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**April 2009 Newsletter # 9**  
**2009**

**April 6<sup>th</sup>,**

**Dr. S.E. McDowell  
Elementary School  
Book Fair**

**April 8, 2009**

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**1. SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR – STUDENT- LED CONFERENCE**

During Student-Led Conferences on Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, the Home and School will sponsor a Scholastic Book Fair in the Library. It will be held between 5:00 – 7:30. Thanks to the community members who will man the tables.

**2. PONTIAC SCHOOL OF ARTS – YOUNG ARTIST SUMMER PROGRAM**

PSOTA has created a Scholarship Fund that will allow a limited number of candidates to participate in professionally designed art workshops. The applicants will be selected by the Scholarship Committee.

Applications for the Scholarship Program can be picked up on counter at McDowell School or on line at:

[www.pontiacschoolofthearts.com](http://www.pontiacschoolofthearts.com)

**3. NUTRITION MONTH**

School Nurse – Mary Lavigne – CLSC Pontiac

Grade 5 students participated in a 5/30 challenge for March Nutrition Month. The participants had to do a minimum of 30 minutes of physical activities and eat a minimum of 5 portions of fruit and/or vegetables every day for a 2 week period.

The names of the participants from each class were entered in a draw for first, second and third prizes.

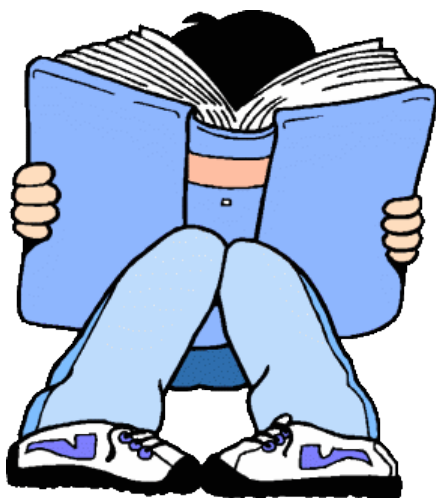
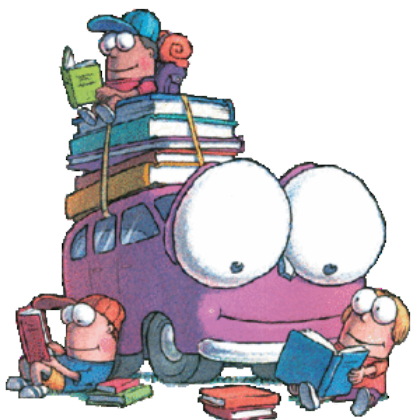
- o Second and third prizes were 5/30 healthy snack kit.
- o First prize was a sport bag with a stress ball, a basketball, water bottle, skipping rope and a step counter with a \$50.00 value. This was sponsored by the CLSC Pontiac

Leona Lalonde – Québec en Forme responsible in our school, visited the cafeteria during lunch spying students who had at least three nutritious items in their lunch kits. Their names were placed on an apple shape and displayed on the board in the cafeteria.

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**4. MUSIC MAKERS**

McDowell will once again participate in the Western Quebec School Board Music Makers. In May 35 students will perform at the Museum of Civilization. The choir is lead by Cycle 2.2 teacher, Mrs. Campbell and community volunteer Greg MacKintosh. A special thank you for your commitment to this project.

**5. SCHOOL FEES**

For those who have received a school fee statement, please forward payment immediately to the school. If not received within 10 days, a letter will be forwarded home advising you that your name will be forwarded to the school board for legal procedures. For those who have made their payment, we thank you.

**IMPORTANT DATE**

Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>: Student-Led Conference

Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>: PD Day – No school for students

Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>: Statutory Holiday – Easter

Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>: Statutory Holiday – Easter

Dr. S.E. McDowell Elementary Vision Statement

*“Through teamwork, collaboration, and cooperation the school community strives to create a safe and caring learning environment. Our goal is to ensure that each individual develops as a life-long learner.”*