



April 2016



D I S T R I C T S C H O O L B O A R D O F N I A G A R A

**YOU ARE THE HERO IN THIS STORY!!**

**Students need:**

Dress for the weather especially for seasonal changes

Dreambox :

3 lessons a week  
= 45 mins. a week

(Grades 4,5,6: )

To continue to be safe on the bus (no perfume or sanitizer use) and on our playground

It is with pride that we share our April hero. Ruby M is a grade 4 student and she has focused on her literacy skills all year. She wrote a lovely story using a word processing program on the computer, added a decorated Easter egg then coloured it beautifully to enhance her page. Ruby, keep working on your reading and writing. You are growing every day and we are very pleased with your work!



Ruby writes: On the weekend, I had a late Easter egg hunt. I had a late Easter egg hunt because it happened on Sunday. My Easter egg hunt with my friends Holly and Robert and my brother Robert was fun because I got the most Easter Eggs!

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**United Empire Loyalist and Author Presents Artifacts**

Ms. Ruth Nicholson, Former Teacher/Historian and Ms. Jean Baxter, Author (visited in the Fall ) will be visiting Pelham Centre Public School to share historic artifacts. Their aim is to provide history that links with the Ontario Curriculum involving multiculturalism, and the movement into Canada and First Nations, using primary resources (artifacts).

**Grades 7 and 8:** emphasis on the final battles, resettlement, free land grants, Black Loyalists, the First Nations and the contributions of the early settlers to our heritage

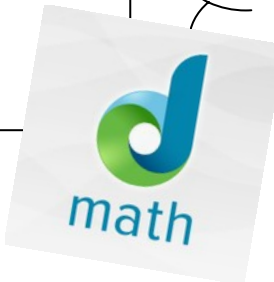
**Grade 4 to Grade 6:** emphasis on early Pioneer life in Canada using Loyalist history.

Many artifacts include: Native scraping stones, butter churn, butter presses, lye soap, spectacles, Indian corn, beaver pelts, clothing, early games, and site maps showing early pioneer settlement.



Please continue to encourage your grade 4,5,6 student(s) to complete a lesson in Dreambox twice a week! We are finding that students have begun a few lessons and they need to go back and complete each one. Our goal is for all our students to complete their current grade level that they are working in and all the strands

Our Photographer will be coming some sunny day to take a picture of our Pelham Centre students as a whole group. This picture will be used in our yearbook and will become a photo to treasure! We do not have a date nor time, as it will be just a day that works!



Yesterday , Today, Tomorrow...

You are invited to attend an Open House celebrating 236 years of education in our village at Pelham Centre Public School! We will be hosting historical items, memorabilia throughout the years. We hope you will come to visit the displays our students will be creating! Former staff, students, and our school community are invited!

Date: May 12th, 2016  
Time: 4:00 –7:00 pm

If you have any memorabilia to lend to us, please ensure that your name and phone number is on each item. Drop off? Office by May 2nd , please



**ATTENTION GRADE 7 AND 8 STUDENTS**  
On April 1st, (no fooling!) the Public Health Nurse will be at Pelham Centre Public School, Learning Commons to give needles as follows:  
Grade 7: HEP B  
Grade 8 Girls: HPV



We continue to gather pictures for our yearbook. If you have any that we could use we would like them please.

Send an email with your favourite pictures attached or send in your USB stick to the school with them stored on it! Mrs. Furlong will sort through them. (Your USB will always be returned to you, if you label it with your name please) Any & all are appreciated! Thank you!! [nfurlong@cogeco.ca](mailto:nfurlong@cogeco.ca)

**Class of 2016**

**Tuesday, June 28**

**Early Evening**

**Details to follow ~  
Rice Road  
Community**





The elementary school year calendar has been tweaked slightly. As a result, your children will get to enjoy a PA Day on Friday, April 15, 2016. We'll also send out a quick reminder closer to the date, but wanted to give you a heads up so you can begin planning. If your children currently access before and/or after school care, your provider will contact you with information about availability closer to the date.

April 24th DSBN Road Race

Applications for race or volunteering? See Mme Corbeil



School Advisory Council

We will continue to discuss needs of the school, fundraising updates and planning at the meeting Friday, April 1 @ 9:00 -10:30 am in the Pelham Centre Learning Commons.

