

## LES School News

### Principal's Message

#### Words of Wisdom from the Principal's Desk

Midway Point . . .

We have recently reached the midway point of the 2011-2012 school year. This is a good time for students, staff and parents to take stock of what has been accomplished so far this year and what we would like to happen in the rest of the year.

Academically it is a time for students to reflect on what they have learned in school so far and look forward to what is coming. For our Grade Eight students, I would like to congratulate you on the accomplishments and leadership of the year so far and challenge you to set even higher standards for yourself for the rest of the year. It is also time to start thinking about next year at WMCI and beyond.

To our Grades 5 to 7 students I would like to challenge you to step into the new leadership roles that await you and think about how you can improve your school. You will be shaping our school and making it a place where everyone can work and learn together.

To the community at large that supports Langruth School; we thank you for your incredible support and invite you to stay involved in your school. Your support has made the education of the students of Langruth School a worthwhile task. Please continue to support these students, for the modeling of support they see from the community will provide them with a role model of the community-minded citizens they will become.

In closing, I strongly urge reflection and encourage students, staff and parents to talk about goals and directions for Langruth School. In September students and staff worked together to create a belief statement that claimed: We believe that Langruth School should be a safe, fun place where we learn and work together.

To achieve this we need to be respectful, responsible, safe and positive. Community, staff and students need to reflect and decide if this is truly a belief of everyone involved with the school. At some time before the end of the school year we all need to decide the next steps in continuing to make this belief statement possible at Langruth School. I believe we have had a very successful year to date and believe the remainder of the year

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can only grow to higher levels of excellence.

Mr. Tim Klein

#### Speech Arts Festival News

On February 22, the Grades 1-2 and 3-5 classes travelled to Gladstone to participate in the Speech Arts Festival. Although the groups were small, they spoke loudly and clearly and received excellent comments from the adjudicator. Students were very well-behaved both on the bus and while watching other choirs perform. Our school was represented very well by our speech choirs. WELL DONE, STUDENTS! Congratulations go out to Sonya and Sydney Strocen for their awards as follows: Sydney (Fleck Trophy in Solo Spoken Poetry), Sonya (Woodside Steelers Ball Club Trophy in Solo Prose Reading, Hammond Cup in Solo Spoken Poetry), and together they also received the Lorelle Reid Trophy in Duet Poetry. WELL DONE, GIRLS!

#### Winding Up "I Love to Read Month"!

**Thanks to our Guest Readers.** - We have had several people come to the school to read to our students this month. Thanks go out to Mr. Gouriluk, Mr. Boaz, Mr. Teichroeb, Constables Jody Verbecki and Paul Todoroff, Mr. Bricese, Mr. Cannon, and Mr. Richardson all for taking the time to read to the Langruth students.

During the month there were several other activities as follows:

- D.E.A.R. (drop everything and read) every day for 10 - 15 minutes.
- Home Reading Challenge - students kept a log of minutes read every day and were challenged by the staff to read 20,000 minutes for a reward of a party with cake and balloons, 22,500 minutes for a reward of ice cream and drinks at the party, 25,000 minutes for a reward of an extra period for this party, or 40,000 for a super - duper reward of 2 periods of skating added to the party. This party will be held on Dr. Seuss's birthday, March 2. As of February 28 at 9 a.m. we have reached the 21,059 mark. Way to Go!
- Daily Dr. Seuss Trivia Challenge - winning family will be announced at the party.