Wise and otherwise - ESPSS Principal's report

by Gilles Cinq-Mars, Principal of ESPSS **Grade 8 Visits** to ESPSS

Tuesday, Feb. 7 will see approximately 150 grade 8 students from Burkevale, Corpus Christi, St. Ann's, Sainte-Croix, Saint-Louis, Saints Martyrs Canadiens, and Saint-Joseph elementary schools attend a visitation program at ESPSS. They will be at ESPSS from 9 a.m. until 2:30 p.m., including lunch, and will return to their respective schools in time for their normal dismissal time. Busses are being supplied by ESPSS for the outlying schools which require transportation.

The grade 8 students will be grouped into small groups of 10-12 students and have an opportunity to par- personnel will have ticipate in our program at 8 different stations of their choice. We feel the day will be educational and interesting and we hope you will discuss your childrens' experiences with them that evening. Some ESPSS students (namely prefects and specially selected students) will assist our teachers with the groups on that day, and our Spirit Club will provide an assembly for them at lunch time.

ESPSS Program of Studies

Our Program of Studies is available for distribution to students and parents and to anyone else who might wish one (I'm thinking here of adults in the community who wish to enroll in September in our Adult Education Program). All students at ESPSS will receive one; all grade 8 students in our feeder elementary schools will receive one through their principal and be requested to take it. home; all persons who session, and if people, manage every called the school for one this fall will receive one in the mail.

The Program of Studies is printed in French and English and should be of use to anyone interested in our educational program. I might mention that Greg Mackie, an Art student at ESPSS provided the original stylized title for the cover, and Mr. H. Niblock, Art teacher, contributed the fine drawing of the school. Principals and Grade 8 Teachers' Information Session

All elementary school principals and their grade 8 teachers have been invited to attend a Program Information session at ESPSS on Monday, Jan. 23, beginning at 4 p.m. The purpose of this session is mainly to acquaint these educators with our programs, and with the changes applicable to the incoming grade 9's so that they in turn will be more knowledgeable when helping the grade 8 students make their subject choices for next year.

Programs of Studies and grade 9 registration forms will be distributed to the elementary school principals at that time, Page 12, Wednesday, January 18, 1984

in sufficient numbers for all their grade 8 students, with the request that these forms be given to the students and brought home, so please look for them the next day, ie. Tuesday, Jan. 24. Please call the elementary school principal if your child does not bring this home on the 24th.

We are requesting that all completed registration forms be returned to ESPSS, by way of the elementary schools, before Feb. 24. By that time, all elementary school principals and grade 8 teachers will be familiar with the ESPSS program; all parents will have had an opportunity to attend a Parent Information session; and our own Guidance department visited each elementary school for last minute clarifications if required.

Parent Information Session

All parents of children presently in grade 8 are invited (I hope you will consider this a request) to attend a Parent Information session regarding the recent OSIS publication, the changes in education resulting from OSIS, and the program offered at ESPSS for grade 9 students and beyond, on Wednesday, Feb. 15, at 7 p.m.

By that date, you will have had the ESPSS Program of Studies in your hands for a least two weeks. Please do your utmost to read it before coming to this session and many items will be clarified for you. The information session will take place in our cafeteria for all parents. The ESPSS department heads will be in attendance and may conduct special tours of their facilities after the they will answer detailed questions about the particulars of their programs (eg. Technical, Business & Commerce, Art, Music, Computer Packages, etc.).

Please bring your Program of Studies with you to the Information session for easy reference. We also invite you to bring your child who is presently in grade 8 if you wish. They will be familiar with ESPSS by that time.

Computerization ESPSS

Office and Records It is anticipated that all attendance and related records, report cards, and limited timetabling for late registrants will be computerized by September. This service is meant to be a timesaver for all personnel concerned, as well as providing us with readily accessible, upto-the minute information on any student at any time of the day, year, or time he she is in school. The timetabling procedure which we use at present will be fed into the computer during the

summer and a com-

parison simulation will be_run in August in order to determine which of the two

systems is best.

Basic Program Commencing September 1984 the former Occupations department will be reorganized and known as the Basic Program. It will form one of three levels of instruction, along with the General Advanced programs. It will be organized so that each academic and each shop subject at the Basic level will be incorporated within the broad program of studies, and not in isolation. For example, English 12 will be listed within the English department offerings, but taught by teachers with special qualifications in Basic level instruction. Please refer to the ESPSS Program of Studies for more examples.

Since the Basic program will no longer exist as a separate part of the total school curriculum, this will facilitate students taking courses at the General and or Advanced levels to include courses at the Basic level in their timetable if they wish. All credits will count towards the Graduation Diploma, regardless of the program or level from which they were earned. These changes are in accord with new requirements set down by the Ministry of Education.

Junior Achievement

At ESPSS, several students are involved in the Junior Achievement program.

In J.A., young people manage and operate their own business. