

Empire Express

Empire Public School, Welland ON



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Empire School is
extremely proud to be
a safe and civil school!

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Healthy Kids

While we can't prevent students or staff from getting sick, we can all do our part to make sure that germs don't spread to others. At Empire Public School we disinfect our desks, door handles and commonly used areas every day.

We have Purell stations for students to clean their hands after sneezing or coughing. For a fun and interactive presentation that has more tips and tricks to keep yourself and your children healthy throughout the year, please log on to the DSBN website at www.dsbn.org/plant/infectious_diseases/.

Summer Skills

One of the most exciting things about summer is all the time children have to pursue their interests. You could find ways to make hobbies educational. A child who loves to collect baseball cards, for instance, could practice penmanship and literacy skills by writing fan letters to players. He/she could also work on math skills by tracking players' statistics or by visiting educational websites such as coolmath.com.

Communication "Matters"

Smart Talk from Your Board Speech-Language Pathologists

Background knowledge helps students make sense of what they hear and read by allowing them to make connections between old and new experiences. Here are some ideas for the summer to help your child enrich their background knowledge through fun summer experiences.

north, pitch a tent in the backyard and look up at the stars. Can you find the *Big Dipper* or the *North Star*? Tell stories late into the night. Can't get away? Take a trip to the stars with the help of a good book about the planets and the stars: *Find the Constellations* (H.A. Hey); *Destination Space* (Seymour Simon); *The DK Space Encyclopaedia* (Nigel Henbest).

Enjoy the great outdoors. Take time to hike, swim, catch fireflies, look at birds or plants, or just meander through your neighbourhood, making sure to talk about where you're going.

Do you have a child between the ages of 4 and 6?

If your child has **not** yet received their vaccines, your child can be immunized for free at one of our Public Health Immunization clinics. Please call 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7425 for more information and/or to schedule an appointment. You can also call your child's doctor to make an immunization appointment or visit a local walk-in clinic.

Jump Rope and Hoops for ♥

Thanks to all students who raised money for the Heart & Stroke Foundation. We had a great day jumping out hearts out! We raised \$4200.00 for Jump Rope and Hoops for Heart.

Travel to the Stars. The night sky is fascinating, not only to kids but to adults too. If you can't head

STUDENT DRESS

With the warmer weather coming upon us, students are reminded to dress appropriately. Spaghetti straps, bare midriffs, backless tops and inappropriate words on T-shirts are not allowed. We thank you for your co-operation.

Grade 8 Graduation

The graduation ceremony will be held on Thursday, June 18, 2009 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm in the school gym followed by a reception in the lower hallway. More information will follow for our graduates and their families.

ARE YOU MOVING???

If you are moving and your child/ren will not be returning to Empire School in September 2009 or if you know of a new family with children who will be attending our school in the fall, please let us know. This information will assist us in organizing our classes for September.

Term 3 Reports

Reports will be sent home on Tuesday, June 23, 2009. Parents/Guardians are asked to return the parent response form by Wednesday, June 24, 2009. Interviews have not been scheduled but teachers will be available on the professional activity days (June 25 and 26) to discuss any questions or concerns about your child's report. Please contact your child's teacher to set up a suitable time.

School Council Members

Please consider being a member of School Council for next year. Your ideas are important to us and who better to support your kids than YOU! Please contact Mrs. Johnson if you are interested. Volunteer and nomination forms are attached.