



SOUTH MARCH PUBLIC SCHOOL

SMPS Family Update - Monday, March 15, 2021

Proud, Positive, Powerful Penguins

Welcome to another great week at South March!



Parents are required to screen their children daily for symptoms of COVID-19 **BEFORE SENDING THEM TO SCHOOL.** Use this [online tool](#) provided by Ottawa Public Health to do daily screening. We all need to work together, to ensure our school remains safe.

Good morning SMPS, I am keeping this update short as I really want to highlight our week long **Spirit Days** that have been organized to shake things up during this long month (Please see the attached flyer for more information) as well as the School Council's "**Penguins Helping Penguins**" initiative...

Personal toys at school: Due to COVID restrictions in place your child is not permitted to bring personal items (bouncy balls toys, games, etc) to school unless directed by the teacher to do so. At the moment we have not introduced sports equipment outside at recess and I have noticed many students with small bouncy balls. Thank you for your help.



ACTION: Student Enrolment - GOOGLE SURVEY: If we are expecting your child at SMPS for September 2021 you would have received an email on Friday, March 5 and again on Friday, March 12. **If you are attending a different school in September do not complete this form.** For example, If your child is Gr 6 and attending Jack Donahue PS for Gr 7 please complete the form that Jack Donahue sends to you.

Penguins Helping Penguins - School Council Initiative

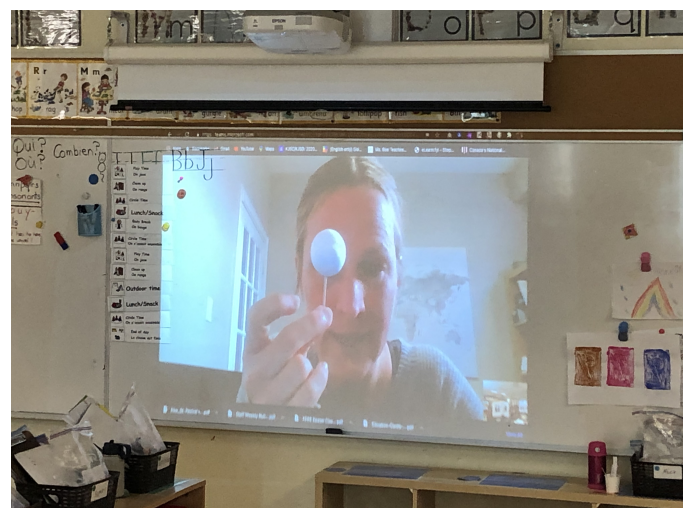
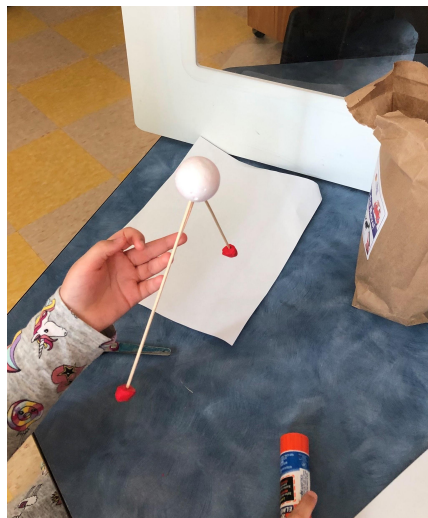
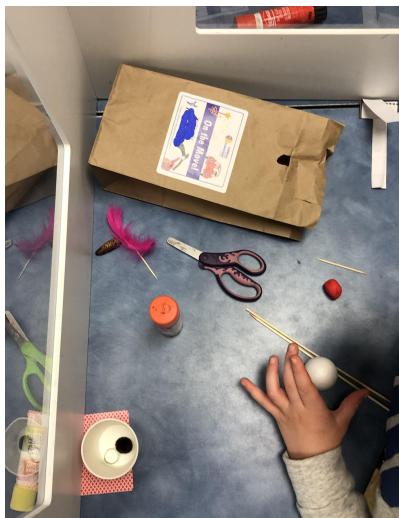
We have partnered with a few local restaurants to raise money for our new Penguins Helping Penguins Initiative! A percentage from anything you order (take out or delivery) on that day will go to our school. Support Penguins! Support Local Business! Please ensure you order directly with the restaurant (call or online through their website) and mention that you are with South March Public School! **IT IS THAT EASY! TAKE OUT TUESDAY!** Supporting the Penguins Helping Penguins Initiative is a new initiative at SMPS. This is a fund that can be accessed by our Principal to help out any penguin families that need a little extra during this difficult time (access to help with school supplies, lunches, or food cards). Families who need access to this extra help can email Jeff Gervais.

