



E.W. FARR FOX NEWS



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Principal's Message

Rather a balmy finish to November with temperatures hovering around +10 Celsius. Although warm now, I'm positive we will see snow and cold weather soon for Christmas.

This year, as in the past, our staff and students will be encouraging our community to give to Pelham Cares. We will set up in our front foyer a bin for collection of non perishable food items starting on December 12th.

Our Christmas Concert this year will be on Wednesday December 21st from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Pelham Centre Public School. This year's theme is "How the Penguins Saved Christmas".

Along with staff, I would like to wish every family a safe and happy holiday season. May the holidays bring joy, peace and happiness.

Sincerely,

Jeff Fraser
Principal

Fruit Days

Our fruit days to promote healthy eating have been very successful and well received by our students. Every 2nd Wednesday during our nutrition breaks whole washed fruit is made available to students. A special thank you to our class volunteer parents who donated the fruit and to Mrs. Nadine Furlong for organizing.

E.W. Farr School Focus

Currently this month as a staff we are focusing on small group instruction. The purpose of small group instruction is to help students with mastering a strategy or skill. The teacher meets with a group of several students to guide students' thinking and to provide support for the new strategy/skill learned. Our Literacy strategy we are using with small group instruction is making connections. Simply put, when we read a book, we often make connections. Good readers use their personal experiences, knowledge of the world and previously read books to help them understand what they are reading. At E.W. Farr you will see evidence of this strategy on the walls in the classrooms.

School Advisory Council

Our next School Advisory Council meeting will be on Wednesday January 25th, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. Please note we have moved the meetings to different days of the week to accommodate parents. The February meeting will be on a Thursday, while the March meeting will be on a Monday.

Poinsettia Orders

Poinsettia orders will be delivered on Thursday December 15th and will be available for pick-up from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. at E. W. Farr School. A special thank you to Mrs. Karen VanVliet for organizing and to everyone for supporting our school poinsettia sales.

Choir

Our primary choir has been practicing diligently during the second nutrition break with Mrs. Main. This year as in the past years the primary choir will be singing at the Old Town Hall on Wednesday December 14th at 1:30 p.m. Parents are welcome to come and enjoy the performance.

Pelham's Annual Christmas Card Contest

Congratulations to Sam Reynolds for having your drawing chosen for the inside cover of the Town of Pelham Christmas card. Sam has been invited to attend the next Council meeting on December 5th to be formally acknowledged and thanked for contributing to the Christmas card and for displaying his artwork.

Chocolate Bar Campaign

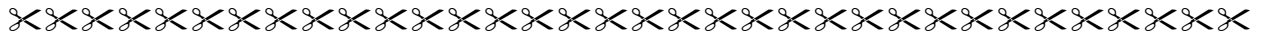
A special thank you to the E.W. Farr Community for your fantastic fundraising efforts. This year we managed to fundraise \$3,050. The money we raised will help to subsidize class trips, special events and school items/materials. Congratulations to our three top sellers: Lochlan Ridley, Devon Breadman and Jenna Calverley who all received a pillow pet special gift. Our top school seller was Lochlan Ridley who received a 5 pound chocolate bar and the winner of the random draw consisting of the Cineplex Family 4 pack was **Luke Morris.**

Gotcha Awards.....Congratulations on being caught!!

Kaitlyn Brophy	- being responsible
Samira Elsayed	- helping clean up a big mess
Noah Dama	- thinking about doing his best work
Ayden Garner	- helping a friend get organized
Elijah MacDonald	- cheering up a friend in need
MacKenzie Chemerika	- taking good care of our books
Alexander Kosuta	- being a good friend to a younger student
Emerson Secord	- being a good friend
Olivia VanVliet	- being a good friend
Maddie Neuman	- being a good friend
James Johnson-Gamble	- being a good friend
Quinn Bendlis	- being a great friend
Victoria Breitenbach	- being a great friend to a new student

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

We have had some discussion at School Council about the need for before and after school care. As a result I am asking parents to respond if they would be interested and use before and after school care for their child(ren) and be willing to pay for this service. If so, please send the tear off section to Mr. Fraser.



- Yes, I would use before and after school care and I am interested in obtaining this service.

Name _____ Telephone # _____

Number of children for _____ Ages _____
before and after school
care.