

F.J. Rutland Review

Mr. S. Enns, Principal

Dear Parents,

We are approaching the end of our second term at F.J. Rutland. This is an excellent time of the year to reflect on student achievement.

Parents are encouraged to contact the school if they have concerns about their child's academic or social progress.

Teachers have been working very hard focusing on their instructional practices to meet the individual needs of their students. Both the Junior and Intermediate divisions continue to implement effective teaching strategies and resources to address critical thinking skills.

Our school continues to purchase resource materials to support DSBN literacy initiatives. We invite you in to your school to tour and learn about our literacy room. This resource room supports our goal to meet the needs of students who read at different levels as well as providing a multitude of resources to support differentiated instruction.

Parental support in student achievement makes a huge difference in a child's development. Your efforts and suggestions are appreciated!

Scott Enns

School Council

Our School Council did an excellent job of organizing a fun and entertaining Family Movie Night. Our next family get together is a pot luck dinner aimed at celebrating our multicultural community. We are planning a "Sing Around the World" Potluck Dinner at River View for April 27. During this evening, Mrs. Hilborn will lead the River View student choir to entertain the audience with various songs. Our next school council meeting is Tuesday, March 30 at River View School at 6 p.m. All are welcome!



Extra-Curricular Activities

Ms. Lenc is running a very successful Chess Club at lunches for students in all five grades. We say thank you for her time and dedication. There has been a huge improvement in the skill level of our players.

Mr. Sirett heads up our ever popular Computer Club. Mr. White is running an intermediate foot hockey league, and many of our students belong to our Recycling Team. So you see, there is a lot to do at F.J. Rutland!

Trojan Athletics

Congratulations to both our girls and boys intermediate teams for a very

successful season. Miss Jonovich and Mr. White are very proud of the efforts put forth by their teams. Thanks to Mr. Cardwell and to Mr. Oblak for helping these teams. The boys' team managed to win the Tier Two City Championship and the girls will compete in the DSBN championships on March 3. Thanks to our wonderful parents for driving us to and from the games.

Our junior basketball program is ready to get started as teams have been selected. Mr. Enns will also be running a skills clinic for those students who did not make the team; the clinic will run once a week. League games will begin after March Break.



Welcome Student Teachers

Prior to March Break, we will have seven student teachers from Brock's Faculty of Education working with our students: Miss Johnson with Miss Steenhuis; Mr. Pellegrini is with Mr. Gienow; Mr. Lingard with Ms. Lenc; Mrs. Freeman Thorpe with Mr. Flower; Mr. Pellerin with Mr. Sirett; Miss Pierre with Mr. White; Miss Flett with Mrs. Musgrave; and Miss Cressman with Miss Kimpinski. These seven additional teachers will be a great help to our students and staff!

Absences / Lates

Parents are reminded to call the school prior to 8:40am if your son/daughter will be absent or has



an appointment first thing in the morning!

Valentines Dance-A-Thon

F.J. Rutland celebrated Valentines Day in style with our annual Dance-A-Thon organized by Mr. Gienow. All students enjoyed dancing to old classics, hanging out with friends, and showing off their funky dance moves. F.J.R. thanks the 15 awesome Stamford students for coming out and showing our Trojans a thing or two about having fun.

We appreciate all of Mr. Gienow's efforts in organizing this successful event! We were able to raise \$3000 for our student activity fund thanks to the efforts of our students and generous support of our community.

We want to say a big thank you to our donors who provided a huge incentive to our students to get pledges. We thank the following individuals and/or organizations:

Canadian Tire Montrose Rd.
 Canadian Tire McLeod Rd.
 Americana Conference Resort and Spa
 Niagara Parks Commission-Fury and Rink on the Brink
 Great Canadian Midway courtesy of Mrs. Zupan
 McDonald's Restaurants Niagara
 Whirlpool Jet Boat Tours
 Willoughby volunteer Fire Fighters
 Niagara Helicopters
 Port Colborne Fire Fighters courtesy of Mrs. Millward
 Oh Canada Eh? Dinner Theatre
 Boston Pizza and Niagara Ice Dogs courtesy of Mr. Manels
 Fallsview Indoor Water Park
 Niagara Falls Bridge Commission
 The Toronto Blue Jays
 The Greg Frewin Theatre
 Dairy Queen Portage Rd. courtesy of Mr. Danny Maida
 The Bird Kingdom
 Jake's Niagara (Life is Good)
 CAA kit courtesy of Madison Legace
 Brock University (swim passes)
 Mrs. Eade

We are so proud and appreciative of our community for their support!

Humane Society Fundraiser

Students from our school are invited to participate in a two week (March 22 to April 1) animal food drive to support the Niagara Falls Humane Society. Supplies are running low and this will be an excellent way for Rutland to give back to the community. The Humane Society is in need of: Dry dog and cat food, moist dog and cat canned food, cat litter (non-clumping), towels and blankets, dog and cat toys, and Canadian Tire money. We have had five successful drives in the past and we are hoping for the same results again this year. We thank Miss Steenhuis for organizing this initiative! A reminder note will come home after March Break.

Students of the Month

Each month we celebrate the excellent accomplishments of our students. Congratulations to the following winners who were recognized at our February recognition assembly: Griffin Farrington, A.J. Kelly, Michael Shannon, Connor Wilkinson, Emily Tollar, Katelynn Hilborn, Bri-Anne Want, Danielle Finlay, Rylee Rudling, James McGaw, Jakeim Currie, Cassidy Cooper, Dylan Delamatter, Reillee Slute, Claire Savoie, Sarah McCraw, and Tyler Gill

Trojan House Cup

We congratulate the Warrior House for winning the month of February by earning the most points for their team. The Warriors are giving the Spartans a run for the Trojan House Cup. Can the Gladiators or the Titans make a comeback?

Grad 8 Graduation Photo Day and Graduation Date

Grad photo day will be on Thursday, April 29 at 9 a.m. A reminder note will come home with students prior to the day.

Grade 8 graduation night will take place at F.J. Rutland School on the evening of Monday, June 28. More detailed information will come home well before this special date.

DSBN Road Race

Registration forms for the seventh annual DSBN Road Race are available at the office. Mark Sunday, April 25th down on your calendar as the date of this fun family event. The Road Race has two different runs: a 1km fun run and a 5km road race. All proceeds from this event support the Education Foundation of Niagara and Niagara Nutrition Partners.

Calendar Reminder

Check the calendar for a list of most activities.



Stamford Connections

Stamford students have made significant contributions to our school over the past month. They played an integral part during our Dance-A-Thon. We thank the 15 students who worked so positively with our students and staff. These students demonstrated an excellent level of respect, maturity, and enthusiasm significantly enhancing the experience for our students.

In addition, several Stamford students who are F.J. Rutland graduates have come back to our school to do many volunteer hours. Thanks to their efforts, many

positive improvements to our school have occurred.

Recently, our grade 8 students completed their Stamford intention sheets. They are excited to become part of the great Stamford tradition starting next year in grade 9.

We are excited to have Kayla Rose and Shannon Taylor join our school for the remainder of the year as they are completing a co-op placement in our junior division. Both girls are excellent role models for our students.

Newsletter Draw

Congratulations to the winners of our February Newsletter draw. Don't forget to return the slip below by Monday, March 8.

NEWSLETTER DRAW:

Please sign and return this section to indicate that you have read the *F.J. Rutland Review*. Three returned slips will be chosen randomly. The winners will win a free hot lunch!

The _____ family has read the *F.J. Rutland Review*.

Student(s) Names

Teacher

Parent Signature: _____

Please return this page by Monday, March 8th, 2010