



NEWSLETTER March 2012

R.M. MOORE SCHOOL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

You're invited to a community pancake breakfast.



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PANCAKE BREAKFAST & BAKE SALE

Hosted by RM Moore PTA

Sunday March 25th, from 9am to 1pm

at the Prince Township Hall

Pancakes, sausage, maple syrup, coffee,
tea or juice

Adults \$8, Students and Seniors \$6,
Children (3-5) \$5, Children under 2 FREE

Tickets available at the door. 1 Pint of
Maple syrup included in the Door Prize!

We hope to see you there!

DOG TAGS

Dog Licences are now available at the Municipal Office. The cost is \$7.50 for spayed or neutered dogs or \$15.00 otherwise. A licence must be purchased by March 1st 2012, after which there is a \$15.00 penalty – per dog. If you cannot make the deadline please contact the Township Office at 705-779-2992 or lorraine@twp.prince.on.ca and we will be pleased to accommodate you.

BLUE BOX COLLECTION

Town Line to 4185 Second Line West
Mar. 14 th
Mar. 28 th
April 12 th
Marshall Drive to end of Gros Cap
Mar. 7 th
Mar. 21 st
April 4 th

**A BIG THANK YOU TO THE PRINCE
TOWNSHIP
FIRE DEPT.**

**Thank you for watering the Prince
Twp. Rink at the Community
Centre.**

Happy St. Patricks Day

MARCH 17TH 2012

CHANGE YOUR CLOCK, CHANGE YOUR BATTERIES

On March 11th, you set your clock forward one hour. When you change your clocks, change the batteries in your smoke alarms too!

Test your smoke alarms every month and change the batteries at least once a year or whenever the low-battery warning chirps. Don't remove the batteries for any other reason.

**Smoke Alarms: No Battery, No
Chance!**

BEST START HUB NEWS

Early Learning Circle

Early learning circle provides children with an opportunity to learn and explore through discussion of experiences and individuality. We will include a variety of fun, interactive and hands-on activities for children, reinforcing listening and socialization skills. Every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 11:00am.

Math Activities

Beginning Thursday, March 1, 2012 at 6:30pm, we will be having six weeks of math activities. Each week you and your child will participate in interactive math activities, that will challenge a new math concept.

Literacy Day/123 to Literacy

Literacy Day/123 to Literacy is an eight week program that has fun, educational activities that promote children's language and early literacy skills. Thursdays, beginning March 22, 2012 from 1-2:30pm.

How To Talk So Kids Will Listen and Listen So Kids Will Talk

This workshop can offer you ways to solve such common problems as how to listen to and understand your child's concerns; how to have cooperation in your family without nagging; how you and your child can deal with feelings; how to find alternatives to punishment; and how to help your child attain a positive self-image. Wednesdays, beginning March 21, 2012 from 10:30am - 11:30am for six weeks. Registration is required and child minding is available upon request. Please call 705-779-3627.

Mother Goose and Story Time

Come on out and enjoy Mother Goose! We will be having interactive stories and songs with all materials we use to take home to keep. Begins at 10:30am Thursday, March 1, 2012 for six weeks. Come on out and enjoy some singing and a story!

ELR Consultant Visit

The Early Learning Resource Consultants work with parents and community agencies to provide a circle of care for children with special needs. An Early Learning Resource Consultant will be available on the Wednesday, March 28, 2012 from 10:00am to 11:30am. Topic discussions will begin at 10:30 am, followed by opportunities for information sharing and question/answer sessions.

School Readiness Program

This program is designed for children ages 3-5 years old. It is a six week learning readiness course, providing age appropriate and developmentally appropriate instruction to children, which will enhance their entry into kindergarten or other structured environments. Begins Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at RM Moore Public School from 1-2pm and 2-3pm. Registration is required. Please call 705-779-3627.

Family Music

Our get up and go family music program will provide children with opportunities to: explore rhythm and movement, listen to and identify sounds and engage in group. These parent/child interactive sessions will lead families through a variety of music and movement activities. Saturdays, beginning February 25, 2012 at 11:00am for six weeks.

Tiny Tot Gym Time

This gross motor activity will work on you and your child's balance, coordination and cardio, while playing fun games and singing songs. Begins Friday, March 23, 2012 at 10:30am for six weeks. Come on out and get some fun exercise!