We welcome interested parents/guardians to any of our meetings. Meeting agendas and minutes are posted on our school website for you to review. Please call the school if you would like further information or email Nadine Furlong (nfurlong@cogeco.ca)



Public Speaking Results



Two grade 8 students competed in the Fonthill Legion Speech Competition on February 28th. We are very pleased to announce that Spencer K came first and Hannah D. placed second, making Pelham Centre the top 2 speakers at the competition! Spencer will be moving on to the next level of competition. Congratulations to both students! We are Pelham Centre proud!

Chess Club



Richmond Street was the host of our annual Chess Tournament. Our team consisted of: Grade 5 Sydney P, Ben S, Jacob F; Grade 6: Ty P, Andrew G ; Grade 7 : Theo C, Myles S; Grade 8: Carson S, Spencer K, and William G. We appreciate Mrs. Brennan advising the team during the Nutrition Breaks and Mr. Teal, for being the coach for the tournament day. We are pleased to announce that Ty P won a 4th place ribbon and William G won a 2nd place medal. Congratulations to our Panther Chess Team. What a great day!



Earth Day

The school always plans to do a clean up on this day on the school playgrounds ( Grades 4,5,6,8) and also along Centre Street (grade 7s only) as our school has volunteered to look after this every year. Your child is asked to come to school in clothing that will allow for this outdoor activity~ if your child can also bring garden gloves that is also helpful!

We look forward to being active, and pitch in!

# the *Fresh Air* fund

serving children since 1877

The Fresh Air Fund is always looking for a few more special families to discover the difference they can make in a child's life while enriching their own families summer experience.

Summertime is Fresh Air time for thousands of New York City children who visit volunteer host families in the Northeast, United States and Ontario, Canada through The Fresh Air Fund's Volunteer Host Family Program. The Fresh Air Fund, an independent, not-for-profit agency, has provided free summer experiences in the country to more than 1.8 million children since 1877. Volunteer host families open their hearts and homes to New York City children during the summer. Host families live in the suburbs, small towns, or rural areas, and wish to share the pure joys of summer with their New York City friends. Fresh Air children love to run barefoot through the grass, catch fireflies at night, swim in the lake, and gaze at star-filled skies. Through the eyes of Fresh Air children, families often rediscover the beauty of their own communities.

For more information on how you can sign up to become a volunteer host this summer, please contact Jeannete Murphy at 905-563-9993 [murphykj@cogeco.ca](mailto:murphykj@cogeco.ca) or Christine Ferrusi 905-541-1828 [christine.ferrusi@friendlytown.org](mailto:christine.ferrusi@friendlytown.org) or visit [www.freshair.org](http://www.freshair.org). Like us on Facebook - The Fresh Air Fund of Ontario, Canada



## April is Oral Health Month

In the 2014/2015 school year over 25,000 school-aged children were screened by Public Health. 39% of those school-aged children were identified as having tooth decay.

Tooth decay is the number one chronic disease of children

Untreated tooth decay can lead to difficulties eating and sleeping, self-esteem issues, decreased school performance and attendance, pain, discomfort, infection and poor overall health

Given the long-term consequences of tooth decay, early preventive care is critical in the younger grades.

**Regular brushing and flossing:** Ensure your child brushes their teeth twice daily using a pea-size portion of fluoride toothpaste, as Niagara's community water does not contain fluoride. Younger children require help from an adult until they are able to do an adequate job.

**Healthy lunches and snacks:** Parents are reminded about the importance of a healthy diet and limiting sugary snacks and drinks. All students have access to water stations (fountains) where bottles can be refilled throughout the day.

**Mouth guards:** If your child is participating in an organized sport it is highly recommended that they get a custom-fitted mouth guard to protect their teeth.

**Regular dental examinations:** Dental examinations at regular intervals are important to prevent or identify dental problems early so they can be treated. Public Health provides a variety of dental programs and services to eligible children and youth 17 years of age and younger.

For more information or to see if your child qualifies, please call the Dental Health Line at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7399 or visit [www.niagararegion.ca/health](http://www.niagararegion.ca/health).

**REMEMBER TOOTH DECAY IS A PREVENTABLE DISEASE!**



