



# OUR **Maywood Mad Dogs** MOTTO :

TREAT EACH OTHER HOW YOU  
WOULD WANT TO BE TREATED

## February News



### Principal's Message from Mr. G. Osmond

Welcome to another month at Maywood!

#### Report Cards

On February 9th our Term 1 Report Cards will be sent home with all students in Kindergarten to Grade Six. We encourage you to discuss the report card with your child and complete and return the attached "Response Form". There are no scheduled interviews associated with this report card, however, your child's teacher may contact you seeking an appointment or you may wish to arrange one yourself.

#### We are Counting Down to Kindergarten!

Children who will be four years of age or older by December 31 are eligible to enroll in Kindergarten starting September 2012.



Going to school for the first time is a major step for children and their parents. At the DSNB, families start that journey together at the 'Kindergarten

Countdown' open houses. Families can visit our school, meet the kindergarten teacher, and receive a gift bag filled with fun learning resources and information that will help children develop school readiness skills.

**If you were unable to make the open house?** No problem! Call the school at 905-685-8451 and we would be happy to set up an appointment to register your child, or you can visit [www.dsnb.org](http://www.dsnb.org) and click on "Kindergarten Registration" for all the details!

#### Character Trait

The Character Trait for February is "Perseverance."

*"We demonstrate the effort and determination to complete a task to the best of our ability and to stick to that task even when it is difficult."*

**January's Student of the Month** winners for "Optimism" are:

- Ms. Palcso-am – Bana A. and Bailee K.
- Ms. Rickerby – Victoria I. and Keegan M.
- Mrs. Rossi – Asia A. and Mikayla W.
- Ms. Doan – Tristan K. and Hannah B.
- Ms. Warkentin – Richard H. and Dana A.
- Mrs. Miles/Mr. Schram – Sabiq M. and Morgan S.
- Mrs. Etherington – Ethan T. and Nathan T.
- Mr. Taylor – Cassidy S. and Abu K.



#### Early Release Day and Family Day

Friday, February 17, 2012 will be an Early Release Day. Students will be released at 11:50 am. on this day. Monday, February 20, 2012 is a Holiday (**Family Day**), therefore the school will be closed.



## ***It's All About Family***

**Family Day Free Skate! -Monday, February 20th, 2012**

Sponsored by Family and Children's Services Niagara



**Lace up! Come out and have some fun!**

**Celebrate Family Day with some fun family time!**

**Free Skate time sponsored by**

**FACS will be offered at the following locations and times:**

*\*free skate and helmet rentals at Niagara Falls only*

**Fort Erie Leisureplex 2:00 pm –3:30 pm**

**Grimsby Peach King Arena 1:00 pm –4:00 pm**

**St. Catharines Seymour-Hannah 4 Pad-9:45 am – 11:15 am**

**Lincoln Jordan Arena 3:00 pm –4:30 pm**

**West Lincoln West Lincoln/Smithville Arena-11:30 am –1:00 pm**

**Wainfleet Wainfleet Arena 12:30 pm –2:00 pm**

**Niagara-on-the-Lake Meridian Arena-1:30 pm –3:00 pm**

**\*Niagara Falls TD Rink at the Brink-12:00 pm –2:00 pm**

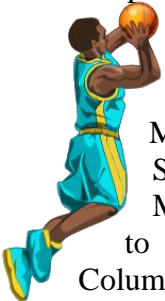
**Port Colborne Humberstone Arena-1:00 pm –3:00 pm**

## ***MCA (Maywood Community Association)***

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. Trivia Night will be held on April 14, 2012. Watch for upcoming information on this. Any questions please contact the Chair – Alyson Campeau at 905-687-6960.

## ***From The Sports Desk***

Maywood Basketball is up and running again. Our teams held try-outs last week and will continue the selection process.



Naturally, basketball doesn't end there though. The Saturday morning clinic continues, and it is open to all

Maywood students grade 3 and up.

Special congratulations to four Maywood students who are moving on to the next round of the Knights of

Columbus free throw competition. Davin, Merissa, Jennifer and Chris C. all earned awesome trophies for their efforts last week at Holy Cross Secondary School. Sterling and Cassidy M. were our other representatives.

