

Woodland Newsletter

March 2018

Message from Principal

Hello Families,

During the last weeks of January, all students from Preschool through Grade 3 participated in the Second Annual Whole School Challenge. On January 31st, the entire school community came together to celebrate how each individual class repurposed plastic bags into something useful for themselves or their school. This two-week design and engineering challenge provided the students with a shared experience to address a real-world problem while promoting empathy. During the school experience, individual classes brainstormed ideas, selected a design, created the prototype, wrote a description, and created a promotional video to highlight the prototype's features. Once one design per class was submitted, all students and faculty were able to view all prototypes and promotional videos, in order to vote for their favorite design! Some submissions included different toys for recess such as a jump rope, bubble wand and soccer ball. Other prototypes included a storage unit, a doormat, a comforting doll for students to use in the nurse's office, a book jacket cover, and multiple sleeping options such as pillows and sleeping bags. Throughout this challenge, the students utilized the skills of teamwork, decision making, collaboration, and negotiation with one another. This experience extended into all areas of learning and fostered the design and engineering mindset!

Thank you for all your plastic bag donations to make this possible for our students!

Sincerely,
Jennifer G. Faber

School Happenings



Some events to highlight and ask your child about...

Grade 2 students attended parent led presentations to share their first hand experience and knowledge of Antarctica and Australia.



Dates to Remember

- String Fling Concert on **Tuesday, March 6 at 7:00pm** at the High School.
- Early Dismissal on **Wednesday, March 7th at 11:30am**.
- WEEFC Elementary Art Auction on **Thursday, March 8th from 6:30pm-8:00pm** at the Weston Golf Club.
- Spring Sing Concert on **Wednesday, March 15th at 7:00pm** at the Field School.
- Family Bingo Night on **Thursday, March 15th from 5:30pm-7:00pm** in the cafeteria.
- School Council meeting on **Monday, March 19th at 2:30pm**. All are welcome!
- Incoming Kindergarten Families Information Night on **Tuesday, March 20th at 6:30pm** at the Country School.
- Principal Coffee on **Wednesday, March 28th at 9:00am** in the gym.
- NO SCHOOL on **Friday, March 30th** due to Good Friday.