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To Every Student

In every school,
to every student
there's a special teacher.

To every teacher,
to every student
there's a special bond.

To every bond
to every moment
There's a special time
that we'll think back
and say to ourself's
That teacher really cared!

If you know
that teacher cares
you're life will brighten up.

Cause now you know
That if you fall,
that same special teacher
Will come and help you up.

by **Gloria Celiant (Student)**



1. Romeo and Juliet

It's as if we time-travelled back into medieval times for 20 minutes during the Cycle 3.1 performance of Romeo and Juliet. Mrs. Levesque's class did a top-notch job conquering Shakespearean English and the costumes were very authentic-looking.

2. No Child Without

Please take a moment to read the pamphlet "No Child Without" sponsored by the Canadian Medic Alert Foundation. If your child suffers from one or more of the conditions listed, it would be a good idea to enroll your child in this program. The Shawville Lions Club is responsible for offering this service to our students.

3. History in the Making

Opportunity was given to all McDowell students to witness the inauguration of Barak Obama the first black president of the United States. Cycle 3 watched it on their smart boards while Cycle 1 and 2 viewed it on TV. The significance of this event was tied into the Civil Rights Movement. Discussions were held after sharing literature books such as "Martin's Big Words", "Just Like Martin", "The Other Side", and "Rosa Parks". Epals website, Students Speak! "Dear President Obama", was also made available.

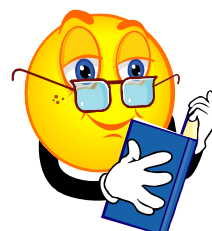
4. Teacher Appreciation Week

A time to say "Thanks for all your hard work"
February 2nd through February 6th.

5. Family Literacy Day

Officially Family Literacy Day is January 27th. We have decided to celebrate literacy the week before March Break. More information to follow. In the meantime check out the Family Literacy website.

<http://www.familyliteracyday.ca>



Family Literacy Tips

Encourage family literacy in your home and community. Here are some great tips to start you on the road to reading.

International Literacy Day is held on September 8 every year. Celebrate the day by picking up a book and reading to a child.

January 27 is Family Literacy Day! Visit www.fld0jaf.ca for a complete listing of Family Literacy Day events across Canada.

Keep teens reading. Give them books, newspaper articles and magazines about things that interest them – music, movies, TV and computers.

Let children count out the change when making a purchase. Reinforce the importance of math in everyday life!

Make every day a learning day. Ask your children to make a shopping list, read recipes together or help them make a calendar of their weekly activities.

Please watch for next month's school newsletter for more Family Literacy tips.

6. WQSB School Bus Safety Campaign – February 2-13/09

The Western Quebec School Board together with its partners; L'ATEQ, MRC des Collines Police Force, Sûreté de Québec, Gatineau Police Force, Société des transport de l'Outaouais (STO), Autobus Outaouais, Autobus Lasalle, Autobus Campeau, Baie Transport and Bigras transport will hold their fourth annual School Bus Safety Campaign from February 2nd to February 13th, 2009. McDowell students will participate in a variety of activities including a drawing contest.

7. Be on time!

Punctuality is a social skill we all need to have. Please show your child that this is important and have him/her be on time for school. However if your child should be late arriving at school please have your child stop at the office to advise the secretary of his/her presence.

IMPORTANT DATES



February 5/6

School Bus Safety Campaign



February 9

Pedagogical day



February 11

Carnival
(Cycle 2.2, 3.1, 3.2)

February 12

Carnival
(Cycle 1.1, 1.2, 2.1)



February 27

Report cards go home

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.”