

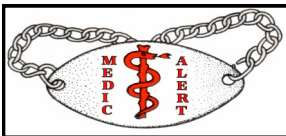
Unfortunately, due to a semi snow day, we had to cancel the Junior Floor Hockey Tournament, however it has been re-scheduled for March 2nd, and an amazing team of volunteers is already in place for the day.

Report cards went home on February 22nd, since the 21st was a snow day! A reminder to parents that the parent comment and signature section should be sent back to the school as soon as possible. Encourage your children to make their own comments about their learning as well. As always, should you need to speak to your child's teacher, I encourage you to contact them directly to arrange accordingly.

Wishing all students a safe and happy March Break!

Your Partner In Education

Jude Kelley



SEVERE ALLERGY ALERT—Anaphylaxis

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PRPS prides itself in ensuring the safety of all students. Several individuals in our school have **life-threatening allergies to peanuts and tree nuts**. We request that these foods be avoided in all common areas of the school (e.g gym, library, etc.) Please keep this in mind when packing your child's snacks and lunches. If your child is in an identified classroom, you will receive a separate notice.

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Please join me in welcoming Brenda Recoskie to the Palmer Rapids Team. Brenda will be replacing Mr. Welk, as he begins his next new set of adventures! Welcome Brenda!

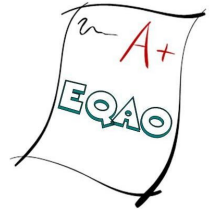
EQAO Date Reminders....May 22nd to June 4th

The Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) tests students' skills in reading, writing and mathematics at key points in their elementary-school education.

Elementary Students are tested twice: at the end of Grade 3, to assess what they've learned throughout the Primary Division (Grades 1–3) and at the end of Grade 6, to assess what they've learned throughout the Junior Division (Grades 4–6).

Ontario's Education Quality and Accountability Act states that all students in publicly funded schools must participate in these tests. Students don't need to study for the test—we just ask them to demonstrate what they already know.

If you have a child that is writing the test this year, we ask that you please make every attempt to schedule any appointments around those dates to ensure 100% attendance during the testing time. Thanks in advance for your co-operation on this matter.



Canteen Volunteers

As you know, throughout the school year, we run various inter school sporting events. In addition to hosting the tournaments, we capitalize on the opportunity to raise funds through a school canteen. The canteen is run by parent volunteers. It typically takes 5 to 6 parents to run a canteen smoothly. Having said that, we thought that it may be helpful for parents to be able to know in advance the tentative dates that events are scheduled to occur. Of course, these dates can be impacted by busing cancellations, rain, or other conflicts that may arise. The events remaining for the year are:

Friday March 2nd - Junior Floor Hockey

Friday May 4th - Gray Matter

Thursday May 10th - Junior Soccer

Friday June 15th - Primary TBall



Parent Council

Our next Parent Council Meeting is on **Tuesday, March 6th** from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the school. Everyone is welcome!



Canteen Thanks!

A huge thank you goes out to Ms. Donita Hartwick for organizing and working our February canteens. Also a big thank you to the team of parents that volunteered in staffing them - Ms. Tanya MacGregor, Ms. Margaret Weichenthal, Ms. Lori Phanenhour, Ms. Betty Musclow, Ms. Jennifer Juhasz, Ms. Heather Faraday, and Ms. Amie Genrick. It truly takes a village, and we couldn't have done it without you!



Little Caesars Pizza Campaign

Thank you for supporting the Grade 7's and 8's in their end of year fundraising efforts! This time around, the campaign raised \$530.00.

Pizza Pizza Pickup

A great big thank you goes out to Ms. Linda Madigan, Ms. Alicia Stein, and Mr. Boyd Keller, for picking up Pizza during the month of February. Also, a HUGE THANK YOU to Heather Faraday and Boyd Keller for paying for the February 22nd pizza (this means all funds collected for today's order go directly to the Grade 7/8 overnight trip). Our little people thank you for your time. It takes a village!!!



Madawaska Valley Public Library Programs

Forest of Reading: The Forests Silver Birch program is for students in grades 3 - 6. There are 10 non-fiction and 10 fiction books in the Silver Birch program. Read at least 5 from each category and you can vote for the book you think should win the Silver Birch Award for 2018. This is a province wide program so you will be voting with students across Ontario. Hurry, voting will take place in April. Participation in the program makes your school eligible to win a set of Silver Birch Books.

March Break Programs

Pysanky Workshop: Tuesday, March 13th from 10:00 - 11:30 am. Cost \$15. Decorate your own Easter egg using the batik method of wax resist dyeing. The workshop is open to all ages but young children will need a parent present as we are using candles and hot wax. Participants must register. Limited space.

Slam Poetry: Free program - Thursday, March 15th from 1:00 - 2:00 pm for youth 12 & older. This one hour interactive workshop explores the relationship between creative writing, rhythm, and finding the courage to read poetry in your own voice. Students will discuss their favourite poets & lyricists, as well as read their own work in front of the group. The workshop will be facilitated by slam poet veteran, James DiFiore.

The Opeongo Podcast Players

Live spoken word performance events that feature local talent and classic stories for the whole family.

Tuesday, March 13th at 2:00 pm - Children's Performance

Wednesday, March 14th at 2:00 pm - Teen / Adult Performance

Saturday, March 17th at 2:00 pm - Full Show / Children, Teen, Adult

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 🍲	2 Junior Floor Hockey	3
4	5 🍲 Curling Grade 8 Little Casear's Pick up 2:30	6 🍲 Curling Grade 6/7 Parent Council 6:00 pm	7 🎵 Pizza Day	8 🍲 Spirit Day Wear Green	9 HOLIDAY MARCH BREAK BEGINS	10
11 CLOCKS GO AHEAD	12	13	14	15	16	17
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18	19	20 Grad Photos SK/GR8 Booster 3-4:30	21 🍲 Pizza Day	22 Booster 3-4:30	23 🍲	24
25	26 🎵	27 🍲 Envelopes Due Booster 3-4:30	28 🍲 Pizza Day Booster 3-4:30	29 SPIRIT DAY Paint your Face	30 Good Friday	

PIZZA DAYS IN APRIL= 3 MILK DAYS IN APRIL= 19



We have read the March newsletter!

Name of Student(s) _____

Parent's Signature _____