

# STAMPEDER EXPRESS



## Spring Newsletter April 2018

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*"At Smith School, keep calm and stampede on." by Zain A.*

*"Smith Stampeders are the best! They are winners, yes, yes, yes." by Jasmine F. & Lauren F.*

*"Smith School will compete. Smith School will not cheat." by Tyson M.*



### **From Mr. Bridges—Proud Principal of Smith!**

First of all, thank you to all of our parents for their tremendous support and positive comments about our school. In the next week or so, a community survey will be coming home asking for feedback about how to improve our school. Some school principals are nervous to do something like this, but this is my third year doing the survey at Smith and I feel confident that parent feedback is the only way for us to continue to improve our school. Over the past six years, our school has grown in student population and we expect this

coming year to break a record for student numbers. I want all children, no matter how big our school becomes, to have connections and positive experiences at Smith P.S. I remain committed to this and our staff feels the same way. This is why everyone supports run so many extra-curricular activities. It makes a positive difference in the lives of our students. I want to thank the staff for running so many activities. These activities complement a strong academic program at Smith.

I wish to personally invite all of our families out on April 19 to our Math Mania evening. A separate flyer will be coming home about this event and explaining how to register. Please also make note of our Community Fun Fair happening on Thursday, June 21 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. here at the school. We will have midway games, a penny sale, food, **three** jump n bounces, a dunk tank and so much more! It will be a great community event!

### **P.D. Day**

*May 18*

### **Victoria Day**

### **Holiday**

*May 21*

### **P.A. Day**

*June 8*

### **Last Day of School**

*June 28*

### **Upcoming School Spirit Events**

*Wii Bowling*

*April 10*

*Blue and Green—Earth Days*

*April 20/23*

*Ottawa Trip Final Meeting*

*May 1*

*Smith School Track and Field*

*May 2*

*JK-Grade 3 To Play Performance*

*May 14*

*Tropical Day Spirit Day*

*May 17*

*Grade 7/8 Ottawa Trip*

*June 13-15*

*New To Kindergarten Orientation*

*June 19*

*Fun Fair*

*June 21*

*Grade 8 Graduation*

*June 26*



Nerves Kick In:  
You have a slight perspiration problem.  
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## **Public Speaking**

We are very proud of all of our students for presenting their speeches this year, either in their classroom, during our Speech Club, or in the gym in front of the school. Although each student may have been a bit nervous, you could see after they presented, that he/she was quite excited and exhilarated. Special recognition goes out to our school representatives at the Royal Legion competition: Aleksija V. and Shahrugh Khan. We are so proud of their accomplishments.

## **Smith P.S. Fun Fair—Thursday, June 21 (5-8 p.m.)**

We hope everyone will come out on June 21 to our Community Fun Fair.

- ✚ We will have three amazing jump n’ bounces this year!
- ✚ We will have many midway games including the very popular “Dunk Tank” this year.
- ✚ We will have special “all-inclusive bracelets” for unlimited access to jump n’ bounces, dunk tank and all midway games.
- ✚ We will have an awesome penny sale, food items, silent auction and so much more. Don’t forget to purchase your raffle tickets. Our prizes this year include: a propane barbecue, 4K Smart television, Great Wolf Lodge family pass and a bicycle. We plan on sending tickets home over the next week or so. The draws will happen at the Fun Fair. The highest sellers in each grade get a free “unlimited bracelet”. Again, mark your calendars and we will see you at the fabulous Fun Fair on Thursday, June 21.



## **Math Mania—Thursday, April 19**

Our Family Math Night, “Math Mania”, is all set for Thursday, April 19 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Check out the letter that went home for more details and on how to register. There will be all kinds of fun math activities, free pizza and drinks and door prizes.

## **GOTCHA Program**

Our motivational Gotcha program continues to reinforce with our students, how important it is to develop good character. Every Monday, we continue with our draws from the “Gotcha Bin” to celebrate students who have received Gotchas from the staff. All a student has to do, is demonstrate positive character, and they may be “caught” and receive a Gotcha. Gotchas stay in the bin until they are drawn out for a special prize. Once drawn out, the Gotcha goes on a bulletin board in the front hall of the school. This is just one more part of our overall character education program.