## ***You're the Chef***

The "You're the Chef" program has started up again and Mrs. Etherington and Mrs. Rossi will be leading it each Wednesday after school until March Break! 16 students in Grades 5 and 6 have signed up to be a part of this exciting cooking club. The goal of this program is to help youth develop the skills and confidence necessary to prepare and enjoy healthy recipes emphasizing vegetables and fruit. Developing healthy habits early in life can lead to a lifetime of healthy living. The students will prepare 2 recipes each week; eat the food, of course; and take the recipes home to prepare the food again later for their families. All recipes include foods that are easily accessible at home and all are made without the use of an oven or microwave. During the program, the students will also learn to cook safely together using cooperation and team skills, and learn about food safety, knife handling, hand-washing, cross-contamination, and proper food testing.



## ***Library/Computers***

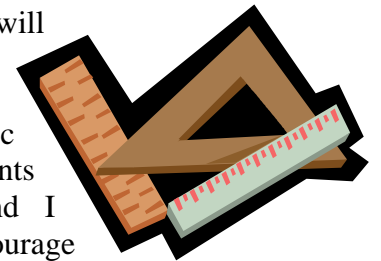


Remember to check out our Maywood School Web Page for any news and calendar updates for February 2012. You can find us at:

<http://www.dsb.edu.on.ca/Schools/Maywood/>.

## ***Mr. Schram – Grade 3/4***

In Math, the 3/4's will continue to be working with measurement concepts as well as basic multiplication facts. Students have been informed and I would strongly encourage parents to follow up with nightly homework assignments and drills (basic facts drills, card games, roll dice and multiply, etc.). Ten to fifteen minutes a night is all it would take, and make it a fun activity for the students to help them increase their speed and accuracy with our basic multiplication facts up to ten times ten.



## Skating

We had our first skating experience of the year and everyone seemed to have a Skating Good Time. Here are a few pictures of the memorable skaters. Be sure to mark your calendars for our next skate (February 17, 2012).

### Lending a Helping Hand



### Draft Picks for the Toronto Maple Leafs



### Easy Going – One Step at a Time



## Ice Capades Tryouts



### Survivors



### Look Mom – I can do it



## Good Fit Books

Reading “Good Fit” books is absolutely imperative if students are to progress as readers.

Children must spend the majority of their independent reading time engaged in books which they can decode and comprehend at very high levels. In her book, *Reading Essentials*, Regie Routman states that reading books which are too difficult does not help children, but in fact has an adverse affect on their growth and development as readers.

There is a very simple way to help your child choose good fit books. It is called **IPICK**. IPICK is an acronym that stands for: **I** choose books to read, **Purpose**, **I**nterest, **C**omprehend, and **K**now the words.

**Here are some easy steps that you and your child can follow in order to choose “good fit” books:**

1. Have your child choose a book. This is the first I in IPICK which means “I choose books to read”.
2. Ask your child, “What is your purpose for choosing this book?” You may also want to ask, “Is it for fun or to learn something?” This is the P in IPICK which means purpose.
3. Ask your child, “Is this a book you are interested in?” This is the second I, which means interest.
4. Have your child read a page of the book. After your child reads the page, ask your child, “Who did you read about and what did they do?”. This is the C in IPICK which stands for Comprehend. If it is a good fit book your child should be able to answer your question.
5. Have your child read another page (or use the same page) and ask, “Did you know the words?” This is the K in IPICK which stands for know the words. Your child should know all or almost all of the words in order for it to be a “good fit” book.

This ongoing dialogue will help children understand that books have to fit in order for us to be successful and have fun while reading. This will lead to children who are able to select books with a purpose, which they are interested in, that they can read and understand. They will go from being “pretend” readers to readers who don’t want to stop reading!

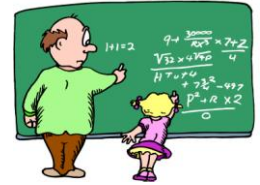
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## Helping Your Child With Math

**Keep your eyes open for the many opportunities to discuss the math you encounter every day!**

In our classrooms, we are exploring concepts, solving problems, talking about the math and practising the skills we use. To follow up from our classroom lessons, please have discussions with your child about what they learned in math class. Have them show you a problem they did in school and share their solution with you. Listen to their explanations and ask them questions about what they did and why it worked. This will be beneficial for all students in the class!

Finding real world situations to explore the math your child is doing in school is still the best way to help them develop a better understanding of their school math. Ask them how much will it cost them to buy that new video game for \$49 and the batteries they’ll need for \$15? Ask them to explain how they got their answer to you.