Please note that Prince Township Best Start Hub will be closed Thursday, March 15, 2012 from 6-8pm only and Saturday, March 17, 2012.

Hours

Monday to Friday	9:00-3:00pm
Thursday, also	6:00-8:00pm
Saturday	10:00-3:00pm

Visit us on Facebook: Parent/Child Resource Centre "Best Start Hub"

Or Google: Parent/Child Resource Centre "Best Start Hub" if you do not have Facebook
Email: prince.beststarhub@hotmail.com

LIBRARY NEWS

In April our library will be celebrating 25 years in the community. We will be having some special events for you to enjoy. The first one is a silent auction, starting on April 14th and running for a month. Be sure to come in and view the articles.

The provincial government and CNIB have made available to us a Daisy Reader and about sixty items. We will be setting it up for your use. It may be used by all patrons, not only those with vision problems.

RECOMMENDED BOOKS: *Headaches that Persist*. Topics covered in this book include: what causes a headache, headache categories, over-the-counter remedies, headache triggers, etc. Help for Headaches is in this book.

McNaughton Books: Some that we have enjoyed reading are: *Need You Now* by James Grippando. A young financial advisor and his girlfriend uncover a conspiracy that reaches from Wall St., deep into the halls of government. Faye Kellerman has written another Decker and Lazarus novel, *Gun Games*. Peter and Rina are back in this gripping mystery involving a secret cabal of some of Los Angeles' most wealthy and vicious- teens. *A Good Man*. The final installment in Guy Vanderhaeghe's nationally best selling trilogy. He weaves a gritty account of the end of the Wild West, North West Mounted Police, Sitting Bull, and the Fenians, with an intimate tale of love, retribution, and re-birth.

We have been weeding our shelves and cataloguing many donations for all age groups so check out the paperback stand and the book case, where you will find *THE*

HUNGER GAMES TRILOGY

BOOK CLUB: We will discuss on Thursday March 29th at 7:00 p.m. *STILL ALICE* by Lisa Genova. **BOOK SALE** is **ONGOING** during **LIBRARY HOURS**. We have **ADULT** and **CHILDREN BOOKS** and **VIDEOS**

Remember to protect your books when putting them in the drop off box.

HOURS: Tuesday 6:00 -8:00 p.m.
Wednesday 2-4 and 6-8,
Thursday 10-noon, 2-4 and 6-8
p.m. Friday 10-noon and 2-4p.m.
Saturday 10-noon
CLOSED SUNDAY AND MONDAY

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

A BACKWARD GLANCE AT THE PRINCE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

Do you remember the days when you judged a library book, not by its cover, but by peeping at the card in the back pocket to see who else had borrowed it? And if you found your best friend's name on the card, you'd know you had a good read?

Those days are gone now, thanks to automation and the Ontario Privacy Commissioner's Office.

But 25 years ago, when the Prince Township Public Library first opened in the basement of the

Community Centre, cards ruled.

Each fiction title required three catalogue cards and one borrower's card. Non-fiction titles required up to six catalogue cards, and each book had to be assigned a Dewey decimal number.

Months before opening day, library technician Carol Skardis instructed volunteer CEO Suzanne Premo to type catalogue cards in a standard format. Helping Suzanne with this task were Evelyn Clargo, Janice Gregoire, and the late Elizabeth Papineau. They spent many hours driving their keyboards and filing the finished cards in a cabinet with multiple drawers.

Once the library opened, volunteer librarians had to reshuffle the cards every time a new title was added to the catalogue.

The Prince Township Public Library was pioneered by the late Joyce Kasch, who unfortunately did not live to see opening day. The late Councillor Janet James was the first council member to serve on the library board.

COUNCIL & COMMUNITY NEWS

March is here already!

Council has approved the Road Superintendent entering into an amalgamated tender for resurfacing material. The plan for this year is to resurface 700 meters of Prince Lake Road from Second Line towards Prince Lake.

The natural gas survey is available at the

office, at the Airways General store and in this newsletter. Please fill out the survey and return it to the office before the 30th of March. Once they have been reviewed by Union Gas, it can be determined if providing natural gas in Prince Township is feasible.

