



# St. Martins School

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## What Will a Penny Do? Quite a bit, in fact!

That was the question we asked back in February when we started to fundraise for Mariah's medical needs. The goal was to raise \$1000.00 and we surpassed our goal and raised over \$1300 from pennies and other loose change.

I want to thank the students and community who gave so much for this cause. The teachers were a great help with the silly events they participated in as incentives along the way: Miss Lawlor getting silly-stringed; Mrs. Steele, Mrs. Arseneault and Mrs. Duplisea eating bugs; Mrs. Dallon kissing a goat; Mrs. Murray and Mrs. Bennett dyeing their hair; Mrs. Steele and Mrs. Pitman feeding each other pudding and finally Mr. MacDougall wearing a dress for a day.

At each level the staff and students alike had a good laugh, but the message was always clear, the main goal was to raise money to help someone else. Thanks everyone for your generous donations.

### Pay It Forward Movement

Perhaps you've heard of the Pay it Forward Movement that started in the Saint John area? What does it all mean? Pay it Forward means that you do something nice or helpful for someone else; an act of kindness. Often we have to pay back a favour that someone has done for us, but with the Pay it Forward movement, you do something helpful or nice to make another person's day a little bit better.

Students will be introduced to the term this month and be practicing the art of doing nice things for others. Look for our tree in the main hallway that will display the good deeds and actions we've done.

If you want to learn more about the movement check out the Pay it Forward Saint John's webpage at <http://www.payitforwardsj.org/>

### Mariner's Picnic

We are having another Mariner's Picnic in the gym

on April 11<sup>th</sup>. What is a Mariner's picnic? During the Winter Carnival all the students in the school ate their lunch in the gym. Students brought blankets and joined their friends for a different setting for lunch. It was a great time for all and we are going to repeat the picnic so tell your child to bring their picnic blanket!

### Grade Three French Immersion Information Sessions

Information sessions for parents wanting to learn more about Early French Immersion at Grade Three are being offered at Forest Hills School on Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. This session will be for both parents whose children will be entering either Loch Lomond or Forest Hills Schools. The information sessions start at 6:30 pm.

## Dates to Remember

Mariner's picnic in the gym	<b>Apr. 11</b>
Grade 4/5 to Samuel de Cham	<b>Apr. 15</b>
Grades 6-8 to HVHS for play	<b>Apr. 16</b>
No School for students.	<b>Apr. 19</b>
Jump Rope for Heart Kick-off	<b>Apr. 25</b>
Village Clean up	<b>Apr. 25</b>
No School: Teacher Meeting	<b>May 2</b>
No School: Teacher Meeting	<b>May 3</b>
Eric Walters— Author visit	<b>May 8</b>
K students no class today	<b>May 17</b>
Victoria Day—no school	<b>May 20</b>

### Grade 4/5 News

This has been a year of change for the grade 4/5 class and they've managed very well with the transitions. I'd like to welcome **Mrs. Robinson** to the school as the new grade 4/5 home room teacher and middle school French teacher. I want to thank Miss Lawlor for stepping in and making a positive impact on the

school and her students.

**On Monday, April 15** the grade 4/5 class is off to Samuel de Champlain for a French Cultural Show. The students will leave the school shortly after the morning bell and be returning by early afternoon. Enjoy the show.

### Middle School to see Play at HVHS.

**On Tuesday, April 16** grades 6-8 are off to Harbour View High School's production of Fiddler on the Roof. This will be a full version of the show. Students will be leaving the school just after the morning bell and returning by 1:20.

### Village Clean-Up!

April is a month of action for the students at St. Martins School. Global Youth Service Week is from April 22-26. As a school we will be cleaning the school grounds and surrounding area on Thursday, April 25. Younger students will be taking care of the school grounds and areas along Main Street while the older students will be cleaning up near the Four Season Complex and around Mosher Hill.

## Canadian Author Eric Walters to Visit St. Martins School!

Canadian author Eric Walters will be visiting the school on May 8 to speak with the upper elementary and middle school grades as part of his tour on Canadian Children's Book Week. Mr. Walters writes stories that are relevant and interesting for young readers. We are very appreciative for his visit and look forward to hearing what he has to say about his books. Check out his website at <http://www.ericwalters.net/ericwalters/homepage.html>.

## Some New Construction in the School.

During the March Break a new emergency exit and hallway was constructed between the kindergarten room and the grade 4/5 room. This new emergency exit will allow faster access for the kindergarten class and Mrs. Dallon's class out of the building. All the work was scheduled and completed during the March Break with minimal disruption to the classes involved.

## Campbell's Soup Labels

For those who use Campbell Soup products, we will gladly accept the labels off the cans. As a school we collect them and the company gives us credits that we can use for equipment and goods for the school.



### What Will A Penny Do Pictures

*Left: Mrs. Steele, Mrs. Arseneault & Mrs. Duplisea all eat bugs!*

*Right: Miss Lawlor gets silly-stringed by Bayley and Aiden.*



*Left: Mrs. Dallon giving the goat a kiss!*

*Right: Mrs. Duplisea & Mrs. Dallon wearing the other team's hockey jersey.*



*Left: Mrs. Murray & Mrs. Bennett after they had their hair dyed. Also, Mr. MacDougall in his dress and hat.*

*Right: Mrs. Pitman & Mrs. Steele having a laugh applying makeup.*