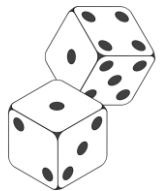


## Having Fun With Math During The Winter Months

On those cold days when you’re stuck in the house, take the time to play games with your child. play board games, dice games, card games, dominoes, chess and backgammon. solve puzzles together.

### While playing ask questions:

- Who is winning? By how much?
- What number do you want to roll? Not want to roll?
- How many cards do you have left?
- Which card would be the most helpful? Least helpful?
- How many dots are there on this domino?
- Where could you move that piece?
- Which piece do you want to move next time?
- How did you know that puzzle piece went there?
- How did you add up those two dice? Cards?



### Ask questions about their thinking?

- Why did you move this piece instead of that piece?
- What did you do to try to win the game or solve the puzzle?
- Would you do the same thing next time? Why or why not?

What could you do to make it easier to win this game?

**Remember to keep it FUN!**

## ***Clothing And Footwear: Indoor Shoes, Proper Attire, And Staying Warm***

As the weather gets colder, we want everyone to be warm, healthy, safe and studious. When parents send a student with mittens, hat and gloves, we expect them to wear them. As the



Autumn weather usually brings rain and sometimes snow, it is important for students to wear proper shoes/boots to keep warm and dry. It is our expectation that all students have indoor shoes.

## ***Snowballs***

Here at Maywood we have a "NO THROW SNOW" policy. This means that any student who is caught throwing snowballs will be given fair warning and should he/she be caught again they will be suspended from school. Snowballs can be very dangerous should a child be hit in the face. Safety on the playground is our uppermost priority.



## ***DSBN Road Race***

The 2012 DSBN Road Race is happening Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at the DSBN Education Centre in St. Catharines (please note the location change back to our original venue).



You can get active and help your community at the same time. Last year \$10,000 was raised to support DSBN schools through the Education Foundation of Niagara and Niagara Nutrition Partners. The Road Race is a fun family activity that promotes a healthy lifestyle.

Volunteer forms and packages will be available to download off of the [www.efnonline.ca](http://www.efnonline.ca) website (under "events" and "DSBN Road Race") in January and the physical packages will be sent out to schools in February (marked "DSBN Road Race").

Last year we had 1000 participants from across our DSBN schools, and with your help I know that we can achieve that again this year!

Watch for more information in March's newsletter.

## **Where can I go to find out about school closures?**

There may be times during the school year where inclement weather or other situations could cause transportation cancellations or school closures.

Information about transportation changes and school closures will be available on the websites, social media, radio and television stations listed below as soon as it is available. Please do not phone the school for transportation or school closure information.

### **Websites/Social Media:**

[www.dsbni.org](http://www.dsbni.org)

[http://twitter.com/D\\_S\\_B\\_N](http://twitter.com/D_S_B_N)

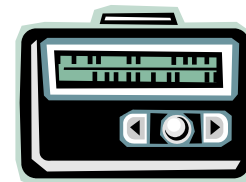
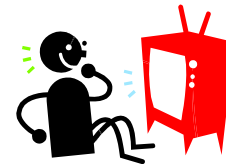
<http://www.facebook.com/DSBNIagara>

### **Television:**

Cogeco Cable 10  
CHCH Television  
City TV

### **Radio:**

CKTB 610 am  
CHML 900 am  
EZ Rock 105.7 fm  
Htz 97.7 fm  
KLite 102.9 fm  
The River 105.1 fm  
Wave 94.7 fm  
Y-108 – 107.9 fm  
Z 101.1 fm



At times when student transportation has been cancelled and schools remain open, the decision of whether or not to have children go to school that day rests with the parent or guardian.

Should you decide not to send your child to school when transportation has been cancelled but schools remain open, or if your child is ill or late, please ensure that you call the school to inform them of your child's absence.

### **Here are a few tips to help ensure that your child stays warm during the cold winter months.**

- Try to send children to school with plenty of layers, such as long underwear, sweatshirts, sweaters and pullovers. Layering their clothing will allow them to add or remove items depending on the weather.
- Students should have a warm winter coat that repels the snow, sleet and rain, while blocking the wind.
- Warm socks and boots will keep their feet warm and dry in the snow and slush.
- Hats are one of the most important parts of dressing warmly in the winter. A thick winter hat will keep students from losing too much of that essential body heat.
- Put on a good pair of gloves or mittens that are water-resistant as well. Gloves will keep kids' hands toasty warm and protect their skin from becoming damaged by the wind and chill.