## **Autism Awareness Day—April 3**

We had a very uplifting day on Tuesday, April 3 to celebrate Autism Awareness Day. In addition to some morning announcements, staff wore special “Autism Awareness Ribbons” and we raised our Autism Flag on the flag pole out front of the school.

## **Celebrations and Connections**

**To all of our parents who have come out and contributed to support our School Parent Council meetings. Our next meeting is April 24. All parents are invited to attend the meeting at 6:30 p.m.**



### **Safety At Smith P.S.**

Safety is one of our top priorities. If our students and staff have a safe and comfortable atmosphere, then everyone can achieve to their potential as a learner. With this in mind we wish to share with our community what safety steps we have completed and what steps we have in place as part of our regular process:

- ✚ All staff wear vests while out on supervision.
- ✚ All staff wear name badges for identification purposes.
- ✚ We have and will continue to review all of our emergency, safety and medication procedures.
- ✚ We do formal Health and Safety inspections every month.



### **Student Council**

Our school Student Council remains very active this year with planning spirit days, helping with dances, and other special events. The next events are: Blue and Green Day (for Earth Day) on April 20 and Tropical Day (May 17).

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**\*Math Mania Night For our Families\***

**Thursday, April 19**

**5:30-7:30 p.m.**

**Free Pizza, Drinks, and Math Learning!!!**

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# Upcoming Dates

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| Fire Drill #4  | April 9 (10:00 a.m.)        |
| Big Brothers'/Big Sisters' Bowl For Kids Sake            | April 10                    |
| Grade 7/8 Math Olympics                                  | April 12                    |
| Grade 7/8 Ottawa Trip—Final Payment                      | April 13                    |
| Grade 4-6 To Lakeview P.S. Musical                       | April 17 (11:00 a.m.)       |
| Vaccinations—Hep B and HPV                               | April 18                    |
| Gymnastics—Junior Girls                                  | April 18                    |
| Gymnastics—Intermediate Girls' (a.m.); Int. Boys' (p.m.) | April 19                    |
| Math Community Night                                     | April 19                    |
| Gymnastics—Junior Girls' "City" Meet                     | April 20                    |
| Green and Blue—Earth Day #1                              | April 20                    |
| Earth Day Celebration #2                                 | April 23 (Outdoor Work)     |
| School Council   | April 24                    |
| Region 6 Badminton                                       | April 26                    |
| JK/SK Classes to RBG Trip                                | April 27                    |
| Ottawa Trip—Parent and Student Meeting                   | May 1 (6:30 p.m.)           |
| Smith Track and Field Event                              | May 2                       |
| Dental Screening (Kindergarten)                          | May $\frac{3}{4}$ and May 7 |
| Silverbirch/Red Maple Reading Event                      | May 4                       |
| M&M School Shop Day                                      | May 4 and May 5             |
| Dance Showcase   | May 8                       |
| Grade 8 Event @ GSS                                      | May 10                      |
| JK-Grade 3 Trip To Play                                  | May 14                      |
| Tropical Day Spirit Day                                  | May 17                      |
| Battle of the Books Event                                | May 17                      |
| P.D. Day   | May 18                      |
| Victoria Day Holiday (No School Today For Students)      | May 21                      |
| Grade 3 and 6 EQAO Sessions #1, #2, #3                   | May 23, 24, 25              |
| Grade 3 and 6 EQAO Sessions #4, #5, #6                   | May 28, 29, 30              |
| Grade 1 and 2 To Safety Village                          | June 1                      |
| DSBN Track Meet  | June 5                      |
| Special Olympics Event                                   | June 7                      |
| P.A. Day (No School Today For Students)                  | June 8                      |
| Grade 7/8 Ottawa Trip                                    | June 13-15                  |
| Grade 4 and 4/5 Trip To Living Campus                    | June 13                     |
| Kindergarten Orientation Event                           | June 19 (4:00-5:00 p.m.)    |
| Fun Fair   | June 21                     |
| Junior Trip To Brock University                          | June 22                     |
| Grade 8 Graduation                                       | June 26                     |
| Term 2 Report Cards Home                                 | June 27                     |
| Last Day of School                                       | June 28                     |
| P.D. Day (No School Today For Students)                  | June 29                     |