On Tuesday March 16th, order from any Jojo's Pizza Restaurant and 25% percent of the proceeds will go to SMPS! <https://www.jojospizza.ca/> Please make sure you indicate that you are with South March Public School

Parent Requests for next school year:

My practice every Spring is to provide families with an opportunity to share information with me or make requests based on exceptional circumstances. This information is helpful when we create class lists for the next school year, but we are not always able to accommodate your requests. For requests, I will send out a google form (probably in May) so that I can collect and review all of the information in one place. **DO NOT SEND ME OR THE TEACHER AN EMAIL.** I receive hundreds of emails a week and your request will likely get missed. Please wait for the google form I send out later this spring.

Scientist in the School: On Friday morning students in KJSB (Sawtell) participated in a science workshop called "On the Move!". With the help of a virtual scientist, students explored how things move! They discovered the science behind a magic trick, defied gravity by creating a balancing bird, engineered a car and raced it to the finish line. Thank you to the kinder team for facilitating this opportunity.





You're invited to participate in...



SMPS HITS THE ROAD FOR MARCH BREAK SPIRIT WEEK







Friday, March 12th to Friday, March 19th 2021

No March Break in March, No Problem!
To celebrate our Proud, Positive and Powerful Penguin spirit, we will all be taking a week-long "road trip" around the world together. Every day, we will visit a new city or country by wearing an item representative of each destination to show our Penguin Pride.

Students and staff alike are invited to show their school spirit in person and/or remotely by wearing the items outlined in the calendar provided.

If you are interested in being part of our *SMPS Spirit Slideshow* (which will be played in school and on our website/social media accounts) you are invited to have your parent/gardian email a picture and/or video of you showing your SMPS Spirit to Mme Szucs (amanda.szucs@ocdsb.ca). Your parent/guardian must give their consent in writing for you to participate. There is no deadline to participate. Pictures/videos will be compiled as they arrive to make a growing collage of our Proud, Posovite, Powerful Penguin Pride.

2021 MARCH

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12 Toronto, CANADA  Hockey Jersey Day
15 Florida, USA  Disney Day	16 Montego Bay, JAMAICA  Tie Die Day	17 Dublin, IRELAND  St-Patty's Day	18 Paris, FRANCE  Dress Fancy Day	19 Sydney, AUSTRALIA  Beach Day

MARCH BREAK SPIRIT WEEK EVENTS



Friday, March 12th: The 1st stop of our weeklong trip is Toronto, Canada, home of the Hockey Hall of Fame. Today, you are invited to wear your favorite hockey jersey to show your Penguin Pride.



Monday, March 15th: Our 2nd stop is Florida, USA, home of Disneyworld! Today, you are invited to wear your favorite Disney clothing or costume. No costume masks, props or face paint please.



Tuesday, March 16th: Our 3rd stop is Montego Bay, Jamaica home of tie die fashion. Today, you are invited to wear all things tie die to show your Penguin pride.



Wednesday, March 17th: Our 4th stop is Dublin Ireland home or the Irish. Today, you are invited to wear your best green, white, and orange clothing as well as your favorite St-Patty's Day accessories to show your school spirit.



Thursday, March 18th: Our 5th stop is Paris France home of Haute Couture. Today, you are invited to wear your fanciest clothing, but please remember, you will be going outdoor for activity breaks, so dress warmly.



Friday, March 19th: Our last stop is Sydney Australia, home of some of the most beautiful beaches in the world. Today, you are invited to wear your favorite but school appropriate beach attire. Don't forget, to dress warm for activity breaks.



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