

March Newsletter

Adam Beck JR PS

Principal's Message:

Spring is in the air with many extracurricular activities beginning in the month of April: Kid Literacy Club (Grade 4), Primary/Junior Choir, Grade 1 Music Club, Swim Team (Grade 4-6), Badminton team (Grade 4-6), Boys/Girls Soccer (Grade 5/6) and Ultimate Frisbee (Co-Ed Grade 5/6) and Track & Field (Grade 4 – 6). We wish all the participants all the best on a successful season and participation in their respectful activity.

Our Grade 5 & 6's were able to visit Skyloft Ski Resort for the annual ski trip. A special thanks goes out to Mr. Bines for organizing and planning a successful Grade 5 & 6 Ski trip to Skyloft and all the teacher and parent volunteers for their help.

Please go to the Adam Beck website for more information.

As you read this newsletter you will realize that April is a very busy month with many worthwhile activities and special days. We have many "Earth Week" activities planned for students, we have Night on the Beach planned for adults and in between, we have many colourful days of awareness like "World Autism Awareness Day" as well as the International Day of Pink.

Cheers

K. Yee



Kid's Lit Club

A new club started after March Break at Adam Beck. Our *Kids' Lit Club* is made of keen readers from Grade 4 who will meet each week to explore literary genres such as folk tales, fairy tales, fiction, graphic novels, comic books, picture books and much more. Each week's meeting features a fun quiz, turning reading into a sport!

Kids' Lit is an international literature competition. Every year, over 1,000 schools compete in Canada, USA, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, South Africa, and the United Kingdom. Adam Beck brought 3 teams to the competition this year and finished in the top 20 out of 120 schools. This is was a great achievement for our rookie team, as many of the schools had teams of experienced grade 7 and 8 students. This year's team members are acting as mentors to the grade 4 students who will have a chance to try out for next year's team in the fall.

Welcome to the sport of reading!

S. Zorzit

Toronto Blue Jay Opening Day

Welcome Back Everyone, it is opening day for the Toronto Blue Jays on Thursday March 29th, we are going to make next Thursday "Toronto Blue Jay Day" at Adam Beck so students can wear their Blue Jay apparel on that day or blue and white.

International Day of Pink

On April 11 we celebrate The International Day of Pink. A day of action, born when a youth in a high school in Cambridge, Nova Scotia was bullied because he wore a pink shirt to school. His fellow students decided to stand up to bullying; and hundreds of students came to school wearing pink to show support for diversity and stopping discrimination, gender-based bullying, homophobia and transphobia.

Our students and staff will be wearing pink in support of diversity, and will be participating in events and activities that will engage our community to challenge gender stereotypes.

The International Day of Pink is more than just a symbol of a shared belief in celebrating diversity - it's also a commitment to being open minded, to being understanding of differences and to learning to respect each other.



School Council Fundraising Updates for this school year!

Did you know that because of the hard work of School Council, School Council committees and the generosity of Adam Beck parents participating in fundraising events, Adam Beck School and the students have benefited from gaining the following which has been paid for by School Council:

- 5 Interactive Wall Mount Whiteboards
- 5 Laptops
- 5 Mini Ipads
- 3 Computers
- 1 Scientist in the School classroom program for each class
- Jungle Gym Program (Physical Education Program)
- School Garden
- Read-A-Thon – Prizes for individuals and classrooms
- Kindergarten Special Projects
- Numerous Visiting Artists ranging from Visual Artists in the classrooms to school wide performances

Your children are benefitting from all the above thanks to your generosity with many events including the following:

Monsterbash
Night on the Beach
June Fest (A.K.A. Mayfair)

The committee members who organize these events are a few very hardworking people who commit significant hours for the benefits of our students. Please join me in recognizing their efforts and thanking them!

Night on the Beach: April 20th, 7:30 pm Balmy Beach Club

Just a reminder to get your tickets to Night on the Beach! Make sure to arrive early this year! We have lots of fun activities added including a photo booth, games and of course the silent auction and wine raffle.

Tickets are limited, so be sure to order them soon at www.munchalunch.com. We are also looking for volunteers to help with the event. You can sign up for this on munchalunch as well. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Jennifer Starr, Night on the Beach Chair at jennstarr36@hotmail.com.

