

Lady Evelyn Alternative School Council News

Upcoming events at Lady Evelyn

Lady Evelyn's centennial year has been a busy one so far, with lots more great activities planned for 2006. Last term there were some problems reported about School Council information not getting home via the back-pack express, or being found too late. This newsletter includes a list of all the events currently planned from now until the end of the school year. Mark these dates on your 2006 calendars now so you don't miss out!

- February 9 Valentine's Day Family Dance (Note: Friday, February 10th is a P.D. day.)
- March 3 Alternative Jamboree—an event for all alternative school families—4:30 to 7:30 PM at Summit Alternative School (Note: this is an early dismissal day.)
- March 9 Family Breakfast, 7:30 AM
- March 13 - 17 March Break
- March 30 Bookfair and student-led conferences
- April 28 Adult Social and Dance (Note: we hope to provide a no-charge activity for children.)
- May 5 Vernissage: Children's art show
- May 18 Family Breakfast, 7:30 AM / School Math Day
- June 15 Teacher Appreciation Lunch
- June 22 School Family Picnic at Springhurst Park, 5:30 PM

Lady Evelyn School



Celebrating 100 Years

Launching the Lady Evelyn Fair Trade Coffee Club

The fair trade organic coffee from Bean Fair was well received by the Lady Evelyn community. We got great coffee, some easy holiday gifts, and earned about \$500 to fund school activities. There seems to be enough interest to form a coffee club, so we will give this a try from now until June. This is how it will work:

- ◆ This newsletter, and a message sent out via ladyevelyn@ladyevelyn.ca will invite people to join the coffee club.
- ◆ You join by subscribing to the coffee club e-mail list: send “***subscribe coffeecub***” in the body of an e-mail message to majordomo@ladyevelyn.ca (or you can send an e-mail to Richard Deadman: rdeadman@deadman.ca, and ask him to put you on the list).
- ◆ About once every six weeks a message will go out to the coffee club list letting you know that it's time to order. The order form and prices will be available on the Council Web site (www.ladyevelyn.ca). You can either print out the form or just write down what you want and send in your order and payment the usual way, by the deadline.
- ◆ Your coffee will be sent home with your child about a week after the order deadline.

If you do not have e-mail, you can be put on a list to be contacted by phone. Call Teresa at 731-9963.

Coffee Club Due Dates for 2006: February 3rd, March 10th, April 21st, and June 2nd.

JUMP training opportunity for Lady Evelyn parents and community volunteers

JUNIOR UNDISCOVERED MATH PRODIGIES (JUMP) is a new approach in math tutoring developed to help children in grades three to six who have fallen behind in their math and need to catch up quickly. Learn more about JUMP by visiting www.jump tutoring.org

Volunteer tutors are not required to have formal mathematical training—in fact, people who struggled with math themselves make some of the best tutors. JUMP welcomes all members of the community who are interested in supporting and encouraging students who are struggling with their math. The school will match each trained JUMP volunteer with a teacher-identified student who can benefit from tutoring.

Training to become a JUMP tutor is available through OCRI—the Ottawa Centre for Research and Innovation. A new training session will be scheduled soon. You can find out more, or register for training, at:

www.ocri.ca/education/vie_jump.html

For more information on JUMP Math Tutoring please contact Rose Anne Leonard at OCRI: 828-6274 ext. 297. Please let Lady Evelyn's Principal, Lori Lovett, know if you are planning on becoming a JUMP tutor.

Parent Volunteers: A cornerstone of alternative education

Thanks to all the Lady Evelyn parents who have stepped up this year to take on school council positions, help run programs, bring in new fundraising ideas and make other contributions to our school. New people and new ideas are always welcome... and there are always jobs to do! Not sure what you can do? Talk to your child's teacher, the Principal or other parents, and let them know you want to help out.

A Million Thanks!

Thank you to **Mutchmor Public School** for donating two boxes of skates leftover from their annual skate sale. Most of these skates have already been handed out to Lady Evelyn children, so that everyone can participate in our canal skating program.

Also a big thank you to **McCrank's Cycles** for sharpening 20 pairs of our loaner skates for free! You can thank Peter at McCrank's Cycles on Bank Street (at Cleary) by bringing him your skates for sharpening and your bikes for a spring tune-up. Be sure to say thank you from Lady Evelyn.

Still wanted: a few more pairs of skates in good condition, especially boy's junior sizes 4 to 6 and girl's junior sizes 3 to 5.

Don't forget to bring in your receipts from

Mrs. Tiggy Winkles

Lady Evelyn can earn a rebate on your receipts. There is a decorated box in the office where you can put them. Photocopies are also OK.

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Dates of all school council meetings and an event calendar are posted on the Council Web site: www.ladyevelyn.ca

...or put the upcoming meeting dates on your calendar now. They are:

Wednesday, **February 15th**, 2006, 7:30 PM

Wednesday, **April 26th**, 2006, 7:30 PM

Wednesday, **June 7th**, 2006, 7:30 PM

We do our best to finish up by 9:00.

Stay up-to-date on community, school and council events and activities by joining the general e-mail list: send "***subscribe Ladyevelyn***" in the body of an e-mail message to majordomo@ladyevelyn.ca.