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Upcoming Events

Wednesday May 16 – RCMP Drug presentation for Parents. Presentation begins at 6:30pm in the school library.

Friday May 18 - Kinderstart class. No classes for Kindergarten students.

Thursday May 24 - Arts and Literature Fair. Parents are welcome to come see examples of great student work. The Fair is open from 3:30 – 6:30pm. The Book Exchange will also take place during the Fair.

Tuesday May 29 – Achievement Assembly begins at 10:00am.

Wednesday May 30 - Jr./Sr. High Spring Concert. Concert begins at 6:30pm.

Thursday May 31 - Primary/Elementary Concert and Kindergarten Grad. Concert begins at 6:30pm.

Friday June 1 - Sports Awards Banquet and Dance. Begins at 6:00pm

Monday June 4 - Volunteer Appreciation Assembly and Lunch. Assembly begins at 11:00am.

Friday June 8 - Last Day of classes for Level I – Level III students.

Monday June 11 - Exams begin for Level I – Level III students.

Tuesday June 12 – Exams begin for Grade 9 students.

Wednesday June 13 – Exams begin for Grade 7 & 8 students.

Wednesday June 20 – Last day of regular classes for Primary/Elementary students

Thursday June 21 - Students pick up report cards.

REMINDER:

BALTIMORE SCHOOL IS A NUT FREE, FISH FREE AND SHELLFISH FREE SCHOOL. ABSOLUTELY NO NUTS OR FISH PRODUCTS ARE ALLOWED.

Book Exchange

Once again this year we are organizing a book exchange. If you have old used books, or your children have now outgrown them, we will take your books. We then give everyone the opportunity to buy these books for 25 cents. Please drop off your books at the school before Wednesday, May 23rd. The books will be on display and can be purchased during the Arts and Literature Fair on Thursday, May 24th.

Acknowledgements

*Thanks to Ms. Pike, Ms. Maloney, Ms. Lawlor and other staff members for helping to ensure an absolutely wonderful Grad.

*Thanks to Ms. Budgell and Ms. Moore for organizing our Literacy Assembly.

*Thanks to Mr. Foley, Mr. Pender and Mr. Conway for all their help in getting the gym prepared for the Grad.

*Thanks to Ms. TerriLynn Kavanagh and Ms. Sheila Fennelly and the Level II parents for organizing and chaperoning the Elementary and Jr. High Spring Dance.

*A thank you to all the graduates and their parents for the excellent job that was done to transform the gym into a beautiful showcase for the grad ceremonies.

*A very big thank you goes out to all the community members and parents who helped out on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons with our Afterschool Programs.

*A very special thank you to all our volunteers that made this year a very special one here at Baltimore School.



Sports Varsity Committee

As the school year winds down a very special group of people need to be recognized for their great efforts over the past year to ensure our students were given every opportunity to participate in extracurricular sporting events. The Varsity committee organized and hosted 3 different tournaments this year. The committee members were: Paula Battcock, Paula Johnson, Teresa Chidley, David Chidley, Leanna Dalton, Amelda Boland, Jerry Boland, Gladys Hayden, MaryAnne Carey, Liam Walsh, Nancy Brothers, Tracy Horwood and Danny Williams.

Grade 3 and Grade 6 CRT Exams

The Criterium Reference Testing will take place for the Grade 3 and Grade 6 students beginning May 24th. These tests are very important and it is imperative that the students be well rested and ready to do their best on these Provincial Standardized tests.

Grade 7 - Level III Exams

The June exam period will begin the week of June 11th and end on Wednesday, June 22nd. It is very important that all students prepare well in advance for their final exams. Encourage students to take advantage of the many tutoring opportunities available to them. The complete exam schedule is attached to the back of this newsletter.



Staffing for Next Year

Our teaching staff has been cut from 20.5 positions this year, to 20.0 teaching positions next year. The cuts are based on our declining enrolment and other factors. Our projected enrolment for next year is 246 students.

Graduation 2011-2012

The graduation ceremonies for the 2011-2012 Baltimore School graduating class took place on May 10th. The Mass, dinner, ceremony and Grand March was exceptional by all accounts. Thanks to all the students, staff and parents who put forth such an effort to ensure it was a day to remember. Special thanks to our guest speaker, Ms. Jennifer Trainor.

Arts and Literature Fair

We want all parents and community members to come celebrate with us!! Students and staff at Baltimore School are looking forward to our 5th annual Arts and Literature exhibit. This will be an exciting time for our K – 12 students as they proudly display their best work. **The Fair will be from 3:30 - 6:30pm on Thursday, May 24th.** Parents, family members and the community are welcome to view these top quality works of art and literature. There will also be readings of poems and stories by students. We look forward to celebrating with you the outstanding work that your children and our students have produced throughout this past year.



Sports Banquet 2011-2012

This year the sports awards will be announced during a sports banquet to be held on Friday, June 1st, 2012. Following the meal, the 2011-2012 Sports Awards will be announced. Please help support the fantastic sports program at Baltimore School, which is run by parent and teacher volunteers.

Volunteer Appreciation Assembly

A school is more than a building with students and teachers, it is a place that must involve the entire community. At Baltimore School we are incredibly fortunate to have such community involvement and commitment. Volunteers are extremely important to a well functioning school. On Monday, June 4 at 11:00am we will be acknowledging and serving lunch to over 120 parent and community volunteers who have done their little part to make this past year at Baltimore an enjoyable and rewarding experience. From all the staff and students, we thank all of you for giving so freely of your time and energy.



Spring Concerts

Our Spring Concerts and Kindergarten graduation will be taking place at the end of May. The High School Concert will be Wednesday, May 30th. The Primary/Elementary Concert and the Kindergarten Graduation will take place on Thursday, May 31st. Tickets will be pre-sold for the Primary/Elementary Concert. Both concerts will begin at 6:30pm.

Recycling

Last day for recycling is **Wednesday, June 6**. Thanks to everyone who participated in our recycling program this year. Over the summer months you can save your recyclables or take them to the depot and put them under the school's name.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Olivia Walsh and Marissa Fennelly on being presented their Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award. Congratulations also go out to Ms. Maloney who was presented an award for her 20 years of dedication and service to the Duke of Edinburgh Program. Awards were presented by the Lieutenant Governor, John Crosbie, at a ceremony held on May 10.