



## *Grade 7/8 February Curriculum Newsletter*

*The virtue of the month for February is love*

As part of our spiritual development for the month, we look forward to sharing acts of kindness and care with one another to show our loving ways. Besides our spiritual development, we will be busy in all our other subject areas as noted below. Also, the Intermediate students will have opportunity to celebrate Valentine's Day with a dance.

### **Mathematics**

Number Sense and Numeration- Focus will be on integer operations.

Patterning and Algebra- Focus will be on equations and relationships.

### **Language Arts**

Students will continue to develop their reading skills and appreciation of the elements of literature through their involvement in Literature Circles.

Persuasive writing skills will be developed through the writing of an effective speech related to a topic of their choice. Emphasis will be on presenting the speech in a convincing and effective manner. **Due date for the speech is Monday, February 22, 2016.**

## **Science**

Grade 8-The next unit of study will be Fluids. Focus will be on understanding the use of fluids, pressure, and practical applications.

Grade 7-Students will focus on Pure Substances and Mixtures.

**History-** Grade 8-Focus will be on Canada, post-Confederatiomn1867. Students will continuing to focus on the development of Canada as a nation and First Nation relationships.

Grade 7-Focus will be on the United Empire Loyalists and the War of 1812.

**Geography-**Grade 8- Focus will be on Canada and its trading partners and emigration.

Grade 7-Students will study issues surrounding global warming.

**Physical Education and Health-** Students will examine issues surrounding substance use and abuse in relation to healthy living. They will work with a partner to develop a **media display (PowerPoint or Prezi)** on a topic of their choice related to substance use and abuse. Due date for the project will be **Monday, March 21, 2016**.

Movement skills will focus on cooperative games, physical fitness routine, and skiing. The two **school skiing dates** for the month are **February 5<sup>th</sup>** and **February 19<sup>th</sup>**.

Other important dates and reminders:

A reminder that the last on-line payment for the Montreal/Ottawa trip of \$274.00 is due on February, 26<sup>th</sup>.

Family Skate-March 9th

Thanks always for your continued support,

Mr. M. O'Neill