

Principal's Update – March 25, 2024

Since our last meeting...

- Hockey Rink boards have been taken down and stored at the fire hall until next year.
- Loyalist township will still send us a cheque for \$500 for the rink. Once received this will be transferred into the SAC account to pay for the tarp that can be used next year.
- Green Day was a big success before March Break. The assembly and DJ Dance was a hit and it was great to be able to offer the option for families to buy additional milkshakes for those that couldn't afford it – this way everybody got one.
- Last week we celebrated Down syndrome awareness day, neurodiversity week, earth hour and National cupcake day. \$933 was raised for the OSPCA
- There will be a Scholastic Book Fair at the school next week, and this will include an evening where parents/families can also come to shop on April 3rd. More details to come in the week ahead.
- In the upcoming weeks, many classes will be doing activities related to the solar eclipse. Glasses have been provided for every student and teacher – to be sent home next Friday.
- EQAO testing will take place May 27 - 30
- Jr. basketball is underway. The season will involve 5 games and a tournament day TBD (May 6-9)
- We received more information from Astronomy in Action:

They are available on June 14th but unfortunately cannot stay for the evening. Potentially parents could be invited to join classes as volunteers or the last session of the day could be for families that are able to make it (to count as part of our STEAM night)?

From Astronomy in Action:

For 270 students, your best bet would be to use our Orion dome. It is 15 feet tall, 27 feet in diameter, and can accommodate up to 60 students. We would be able to see everyone with five shows in one day. The cost for this would be \$500 + travel and HST for the first show, \$400 + HST for each additional show, bringing your total to \$2100 + travel and HST. Travel is mileage based on your location; for Bath, this would be \$295. Due to the distance and having a full day of shows, our presenter would need to come out the night before the program in order to start the shows at a reasonable time the next day. For this, we would also need to include one night's accommodations in the travel fee as well (\$170/night). This would bring the total to \$2898.45.