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Principal's Message

It has been a wonderful fall at Byron Somerset! Many of our students participated on our cross country team and we were very well represented in all of our area meets, the regionals and the Thames Valley finals! As well, both our girls' and boys' volleyball teams are underway and have started competing against other schools in our geographical area. All students continue to develop their skills and are having fun doing it! Thank you to coaches, Mr. Thomson and Mrs. Fleming for your dedication and time. Additionally, our Student Council has already begun to demonstrate leadership in their role by helping to facilitate our 'Gotcha / Student Recognition' assemblies with student spirit days, as well as spearheading upcoming charity fundraisers which will help assist those children and families in need. Student Council is a great forum for students to share their 'Voice' in all that affects them at Somerset. There are two representatives from each class, grades four through eight. Thank you to Mrs. Armeniakos and Mrs. Varey for helping to lead this very worthwhile club! Our President this year is Amanda W. and our two Vice-Presidents are Tyson S. and Caden S. I hope to see many of you at our upcoming **Remembrance Day assembly, Monday November 11th, at 10:30 a.m.**

Additionally, a reminder that our School Code of Conduct was recently updated this past fall, to reflect Ministry expectations around Cannabis and Cell Phone use. This is available on our Byron Somerset Website for your reference.

Student Allergies: We have several students with life threatening nut allergies. I would ask that you **DO NOT** send lunches/snacks that contain nuts of any variety, including *Nutella* and *WOW Butter* (even though this product is 'safe', it is difficult for supervising staff, which may include supply teachers from time to time, to discern the difference; 'If it walks like a duck and quacks likes a duck . . . ☺). As always, thank you for helping to keep all our students safe.

Additionally, I want to express my thanks once again to all those individuals who have kept their **dogs at home** during school hours as well as pick up and drop off times.

On a final note, please remind your children to walk their scooters, in-line skates and bicycles while on school property so that we can avoid any unnecessary collisions on the school yard - thanks!

Thank you to the many parents who continue to submit both their **Annual Offence Declarations** (which can be obtained from our school office) as well as their **Criminal Background Checks**. Your efforts in maintaining student safety are greatly appreciated. If you would like to obtain a police check so that you may volunteer your time to the students at Byron Somerset and have not yet done so, please see the office for information.

EQAO RESULTS

Our school's EQAO scores for primary and junior students were recently reviewed. The following charts provide an overview of our school results compared to our board and provincial results. All data is reported in percentages. When comparing this data, we look at many factors which result in the percentage of students achieving the provincial standard, levels 3 and 4. As a school we will continue to analyze and discuss these results, so that we can generate learning strategies to further improve our scores, specifically in the area of Mathematics. Math represents an essential focus for not only our school, but also for our Thames Valley Board and the Province. Our staff was very proud of our students' efforts during last year's testing period and the results are indicative of our collective effort and success! Our staff has most recently analyzed our EQAO and school data with significant comprehensiveness, on the October 25 PA Day. From this work we have identified both a detailed goal and plan, in the areas of numeracy and literacy, to guide our professional work and learning throughout this school year.

EQAO Primary (Gr. 1-3)—Level 3 or 4

Year	Reading	Writing	Mathematics
2016-2017	83	90	79
2017-2018	97	93	79
2018-2019	86	83	74
(+ / -)	-11	-10	-5

*Scores represent the total PERCENT of students who achieved scores at the Provincial Standard (Level 3&4) or better. A total of 35 students at the Gr. 3 level wrote the assessment last year. **Each student accounts for approximately 3% of the total possible 100% available.** (eg. We decreased by TWO students achieving Provincial Standard or better at the Gr. 3 level in Mathematics)

EQAO Junior (Gr. 4-6)—Level 3 or 4

Year	Reading	Writing	Mathematics
2016-2017	90	86	76
2017-2018	87	90	53
2018-2019	95	95	68
(+ / -)	+8	+5	+15

*Scores represent the total PERCENT of students who achieved scores at the Provincial Standard (Level 3&4) or better. A total of 40 students at the Gr. 6 level wrote the assessment last year. **Each student accounts for approximately 2.5% of the total possible 100% available.** (eg. We increased by SIX students achieving Provincial Standard or better, at the Gr. 6 level in Mathematics)

ALL EQAO results were recently shared and discussed at our School Council meeting, October 21st, 2019.

