



Cougar Pride

Important Dates!

March 2- Early Dismissal 1:10pm

March 11- Crazy Hat-Hair Day

March 13th- Clocks Spring Ahead

March Break 14th-18th

It has been one busy month here at Northport. Lots of snow, a few extra snow days, and many great learning opportunities and accomplishments for our school. We celebrate a few of them in this newsletter, and we also post many more pictures on the website in our efforts to share with our community.

Our Cross Country Ski team recently competed in Hepworth and finished very strong. David Parsons (grade 2) finished 21st in a race with 40 junior boys! Hannah Lynch came home with the bronze medal, and Bronwyn Berry won the silver in the senior girls division. Way to go skiers!

Mr. Colley was able to spend one day with 6/7Brown at the OEC and had a great time helping toss students into orbit with the rest of the class (pictured right).

Mrs. MacLean and the students are gearing up for Music Festival season. Some of the important dates we have listed here to get them marked on calendars early.

Music Program Updates

Wed., April 13-Spring Concert -7 p.m. (Dress Rehearsal on Tuesday, Apr. 12)

Wed., April 20-Senior Band to Walkerton Music Festival --8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Thurs., April 21--Junior Band, Gr. 7 Ensemble, Gr. 8 Ensem-



Flying High at the OEC

ble, and Jazz Ensemble to Walkerton Music Festival- 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Thurs., May 19--Senior Band to Canada's Wonderland 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

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Public Speaking Stars

We are very proud of our excellent public speakers! Here are our top three and how they placed at the Legion competition.

Storytelling

David Parsons

Samuel Jack

Logan Lemcke (2nd at Legion)

Gr. 4-6

Tori Janes (3rd at Legion)

Malcolm McIntosh

Michael Jelly

Gr.7-9

Utsab Roychowdhury 1st at Legion (Utsab will continue on to the zone level)

Jessica Martin

Logan Bertin (2nd at Legion)



All dressed up on Valentine's Day

Learning Partners— Ideas to build Friendships

Children learn a lot from their teachers and parents—and they can also learn from each other. Here are ways your youngster can sharpen skills he needs in school while working and playing with friends.

Share studying. When your child has a test or quiz coming up, suggest that he study with a friend. Each person could review a different section and then explain it to the other. Talking things through aloud will help your youngster understand and remember them. Or have both children read all the material silently and then discuss it together.

They'll probably have different thoughts and ideas, which means twice as much learning.

Explore science. Your child and his friend can have fun with experiments they've done in class. They might put a variety of objects (coins, a sponge, a jar lid) in water to see which ones sink and which ones float. Or they could build simple machines (ramps, pulleys) with materials like cardboard boxes, string, and blocks. Idea: Offer to help them make a "science show" by recording their experiments with a cell phone or video camera.

Do research.

Is there something your youngster has always wanted to learn how to do, such as card tricks or juggling? Suggest that he find a friend who is interested, too. They could meet at the library to look up the topic. They'll build research skills, like checking multiple sources and taking notes. Then, they can get together to practice what they've learned.♥

Cougarama-Snowarama

We are proud to say that our Cougarama/Snowarama was a success. Everyone from Kindergarten to Gr. 8 was involved and had lots of fun. The day was full on fun filled activities for all ages. Thank you to all the Me-2-We members for running the events and helping them go smoothly. Also thanks to all the group leaders for making sure your

team was on time and keeping your team together. Before the day took place everyone took home a pledge sheet and was asked to raise money for the Port Elgin Rotary club-United Way-and our Me-2-We Build a well project. We successfully raised over \$2500 over the course of the day. Thank you to Gerry Moss and Erin Zorzi from the Port Elgin Rotary for

helping make the day special. We also enjoyed a fabulous spaghetti lunch thanks to many...many volunteers who came out to help. It was yummy!

Way to go Cougars!

Sarah Kelly 8M

"If you haven't any charity in your heart, then you have the worst kind of heart trouble"
Bob Hope

Spinclusion- A Community Living Initiative

You may think that disabled people walk funny or look or talk differently, but really they're the same as you and me. We learned this from Maureen and her partner Cindy who were here to talk to us about including disabled people in our lives. For example, you may not understand what a disabled person is saying but

you should know that they sure understand you. My papa had a stroke when I was little, it takes us some time to know what he's saying but we eventually find out. With Maureen and Cindy we played some games. These games taught us that we are all different in our own way. One of the games was like the Wheel of Fortune

except the questions are related to including people. In Maureen's life she helps disabled people like Cindy find a home, a job, and even helps them shop. Cindy and Maureen are very lucky to have each other. We would like to say thank you to Maureen and Cindy for coming to our school.

Sarah Sollors 4M



A Bluewater First—Double Gold

It is time to celebrate our Cougar Pride!

On January 27th both the boys and girls volleyball teams won the Bluewater Championship! That is a

Bluewater first. This was also two years in a row for our boys team; another Bluewater first! We are very proud of our teams and coaches. A big thank you goes out to Mr. Dennis,

Mrs. Gowanlock and Mr. Smith. Thanks also go out to all the parents and friends who drove, and came out to cheer for our teams!



Grade Five D.A.R.E. Graduation



Thanks to the two weeks of D.A.R.E and officer Chris Coles, I've learned about making decisions in my life. I've also learned about good and bad drugs. Like Tylenol and Advil are drugs that are good for you and Tobacco, Marijuana, and Alcohol are drugs that are bad for you.

Many people that sell bad drugs, try to get young kids hooked on to drugs so that they will keep buying the drugs for their entire life. Even though people do that, many people don't start because they know it's not right to smoke and that it's not cool.

Everyone who did the pro-

gram learned how to make a decision by using the D.A.R.E. Decision Making Model. This is what it stands for: D- Define, A- Assess, R- Respond, and E- Evaluate. This helped us solve problems from the D.A.R.E. book. Officer Coles taught us that many people jump right ahead to Respond and that instead of doing that, we should do ALL four steps to get a well thought answer.

In my report I am unable to talk about everything we learned, but this is a list of a few things we did:

Decision Making Practice, Facts/ Worksheet For Tobacco, Tobacco Situations, .

Facts/ Worksheet For Marijuana, Fact/ Worksheet For Alcohol, Alcohol Situations,

Friendship Foundation, Peer/ Personal Pressure, Second Hand Smoking and Drug Abuse.

Overall I have learned about making decisions and how life will be in the near future. Like how people tempt you to start drugs and how to avoid it.

I pledge to make wise decisions in life about alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, and other drugs.

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March 2011

Feb 2011

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		9:30 District Public Speakng	EARLY DISMISSAL			
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					Spirit Day-crazy hat or crazy hair day	
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12:00 Spring Ahead - Daylight Savings Time	BOARD DESIGNATED HOLIDAY 9:00 Piano Tuning	BOARD DESIGNATED HOLIDAY	BOARD DESIGNATED HOLIDAY	BOARD DESIGNATED HOLIDAY 9:00 St. Patrick's Day	BOARD DESIGNATED HOLIDAY	
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		10:00 Gr. 3 Rotary Dictionary Presentation		WDSS Basketball-Boys tournament	10:00 County Public Speaking	
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