A photograph of the Gros Cap Bluffs was presented to the Algoma Health Unit, to be displayed in their 'Prince' Room at the new location on Willow Street. The remarks from Dr. Northam and staff were very positive.

Don't forget that your dog needs to have his/her 2012 tag by March 1. The fee for spayed and neutered dogs is only \$7.50. The fee is \$15.00 for dogs that have not been fixed. Please bring the date of their last rabies shot with you, or a copy of the receipt. Late charge for dog tags is an additional \$15.00.

We are gearing up for the summer season already and submitting applications for funding for students for the Day Camp program and for our roads and public works crew.

Sunday, March 11th – Spring forward – Move your clocks forward one hour and don't forget to change the batteries in your fire alarms.

Respectfully,
Peggy Greco

Please note that there will be only one council meeting in March 2012.

COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Regular Council Meetings
Tuesday March 13th, 2012
7:00 p.m.

Agendas can be picked up at the municipal office after 4:00 p.m. on the Friday before.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please contact the Municipal Office, or any member of Council:

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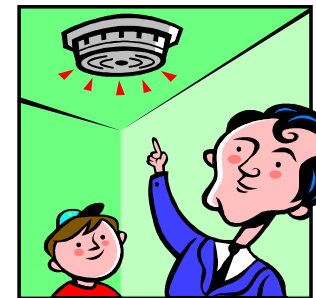
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Facts About Smoke Alarms

1. **Protect yourself and your family.**
Install smoke alarms - it's the law. The Ontario Fire Code requires that every home have working smoke alarms.
2. **Smoke alarms save lives.**
Most fatal fires occur at night when people are asleep. Often, victims never wake up. A working smoke alarm will detect smoke and sound an alarm to alert you, giving you precious time to escape.
3. **Buying the best alarm.**
There are many types of smoke alarms, each with different features. Alarms can be

electrically connected, battery powered or a combination of both. This combination - and a pause feature to reduce nuisance alarms - are highly recommended.

4. **One smoke alarm is not enough.**

Install smoke alarms on every level of your home and near sleeping areas. If you or your loved ones sleep with bedroom doors closed, install an alarm inside each bedroom.

5. Where to install smoke alarms. Because smoke rises, you should place alarms on the ceiling. If you cannot do this, place them high up on a wall, according to manufacturer's instructions. There are certain locations to avoid such as near bathrooms, heating appliances, windows, or close to ceiling fans.

6. **Test your smoke alarm regularly.**

Every month, test your smoke alarms, using the alarm test button. Once a month test your alarms using smoke from a smouldering cotton string. Follow your owner's manual.

7. **Change your clock, change your battery.**

Install a new battery of the proper type at least once a year. If the low battery warning beeps, replace the battery immediately.

We change our clocks each spring and fall so this a good time to change your smoke alarm batteries too.

8. **Gently vacuum alarm every six months.**

Dust can clog a smoke alarm, so carefully vacuum the inside of a battery powered unit using the soft bristle brush. If electrically connected, shut off the power and vacuum the outside vents only. Restore power and test unit when finished.

9. **Smoke alarms don't last forever.**

Smoke alarms do wear out, so if you think your alarms are more than 10 years old, replace them with new ones. Why not replace them with long-life smoke alarms that will eliminate the need for annual battery replacement and the potential hazard of dead batteries for up to 10 years.

10. **Plan your escape.**

Make sure that everyone knows the sound of the smoke alarm and what to

do if a fire occurs. Regularly practice your home fire escape plan. Know two ways out of every room and have a pre-arranged meeting place outside. Once out, stay out and call the fire department from a neighbour's home.

PROPERTY ASSESSMENT APPEALS

Please call MPAC or visit

AboutMyProperty on their website for any questions you may have and if you are filing a **Request for Reconsideration** the new dead line is April 2, 2012.

Visit www.mpac.ca to download a Request for Reconsideration form or file online through AboutMyProperty.

1 (866) 296-MPAC (6722) or
1 (877) 889-MPAC (6722) TTY

Natural Gas Survey 2012

At the meeting of January 17th, council passed a resolution to have a petition at the office and Airways General Store for Union Gas to run services in the township. . Please fill out the following survey and return it to the office before the **30th of March**. Once they have been reviewed by Union Gas, it can be determined if providing natural gas in Prince Township is feasible.