Sincerely
J. Pratt, Principal



Lest We Forget.

Remembrance Day Assembly

All families and community members are invited to attend the Somerset Remembrance Day Assembly on Monday, November 11th at 10:30 am in the gymnasium. This is a commemorative event and we ask that all who attend to refrain from any clapping. The students have worked hard to prepare but would like the focus of the day on the men and women who gave their lives. Any student who is a member of the Boys Scouts, Girl Guides or Cadets are encouraged to wear their uniforms.
Mrs. Fleming

Soup from Somerset



As part of our Me-To-We focus for November, we will be organizing a school-wide canned soup collection from Monday, November 4th to Thursday, November 14th. Any donations will be greatly appreciated by the London Food Bank, which helps feed 8500 people EACH MONTH. Thank

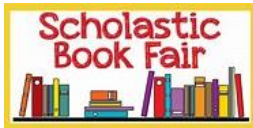
you for your support!

Mrs. Singer's Grade 2 Class



Stream of Dreams

We are looking forward to welcoming the Upper Thames Conservation Authority on November 13/14th. They will teach the kids about water conservation, protection of waterways and environmental stewardship. Each student will paint a fish (made of recycled plastic) that will be permanently attached to the school fence. Mrs. Singer is in need of volunteers to help attach the fish on Monday, November 18, 2019. Please send a note if you are able to be of assistance. The online payment portal is now open for this exciting learning opportunity. Thank you!



Book Fair

The Book Fair came to our school from September 23-27, and was a terrific success. Our total sales were over \$5000, which is a record for the school! This leaves us with around \$2000 to use on books and materials for our Learning Commons. Wow! Thank you very much for your on-going support of our Learning Commons and literacy!

Mr. Thomson



Terry Fox National School Run Day

All Byron Somerset students (grades K1-8) and staff participated in the "Terry Fox National School Run Day." We raised \$ 656.25 that was donated to the Canadian Cancer Society. Thank you for your support!

Pizza Day Orders

This month's pizza days is **November 7th & 21st**. Orders must be done online if you wish your child to have pizza these days. **NO LATE ORDERS** will be accepted.



Boys' Volleyball

The Boys' Volleyball team has been practising since late September. They started regular league play on October 10 and have even had a mini-tournament at Somerset on October 18. The boys have made excellent progress so far and won the majority of their games. The boys will continue to play regular season games on Tuesday and Thursday throughout November, and will play in another tournament at Somerset, as well as tournaments at Chippewa and Sherwood Fox. Playoffs will begin November 18 when the boys will be hoping to duplicate their success from last year. The boys have been having a lot of fun and are really showing great enthusiasm for volleyball!

Team members: Quinn B., Will L., Jack C., Liam H., Marcus B., Eugene S., Aidan H., Ryan R., Caden S., Colton O., Mitchell Z., Peter P., Tyson S., Nicolas C.

Coach: Mr. R. Thomson.



Girls' Volleyball

The Senior Girls Volleyball team has begun their regular season. They compete in the West Region on Monday and Wednesday evenings. The girls will play in one mini tournament, the Chippewa tournament and the Sherwood Fox tournament in November. The thirteen players from grade 7 and 8 will compete in the West Regional Playoffs at Sherwood Fox. Good Luck Girls!

