

JANUARY 2015

What's New @ Your Library?

Eglinton Jr. Public School, TDSB

FAMILY LITERACY DAY IS JANUARY 27TH

Family literacy refers to the many ways families develop and use literacy skills, from enjoying a storybook together at bedtime and during the day, to playing with word games, singing, writing to a relative or friend, sharing day-to-day tasks such as making a shopping list or using a recipe, and surfing the Internet for fun and interesting sites. (*Family Literacy in*

Canada: Profiles of Effective Practices)

Check out this website for suggestions about what you can do with your children to promote literacy:

<http://abclifeliteracy.ca/fld/family-literacy-day>

“Taking time every day to read or do a learning activity with children is crucial to a child’s development. Even just 15 minutes a day can improve a child’s literacy skills dramatically, and can help a parent improve their skills as well.”



SPECIAL DISPLAYS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

- Teamwork
- Sir John A. Macdonald (200th anniversary of his birth)
- “Rethink Your Drink” courtesy of Room 302
- Family Literacy
- No Name Calling Week (Jan. 19—23)
- Paddington Bear

BOOK FAIR COMING ON FEBRUARY 20TH

As mentioned in the December newsletter, we’ll be having our annual Scholastic Book Fair next month. The fair will be held beginning on February 20th and continue for

the week of February 23rd Last year’s book fair was a great success, thanks to the wonderful support of parent and student volunteers. I hope that I can count on

your support again this year. If you are interested in becoming involved, please come and see me or send me a note.

Another Virtual Library Site to Check Out

Teaching Kids News is a great site for families. They post weekly articles about current events meant to be read by students from Grade 2 to 8. One particularly pertinent article for parents is about how to talk to children about difficult news. They list 10 ways to discuss sensitive topics—such as Ebola— with children.

To access the site, go to the Eglinton Virtual Library, select News and it will be just one click away.

<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/findyour/schools/librarycat.aspx?schoolno=5224>



**REMINDER: PARENTS
& GUARDIANS CAN
BORROW BOOKS!**

OUR SILVER BIRCH TREE IS GROWING

We have finally “planted” our Silver Birch tree in the hall, outside the Library. Every time a student reads a Silver Birch book, a leaf will be added to the tree. We use yellow for Silver Birch Express and Green for Silver Birch Fiction and Non-Fiction books. Some students are planning to read 10 books or more so that they can attend the Festival of Trees

awards celebrations at Harbourfront on May 13th. The other teacher readers of the books and I have already enjoyed some good discussions with students about the books they’ve read. We will also have book talks on the Academic Workspace (AW) site. Please see Ms. Gorman for details.

