



Northport Cougar Report



Important Dates!

April 13– Spring Music Concert

April 15– Graduation Photos

April 18-21 Music Festival

April 20– Graduation Planning

April 22– Good Friday

April 25– Easter Monday

EQAO dates for your calendar

grade 3 June 7-9

grade 6 May 30-June 1

Cougar Pride

Spring Greetings everyone!

Our second school wide theme is coming to a close with the celebration of Earth day on April 22nd. When you visit the school you will see many pieces of student work up on the walls where our students are discussing the important responsibility we each have to preserve our planet. We are very proud of our comprehensive recycling and composting programs we have underway at the school.

During May and June we will be working on integrating our third school-wide theme of the year. You can look forward to hearing about our celebration of the Northport communities' multicultural heritage.

If your family would like to share some of your culture, music, and traditions with us, please let your child's teacher know! If you have any specialty foods to share, just remember to bring a sample to Mr. Colley to taste test first!

Our basketball teams are heading into several tournaments in the next few weeks, and we are proud to report the boys' team were finalists in their first tournament in Walkerton March 24th. Be sure to check out our webpage for pictures of some of our special events and teams.

Our Me to We club will be supporting an SDSS initiative April 19th at 7PM in the SDSS cafeteria. Michel Chikwanine, a former child



Fill someone's bucket: Be a bucket filler, not a bucket emptier!

soldier is the featured speaker. There is a small charge of \$5 at the door. Everyone is invited to come be part of this night.

We Can Make a Difference: Baby Steps

If we all work together and stop polluting we can make a change but, to make this change we all have to work at stopping what's happening to our world. You can start by just picking up a piece of garbage when you go for a walk. If we all take baby steps we can make a difference. Don't wait a week or a month or a year. Start now. IT MATTERS!

Marilena 4/5M



Artwork by Abigail Tew

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A March Break to Remember By Emily Marriott 7G



Artwork by Shane Thompson

On March 3rd to March 10th, I travelled to the Dominican Republic along with 32 other people. This team consisted of 3 doctors, 1 nurse, 2 dentists and 26 other people who were eager to help. The team was organized by the Wasaga Beach Rotary Club. This trip was to help the Haitians who were sent from Haiti to the Dominican to work in the sugar cane fields for next to no money. The sugar cane companies then shut down, leaving its workers left without any jobs, and no way to help themselves and their families. They are extremely poor, underfed, and without any access to medical care.

During the days that we were there, the medical and dental team (along with many helpers) would go to a village, set up in an area, and give assistance to people. The medical team would give out any medication they were able to supply. The rest of our team would go to a village and help out in any way

that we could. We had a construction team that fixed a caving wall as well as a roof, broken floor, and added a door to a house that had been robbed many times. There was also a home-makeover team, where we would paint houses to make them brighter for the people who lived in them. We also distributed many items that we brought to villages.

On one day, we went for a visit to their public hospital. Unfortunately, it is only a place where you are able to have a bed if you bring your own sheets. You are not fed, other than some food that some visiting nuns may bring. There are very few nurses, so very poor care is given. While in the hospital, you must bring your family with you to look after you. We also made a trip to the dump, where many people work sorting through items where they will then pack up recyclable things and re-sell them to people. Some cows, dogs, and the workers will eat

any leftover food that they find there.

The Haitian people were extremely thrilled to see us, and they really appreciated us being there. You would always see a smile on their face no matter how bad things looked. The children would immediately rush over to you, hold your hands, and always want to be with you. It was an amazing eye-opening experience to see all of these people who have nothing, yet be so proud of their little things that we take for granted.

Thank you very much to those people who donated items to be distributed. You would be extremely happy to know that their faces lit up, and they cherish your kind gifts.



**"The first day of spring is one thing, and the first spring day is another. The difference between them is sometimes as great as a month."
- Henry Van Dyke**



Emily with friends



Dr. Marriott helping at the makeshift hospital

Volunteer Week April 10 –16

Our Northport Community is a shining example of the great things that can be accomplished through the work of our volunteers. The National Volunteer Week (NVW) pays tribute to the millions of Canadian volunteers who graciously donate their time and energy. This year's 68th annual NVW takes place the week of April 10 to 16. It is

Canada's largest celebration of volunteers, volunteerism, and civic participation. (www.volunteer.ca) Northport students benefit everyday from our volunteers. Our volunteers read with us, feed us, help keep us organized, water our flowers, manage our library, raise important funds, and decorate our gym for special celebrations. Our

school is a great place to learn and grow because of you! A BIG THANK YOU from all of the Northport Cougars.



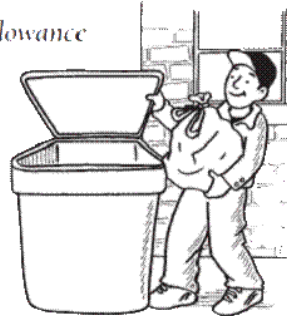
Are you a bucket filler?



Money for chores?

Q: *Some families we know give their children an allowance in exchange for doing chores. Is this a good idea?*

A: Many parents give an allowance so their children can practice managing money. But chores are assigned for a different reason. They help youngsters learn responsibility, and they let family members work together to take care of a household. Since the two (allowance and chores) aren't really related, it may make more sense to keep them separate.



Paying your child for chores could also have unexpected results. When he doesn't feel like washing the dishes, for instance, he might decide to take a pay cut.

If you decide to give your youngster an allowance, tell him that he can count on it each week. Also, when you assign a chore, let him know you're counting on him to do the job so your household runs smoothly.♥

Lost in the Barrens— McCulloch Style



Our very own Mrs. McCulloch, two of her brothers and her 84 year old mom (who always wanted to do this!) are in Tuktoyuk-tuk for a dog sledding adventure. This little fox was enjoying the view as they drove down the famous ice highway where the ice is over sixteen feet thick. We can't wait to hear all about their adventures.

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April 2011

Mar 2011

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mar 27	28	29	30	31	Apr 1	2
					9:00 Boys and Girls Basketball Invitational	Grey Bruce Chess 9:00 Boys and Girls Basketball Tournaments
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			11:00 Immunizations - Gr. 7&8	IPRC's TRAIL		
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		9:15 Dress Rehearsal for Music Night	7:00 Spring Music Celebration	IPRC's - LD 9:00 Erick Traplin Children's Entertainer Earth Day Focus	9:00 Grad Photos	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
9:00 Week of Music Festival	9:00 Week of Music Festival 7:00 SDSS ME to WE Event	9:00 Week of Music Festival	7:45 Sr. Band to Walkerton Festival 9:00 Week of Music Festival 6:45 Grade 8 Graduation Planning	7:45 Gr. 7/8 ensembles, Jr. Band to Festival 9:00 Week of Music Festival 9:00 DL Swim	GOOD FRIDAY 9:00 Week of Music Festival	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	EASTER MONDAY			9:00 DL Swim 9:00 DL Swim 12:00 IPRC's - DLC		