Mrs. Fleming, Coach



Cross Country Running Team

The Cross Country Team consisted of almost 140 runners this year. We participated in our meet and the Regional Meet at Springbank Park. In which 4 teams to win a first place finish: the Novice Boys (Alexander, Luke, Eric and Parker), the Bantam Boys(Daniel, Ben, Preston and Graham), the Intermediate Boys (Luke, Jason, Tyson and Qasim) and the Open Girls (Bella, Shannon, Joanne and Bella). Also, placing in the top ten at the Regional Meet were Sydney 1st, Daijah 3rd, Preston 7th, Sawyer 10th, Carter 10th, Ashley 7th, Gabrielle 5th, Jack 3rd and Mitchell 9th. There were 30 members of the team that competed at the TVDSB finals at Fanshawe Conservation Area on October 21st. The runners had to fair some windy weather. Congratulations to all the runners for a great season and the boy's Bantam team that placed third overall.

The coaches: Mr. Dawson, Mrs. Fleming and Mrs. Russell



"Save Your Pop Tabs"

This year's pop tab collection will help support Connor Green (*our 49th set of wheels!*), who is a very polite 13 year old Nairn boy. He has a very engaging personality and attends East Williams Memorial Public School in his home town. He is an avid reader who enjoys Harry Potter, Charlie Brown and the "I Funny" series and is a video gamer. Connor is also very interested in his family ancestry and would love to take his parents to Ireland! Sports wise he participates in volt hockey with former recipients, swimming and also enjoys Trace 3 skiing. **So save your aluminum tabs and help Connor acquire his larger wheelchair!** Please drop your pop tabs off in the main office.



October Award Winners

Grade	Somerset Star	Mathematicians
Ms. Parkes' Gr 1 Class	Scarlett F.	Hazel G. Preston N.
Ms. Newell's Gr 1/2 Class	Daisy T.	Ryan F. Camryn F.
Mrs. Singer's Gr 2 Class	Avery B.	Gabin B. Malik S.
Mrs. Fleming's Gr 2 Class	Finley B.	Cole B. Lily S.
Ms. Weightman's Grade 3 Class	Ally K.	Luke A. Eva K.
Mrs. Armeniakos' Gr 3/4 Class	Curtis K.	Kyla K. Charlie N.
Mrs. Varey's Gr 3/4 Class	Jordyn F.	Eric H. Alexander V.
Mrs. Mikel's. Grade 4/5 Class	Jordyn B.	Connie H. Lukas T.
Mrs. Best's Grade 4/5 Class	Junior S.	Aanya A. Carter B.
Ms. Pasko's / Mr. Thomson's Gr 5/6 Class	Laura N.	Maya M. Khaleel P. Qasim P.
Ms. Kieken's Grade 6 Class	Connor L.	Genevieve B. Luke L.
Mrs. Russell's Grade 7/8 Class	Annalea M.	Erin W. Mitchell Z.
Miss Desrochers' Grade 7/8 Class	Jack C.	Kaiya B. Aidan H.
Mr. Dawson's Grade 7/8 Class	Ryan R.	Shannon D. Simon H.

November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Day 1	2
3	4 Day 2 Canned Food Drive Begins Photo Retakes 9:00 am 	5 Day 3 School Bus Safety Presentations JK-Gr 3 – 9:30 am Gr 4-8 – 10:45 am	6 Day 4	7 Day 5 Pizza Day 	8 Day 6 Progress Reports Go Home	9
10	11 Day 7 Remembrance Day Assembly 10:30 am  Lest We Forget.	12 Day 8	13 Day 9 Stream of Dreams	14 Day 10 Stream of Dreams Canned Food Drive Ends	15 PA Day	16
17	18 Day 1	19 Day 2 London Food Bank Gr 2 – Mrs Singer's Class - am	20 Day 3	21 Day 4 Pizza Day 	22 Day 5	23
24	25 Day 6 School Council 6:30 pm	26 Day 7 K1K2 – Gr 3/4 Classes Frozen 2 Landmark Cinema	27 Day 8 Snack Day 	28 Day 9 Steam Centre Gr 4/5 Classes 9:00-2:15 pm	29 Day 10 Tye Dye / Neon Day	30

December Upcoming Events:

- 5th – Pizza Day
- 12th – Pizza Day
- 18th – Winter Concert
- 19th – Snack Day
- 23rd-Jan 4th – Christmas Break