



# E.W. FARR FOX NEWS



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## *Principal's Message*

It was nice to see everyone at this year's BBQ/Meet the Teacher Night on September 15<sup>th</sup>. We had over 300 people attend this event. The weather was warm and parents/family had a great time visiting classrooms and talking to their son's/daughter's teacher.

EQAO results have arrived and we are pleased to announce that E.W. Farr School is doing very well in all 3 areas of Reading, Writing and Mathematics. We went from 82% to an incredible 100% in Reading, from 79% to 88% in Writing and from 88% to 92% in Mathematics. Congratulations to students, staff and Mrs. Milani for all your diligent efforts in improving our EQAO scores. Specific scores to the school, board and province can be found in the body of this newsletter.

A reminder to parents that there will be no school for students on Friday October 7<sup>th</sup>, as this day is designated as a Board PA Day. On this day staff will be focusing on our School Improvement Plan and identifying areas of learning for staff/students.

Currently we are midway through our chocolate campaign and we are very thankful many families have taken a box. We will finish our campaign on October 11<sup>th</sup>. Although these boxes are advertised as peanut free, they are however not nut friendly, so please be very cautious and do not open any boxes at school or on the bus.

October will be a very busy month, with many exciting activities and events. Please consult your monthly calendar and student organizer for special dates and effective communication. Have a Happy Thanksgiving with your family.



Educationally Yours,

Jeff Fraser  
Principal

## EQAO Results

Percentage of all students at or above the Provincial standard (Levels 3 and 4) 2010-2011

	<b>E.W. Farr</b>	<b>Board</b>	<b>Province</b>
<b>Reading</b>	100	67	65
<b>Writing</b>	88	73	73
<b>Math</b>	92	67	69

Individual results for last year's Grade 3 students have been sent home. Staff use the EQAO information in many ways to improve students' learning which includes looking at group and individual scores. We look at this information as a snapshot and combine this information with everyday classroom assessment to ensure that the teaching strategies and practices we are using are contributing to each student's success.

## Cross Country

On September 29<sup>th</sup>, the E.W. Farr Cross Country Team represented our school at the Regional Cross Country Race in Wellandport. Although it was raining very hard, our team did an exceptional job. The cross Country team consisted of the following athletes.

**From the Atom Division:** Jenna Calverley, Emma Farion, Gwynevere Kosuta, Melanie Leblanc, Grace Brownlee, Emily Shatford, And Camryn Furlong. From the Atom Boys we had Evan Van Vliet, Myles Stolk, Daniel Guitard, Andrew Guitard, Jackson Purbs, Tanner Superka, Ty Philbrick, Theo Collings, Morgan Eller, Jacob Kargus, Tommy Leavens, Quinn Bendlis, Mason Stewart, and Xavier Stephens. Congratulations Team, we are all very proud of you and best of luck next week for race 2 – Coach Ford.

## Hot Lunch Date Change

Our first hot lunch date will be on Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> instead of Friday October 7<sup>th</sup> due to the 7<sup>th</sup> being a PA Day.

## Halloween

We will have our school-wide parade through the neighborhood on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at approximately 12:45 p.m. We will follow the same route through the neighborhood that we took for the Terry Fox Walk. After our walk we will have various Halloween activities.

## School Photo Retakes

Retakes for student photos are on October 14<sup>th</sup>. If your child needs his/her photo done on this day, please let your child's teacher know.

## Mad Science

The Mad Science assembly is on Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 a.m. for students in grades 1-3. Information /registration form will be sent home that day should you wish for your child to participate in the Math Science Club.



Mad Science, the world's leading provider of educational and entertaining science programs for children is coming to E W Farr Public School. Their mission is to spark the imagination and curiosity of children everywhere by providing them with fun, entertaining and exciting activities that instil a clear understanding of what science is really all about and how it affects the world around them. They use exciting activities and spectacular demonstrations to capture the attention and imagination of children as we found out during our assembly.

Both the students and teachers will be thrilled on 18/Oct/2011 at 11:15 AM when Mad Science comes to the school to do a Spectacular Science show. The assembly will be educational, entertaining and also the kick off to the Mad Science Club. The Club is a 6-week science enrichment program offered to the students.

Students who join the science club will go on a voyage of discovery designed to support the Ontario Science and Technology curriculum. They will explore various topics in science including Chemical Mystery, Current Events, Fundamental Forces, Science of Magic, Stunt Planes and Super Structures. The Club will take place on Tuesday Lunch, Nov 8, 15, 22, 29, Dec 6, 13 from 12:50 PM - 1:30 PM.

For those of you who have been in the Mad Science Club before, this is a different club than last year with exciting experiments, cool demonstrations and amazing take home activities.

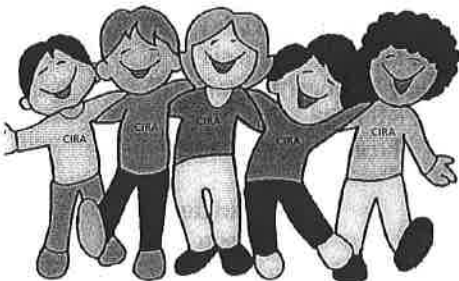
Mad Science also performs Birthday Parties, Camps and Special Events. Give them a call at 905-937-1878 and watch out for them in Malls, at Fairs, Festivals and Scouts and Guides.  
[www.madscience.org/Niagara](http://www.madscience.org/Niagara)

## E. W. Farr Memorial Public School Requires:

A Lunchtime Supervisor- everyday Monday to Friday from 12:50 to 1:30 p.m. This is a paid position.

### Qualifications:

- Likes supervising children in large doses.
- Enjoys the great outdoors and playgrounds.
- Able to problem solve, multi task and make a positive difference in the lives of children.



If interested, please contact Jeff Fraser at E.W. Farr Memorial School 905-892-3251