

# Plymouth Public School Newsletter

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December 2011

Principal: Mr. C. Glauser  
Vice-Principal: Mrs. B. Falardeau  
Superintendent: Mrs. S. Greer  
Trustee: Mrs. Barnett



## Office News

What a busy and exciting time of year at Plymouth. Our teachers have been busy working on their professional development and are part of a project called the TLLP that will help our students become critical thinkers and better communicators. Our grades 3 and 6 classes will be working on a mid year practice EQAO assessment in the next few weeks. This will allow teachers to see how the students are progressing, and which areas will need further work between now and May. We have enjoyed another session of skating at the Youth arena last week, and have another to look forward to in the month of December. There are

lots of activities as December is typically a busy month in the school. Check the calendar to make sure you are aware of all the events this month.



## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Christmas Bazaar  
December 3
- ◆ Eastdale Guidance visit  
December 5
- ◆ Eastdale Concert  
December 8
- ◆ Christmas Musical @  
Faith Tabernacle  
Church - Free Busing
- ◆ Christmas Break  
December 24-  
January 8
- ◆ Return to school  
January 9

## Keeping Our Kids Healthy and Warm

Thanks for your understanding about sending products that are “nut free” in snacks and lunches. We would like to thank Tamara and Lynn for preparing our nutritious snacks and to Gerry and Stacey for their daily deliveries to the classrooms. Healthy snacks are available at the second break. Just a reminder that the cold weather is here and your child will be going

outside to play for twice a day for twenty minutes. Please make sure to send them to school with proper winter wear. We have a lot of hats, mittens and gloves that have been donated to the school. If your child requires any of these items, please let us know and we will do our best to outfit them.

## Eco Team Plymouth

The Eco Team's first project was to help out our feathered friends as the winter winds begin to blow through! We created homemade birdfeeders and hung them out at the front of the school for the birds to enjoy. We used pinecones, suet and birdseed so that all of the parts are environmentally friendly and compostable. Our next project will be to create environmentally friendly air fresheners for the holiday season using oranges and cloves. The Eco-team has partnered up with the Grade 3 class of Mr. Janzen and enjoyed the presentation they put on about recycling. When we did a recycling audit we found lots of items that did not belong. We are hoping that each class gets the wonderful opportunity to see the presentation and that the number of trash items will be less in our recycling bins. Stay tuned for more news in the New Year.



## Plymouth Winter Solstice 2011

The staff and students are excited to have family join us to watch our Winter Solstice on Wednesday, December 21. The children will have an opportunity to watch the show at the dress rehearsal at 11:20 am on that day. The evening performance will begin at 6 pm. A donation of a non perishable item is suggested as you enter the show, but not mandatory. Please join us in celebrating the season and the hard work of the school community.

## Eastdale High School Open House

Eastdale Open House is on Thursday January 19, 2012 from 7:00 pm-9:00 pm. Parents are encouraged to attend the open house with your grade 8 child. It is a great opportunity for students to visit the school and see all that it has to offer.

## Coordinating Volunteers

The number of volunteers at Plymouth has increased dramatically over the past few years. We appreciate any time that you can give us that will benefit the children of Plymouth. If you have an interest in volunteering at Plymouth, please call Mrs. Falardeau so we can set up a bank of names. When a volunteer is needed, we will match the need with skills and availability and then contact you. We realize that some have more time to give than others, but even if you have some time you would like to donate please call. There are lots of different jobs we need people for.

You may have a special skill or talent that can be shared. Let us know if you have an idea as well. The more experiences we can offer the children, the better.

We require all volunteers to fill out a basic volunteer information form. This form is simple to fill out and gives us some basic information such as how to contact you and who to contact in case of an emergency. It also acts as an agreement that when you are a volunteer, you are being placed in a position of trust and confidence regarding information you may receive.



## Breakfast Club News - Wednesday Soup Days

Doesn't a hot bowl of soup sound great on a cold winter's day? A bowl of soup will cost a \$1.50 or if you bring your own bowl a \$1.25. This does not need to be preordered, just bring your money each Wednesday. Soup will be served and eaten in room 9 along with your lunch. The

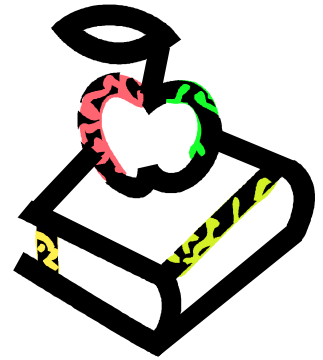
proceeds from the soup sales go towards the breakfast program at the school. If any parents would like to help serve soup please contact the school for information.

Lynn Tremblay  
Breakfast/Snack Coordinator  
Plymouth School

## Morning Supervision

Our Breakfast program begins at 8:10am each morning for those students who need it. Students enter through the primary doors and must remain inside until a teacher is outside on supervision. No student is to be on the school yard unsupervised. Supervision starts at **8:40am** each day.

Please do not drop your child off before this time.



*A healthy  
breakfast is a  
great start to  
the day!*

## Learning Disabilities Association of Niagara Region

The Learning Disabilities Association of Niagara Region currently offers multiple programs: Reading Rocks! B.E.S.T, S.T.E.P.S for children and youth who have learning disabilities/ADHD, Reading Rocks Junior for young children at-risk of future reading difficulties, P.A.C.E. for parents looking to gain more information, strategies, tools and support for raising a child with a learning disability, and an Adult Support Group weekly program for adults who are living with a learning disability/ADHD. LDANR also offers day programs in the summer, Sunshine Learning Achievement & More (SLAM!) and during March Break (March Break Boost!) for children.

These programs are designed to support children, youth and adults who are struggling with a learning disability; however the individual does not need to be formally diagnosed with a learning disability to participate in these programs. LDANR recognizes that a formal diagnosis is not something all individuals/families can have done and therefore we welcome children, youth and adults who are struggling in their academics and social life *due to an identified or non-identified learning disability*.

**Please note** applicants will be screened for other exceptionalities (i.e. autism, down syndrome, FAS, developmental delays, etc.) as LDANR's mandate is to offer programs and services for those with learning disabilities. Please also note that LDANR does *not offer behavioural programs* and that children and youth must be able to function within a small group setting.

Please see their website at <http://ldaniagara.org/programs.php> or call Mrs. Falardeau at the school for any further assistance.