



OCTOBER 2009

Fall is here! The trees are changing colour and God is blessing us with the beauty of His paintbrush. Our students are settled into their new grades and the routines established by their teachers. The beginning of the year has progressed smoothly with relatively few bumps in the road. As we settle into our school year, a number of activities and events are underway. Here is the outline of October's main events and activities:

School Photos and Family Portraits

School photos and Family Portraits will be taken on Monday, October 5. The younger students will have their pictures taken first since we will move up through the grades from JK/SK through grade 8. Please have your child dressed in their CCA school uniform with a **red top and kilt or tunic for the girls and red top and black pants for the boys**. It is important that all children wear red tops and the appropriate bottoms for their group class photos. They are welcome to change clothes for their individual and/or family portraits. Family portraits are offered as an option. It would be helpful if you sign up for those in advance. Additional information will be sent home when we get closer to the date.

Field Trips

Thursday, October 1 Grade 4 - Overnight stay at the Upper Canada Village

Friday, October 2 Grade 3 - Upper Canada Village

Friday, October 9 Grades 4 and 5 - Heritage House Museum
Grades 1 and 2 - Smiths Falls Railway Museum

Monday October 19 JK-8 - New date for Mill of Kintail

Assemblies

Friday, October 9 at 2:45 p.m.

Thanksgiving Assembly with guest missionaries from Peru. They will be performing Peruvian music for our students. Parents are welcome to attend!

Wednesday, October 28

Regular Assembly

Sports Events

Tuesday, October 6 Junior Girls Soccer Tournament (Beckwith School)

Wednesday, October 7 Junior Boys Soccer Tournament (Beckwith School)

Thursday, October 8 Senior Girls Soccer Tournament (Beckwith School)

Friday, October 9 Senior Boys Soccer Tournament (Beckwith School)

PD Day

Friday, October 23 - CCA Professional Development Day (NO SCHOOL)

Parent Observation Days

Wednesday, October 21

Thursday, October 22

To book your time, please fill out and return the attached form.

Thank you!

Pizza - Hot dogs

Pizza and milk start on *Friday, October 2* and will be offered every Friday.

These need to have been pre-ordered.

Hot dogs start on *Wednesday, October 7*, and will continue every

Wednesday in October (October 14, 21 and 28). \$1 per hot dog.

Holidays

No school on *Thanksgiving Monday, October 12.*

Fire Prevention Week

Monday, October 5 - Friday, October 9

We will talk about fire prevention in school and at home. This is a good time to check fire alarms in your own homes!

Running Club

On going on *Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.* Please make sure your children wear running shoes on these days.

No Bus Day for October

Monday, October 5 - School Photo Day will be the only No Bus Day for October.

Work Bee

Saturday, October 3

9 - 1 pm

We will construct a recycled tire park and place interlock brick for the recycling bin. Attached is The View From Outside.

French Program

Mme. MacFarlane continues to work hard to provide a quality French program for our students. The AIM program is an exciting multi-faceted approach to learning French which emphasizes oral/spoken language learning. If you are interested in learning more about the program, please look it up online or talk to Mrs. Loten or Mme. MacFarlane. We are exploring options for field trips, penpals and exchanges to further our students' understanding of French language and culture.

Music

Harp!! Among other instruments, we are trying to promote Harp Lessons that are offered at CCA. Mrs. Mary Muckle is coming all the way from Ottawa to teach this wonderful instrument. Harp lessons are offered on Thursday mornings. We need more students to make it worthwhile for Mrs. Muckle to drive to Franktown, instead of our students having to take time after school to drive to Ottawa. If interested, please phone Mrs. Muckle at 613-825-1379 or email her at mucklerice@rogers.com.

Guitar, flute, recorder and piano lessons have either begun or will start shortly.

Choir: we are in the process of organizing a choir for the children. Erika Packer has offered to lead this activity.

Band has begun for grade 7 and 8 music class and grade 6 will begin soon. Mrs. Snoek will be making noteworthy (pardon the pun!) progress with them and Clive Packer has offered to do sectionals with the different musical sections. Please remind your child to bring their instrument to class on Tuesday. They can always play the kazoo on the days they forget, but they might get bored!

Drama

Drama has begun for all our grades, aptly led by Mrs. Marshall, on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. The students will work on drama skills and techniques that will eventually lead to some productions.

Lego Robotics

We are excited to say that we are in the process of organizing a lego robotics club for our upper grades. This can be a recreational activity but it can also become a competitive activity. More details will be forthcoming. Stay tuned.

Grade 8 Fundraiser

We are so proud of our grade 8 students! They are starting a fundraiser to buy a piece of the rainforest. They will be hosting a teddy-bear auction and a bake sale. We are hoping to have this the 22nd of October (probably the second half of the day would be best). Details to follow. Please look in your child's bag for a newsletter that students have made.

Health Notes

Respiratory Illness Reporting

We are required by the Health Unit to report weekly on any students ill with respiratory or influenza-like illness (as well as reporting chicken pox).

"Influenza-like illness is the acute onset of respiratory symptoms with fever and cough and one or more of the following symptoms: sore throat, muscle aches, joint pain, or weakness." When your child is home sick, please let us know immediately if he/she exhibits influenza-like symptoms, as above.

Remember that your sick child needs to stay home from school and all other public places until he/she is better. If a child becomes sick during the day we will call you to pick them up as soon as possible, and will keep them isolated from the other children.

H1N1

A Health Unit sheet was sent home last week with information on the H1N1 virus, specifically with tips on avoiding the spread of this virus. Please read this carefully. If you need another copy, let us know. Remember that the best and easiest way to prevent the spread of influenza is to wash your hands properly. All students in the CCA portables (grades 6,7 and 8) are encouraged to keep their own container of hand sanitizer at their desk.

Staff Training

On Tuesday afternoon this week a Lanark Public Health nurse gave a presentation to all our staff after school on infection control.

New Paper Towel Dispensers

We are about to have installed new touch-free paper towel dispensers in the CCA washrooms. This is one more step towards avoiding the spread of germs.

Emergency First Aid and CPR Training Course

CCA will be hosting a St. John Ambulance course on Emergency First Aid and CPR. Most of our staff will be attending the course, which will be offered soon on a Saturday (late October, early November). If there is space available, we may open it up to parents interested in attending. Please let us know if this is something you may be interested in. Cost will be \$70 per person. If this course fills up and there is enough interest we would consider offering another course.

Last thing to do in October....

Daylight savings time (DST) ends on Sunday, November 1st at 2:00 a.m.
Don't forget to put your clocks one hour back on Saturday, October 30th before you go to bed. Otherwise you might be an hour early for Sunday church!!!

Have a great month!

Sincerely,

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