A HUGE thanks to our Platinum Sponsor, Sean Starr, Royal LePage Real Estate Broker, for sponsoring the event once again this year. This sponsorship goes a long way in helping us pull off the event.

Can't wait to see you all there....lets make this the most successful year yet!



Graduation Pictures



SMILE!!!!!!

Grade 6 students are reminded to dress up and put on a big smile for Graduation Picture Day which will occur on **Wednesday April 19th**.

Adam Beck Earth Month 2018

RECYCLED ART SCULPTURE COMPETITION: DUE APRIL 23

Use your artistic environmental talents to create a sculpture out of recycled materials from your bluebox! Prizes will be awarded as follows:

Primary –1 prize for the most detailed sculpture, 1 prize for the funniest sculpture, 1 prize for the most useful sculpture.

Junior- 1 prize for the most detailed sculpture, 1 prize for the funniest sculpture, 1 prize for the most useful sculpture.

There will be prizes awarded for individuals and groups (no more than 4 students) in the categories listed above.

All sculptures must be free-standing and able to fit on a desk top and must have included the form **below** with the following information: explain how it was made, the name of the sculpture and the artist & room #, the category for prize competition. All sculptures must be brought to the table across from the office on APRIL 23.

PRIMARY ONLY BAKE SALE FOR ENDANGERED ANIMALS: APRIL 10 Please bring PEANUT FREE ITEMS ONLY to the office before school. Bake sale at morning and afternoon recess (while quantities last)

ECO-BUTTON SALE FOR RHINOS & ELEPHANTS: April 12 Buy your button template for \$1 at both recesses, decorate it at home and return to your teacher by April 18. The eco team will turn your artwork into your very own button.

JUNIOR & KINDIE ONLY BAKE SALE FOR ENDANGERED ANIMALS: APRIL 17. Please bring PEANUT FREE ITEMS ONLY to the office before school. Bake sale at morning and afternoon recess (while quantities last)

FAMILY ECO-FOOTPRINT CHALLENGE: DUE APRIL 24 The Eco team is challenging our families to take the EarthDay Eco-Foot Print challenge. Login in to the Earthday Canada site here to see how well your family is doing to reduce their footprint on the environment. Then email us at Adambeckecoclub@gmail.com 2 things: How many worlds you scored and which area of your family's life has the highest %, Food, Shelter, Mobility, Goods, or Services by April 24. The Eco club will graph the results for the next newsletter.

<http://www.earthday.org/take-action/footprint-calculator/>

Re-used Book Sale: APRIL 25 – Drop off books to your class by April 24

APRIL 26: School grounds & neighborhood clean-up.

APRIL 27 ECO-SHIRT OR HAT DAY Wear hats that have an Earth Week theme like animals, outdoor sports etc. or add some Earth Week decorations to your hat. There will be one winner for best Eco decorations from each class.



EARTH WEEK RECYCLED MATERIAL ART SCULPTURE COMPETITION
ENTRY FORM

Name of student(s) _____

Grade and room number _____

NAME OF SCULPTURE _____

PRIZE CATEGORY (circle ONE category to compete in)

Primary –1 prize for the most detailed sculpture, 1 prize for the funniest sculpture, 1 prize for the most useful sculpture.

Junior- 1 prize for the most detailed sculpture, 1 prize for the funniest sculpture, 1 prize for the most useful sculpture.

In the next few lines explain in writing how you made your sculpture. Be sure to include the materials you used and the steps to make your sculpture.



Important Dates:

March 30th: Good Friday (School Closed)

April 1st: Easter

April 2nd: Easter Monday (School Closed) & World

Autism Awareness Day

April 10th: Pediculosis (Lice Check)

April 11th: International Day of Pink

April 13th: Movie Night

April 16th & 20th: Jungle Gym (The gym will be set up with climbing apparatus for the week)

April 18th: Pizza Lunch

April 19th: Grade 6 Graduation Photo & School Council Meeting – 6:30 pm

April 20th: Night on The Beach (Balmy Beach Club)

April 22nd – 28th: Earth Week

April 25th – 27th: Grade 6 Ottawa Trip

April 27th: Rendez-Vous Café & Eco-Shirt/Hat Day