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Parent Newsletter, Tuesday October 07, 2008

Tante Caroline Variety Show

Thursday, October 09 students k-6 will have the opportunity to view an interactive French Variety Show. The nationally acclaimed children's performer Tante Caroline will be performing for our students. Tante Caroline and her team will be touring across Canada with the Roots and Wings show, a one-of-a-kind multimedia production with puppets and music to inspire students and teachers. To assist in covering the cost of the show we are requesting that each child pay \$2.

Roots of Empathy

One of our grade 4 classes has been invited to participate in the Roots of Empathy program. This program fosters the development of empathy through discussion and activities in subjects and activities in subjects including language arts, mathematics, science and art. Once a month the baby and the mom and/or dad will join Mrs. Taylor's grade 4 class under the facilitation of the Roots of Empathy Instructor Anne Perry. The students will watch the baby's growth and development and predict what the babies will be able to do by the next visit. The students will measure, weigh and observe the many developmental milestones such as reaching for a toy, rolling over, sitting up and perhaps crawling. The students will be learning child development in a very concrete way as it unfolds in front of them and as they share observations of their baby at play.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

This Friday, Oct. 10 we will be holding our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. We are requesting that students donate one non perishable food item. All food items will be donated to the C.B.S. Food Bank.

Internet Safety and Your Child

As part of St. Edward's Safe and Caring School Initiatives Constable Darryl Nixon of the R.N.C. will be presenting an evening session to interested parents on 'Internet Safety and Your Child' on Tuesday, October 14 @ 7:00 pm Following the presentation there will be a question and answer period. This session has been presented at other schools and has been very well received.

Vegetable Fund Raiser

Many thanks to all that supported our recent vegetable hamper sale. We sold 1175 bags of vegetables and together we raised \$4406.25. This money will be used to help pay for resources for our library. Parents are reminded that veggies can be picked up this Wednesday and Thursday evening between 3:00 and 6:00 pm.

School Council Meeting

Our first school council meeting for this school year will take place next Tuesday evening at 5:45 pm. Our school council representatives are Roxanne Cooper (docroxcooper@hotmail.com) Denies Petten, (denisepetten@nl.rogers.com) Tamara Wheaton (tmwheaton@nf.sympatico.ca) and Robin Walters (robin.walters@cna.nl.ca). Our teacher representatives are Debbie Gillingham and Trudy Buckle. All

parents and guardians are reminded that our council meetings are open to parents/ guardians of St. Edward's School.

Thank-you Beavers/ Cubs

A sincere thank you to our Beavers and Cubs. These two groups meet at our school each week. Recently these two groups picked up numerous bags of litter from the grounds surrounding our building.

Breakfast Program Update

Thank you to those parents/ guardians that have donated food items for our breakfast program. The staff of our school is most thankful to the parent donations of food and money. We would encourage parents to please keep sending in donations of cereals and spreads.

At this time we would appreciate any donations of Cheez Whiz and/ or fruit juices.

Grade 6 Bullying Questionnaire

A letter by Gerald White a PhD graduate student in the Division of Community Health and Humanities at Memorial University has been sent home to parents of grade 6 students. The letter is seeking parent approval for grade 6 students to complete a questionnaire on bullying. Mr. White is surveying students throughout our district in grades 6, 9 and 12. The Eastern School District is partnering with Mr. White in the administration of this survey to gather valuable information to inform future planning and action as the district strives toward the goal of providing 'safe, caring, socially just learning environments for each student.'

Teacher Inservice

There will be no classes for students k-6 Friday, October 17, 2008 due to a teacher inservice day.

Dates to Remember:

Tante Caroline Production

Thursday, Oct. 09

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Friday, Oct 17