



Pontiac News

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Pontiac started April off with a visit from Turtle Concepts who shared with our students the power of positive thoughts and messages. It was TC's third and final visit for the 2015/16 school year. This year they shared teachings about making compliments safe, role modeling confidence and finally the power of positive thoughts and messages. Every visit was energetic, brought forth a positive message and identified confidence and self-identity.



Our month continued with Science North visiting all students with the fives and sixes learning about circuits through creating various circuit boards and being "charged up" to see what happened when they added power to their creations. The sevens and eights learned about cells including collection of DNA through a cell-ibration.



Our guitar group was also very active this term with a performance occurring at Cambrian College and Manitoulin Secondary School. We are very proud of our students and say a chi miigwech to Mr. Granville for supporting the arts through the guitar group.



Our gardening club is also blossoming and plants are starting to bloom in our "Maker Space" room.

We are currently in the process of creating a "Maker Space" where students are encouraged to be hands on, explore and create concepts and ideas. To make this venture successful we are seeking donations of items you may have in your home that are no longer needed. So, when spring cleaning, please keep the list attached close at hand to see how you can give back to the school.

We look forward to the month of May for soccer and the beginning of our track and field season.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit our calendar and webpage including online newsletters at www.wbe-education.ca/pontiac or on twitter @pontiacschool

MORE INFORMATION CAN ALSO BE FOUND AT THE WIKWEMIKONG BOARD OF EDUCATION FACEBOOK PAGE.

Events in May

May 4 – Early Dismissal

May 6 – Science Day

May 12 – Island Wide Soccer Tournament (Pontiac is hosting the JR tournament and our SR team is heading to Mindemoya).

May 12 & 13 – Shkagamik Kwen activities (6P & 6E) with WDLNR

May 25 – June 8 – Grade Six EQAO testing

May 26 – Field Day

May 27 – Track Day

Maker Space

Pontiac school is in the midst of creating a Maker Space where students can create, explore and participate in hands on activities that encourage learning. It provides a space for students to explore in science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics. Pontiac has started to invest in the space through the purchase of ten sewing machines, simple wood working tools, etc.

The following list are items that we are requesting for possible donations to make our Maker Space a success.

Please keep in mind these materials are going to be used by our students and should be clean and safe for all. Donations can be dropped off at the school or call to make arrangements for pick up (705) 859.3133. Miigwech!

Electronic Parts and Tools

Wire scraps
Screwdrivers
Batteries
Electrical tape
Duct tape
Wire cutters
Pliers
LED
Switches, small motors, buzzers, etc.
Wrenches (various types)

Miscellaneous

Lego
K'nex
Costume jewellery

Styrofoam
Recycled items (lids, bottle caps old magazines)
Coffee cans (with lids)
Wood carving tools
Natural materials (ex. Birch bark, cork, pine cones)

Textiles

Fabric scraps (cloth, vinyl, leather, etc.)
Quilt batting
Seam ripper
Sewing needles
Bobbins
Tread
Yarn/string
Knitting needles/Crochet hooks
Looms and hoops
Other notions
Sewing patterns
Ribbons

Crafting supplies

Scrapbooking paper
Cutting mats
Buttons
Beads
Snaps
Mod podge
Glue sticks
Rainbow looms and elastics
Rubber stamping/card making materials

Building Materials

Wood scraps
PVC pipe and connectors
Dowels
Sandpaper
Ceramic tiles
Plywood scraps
Peg board
Wood glue
Screws, nails
Nuts and bolts
Rubber tubing

Larger items we are also looking for include:
Iron
Ironing board
Storage bins with lids (Rubbermaid, omni, etc.).



6E students learn about the power of positive messages with Turtle Concepts



5C students studied and created many forms of bridges

6E students shared their knowledge of our O365 space with the other grade fives and sixes!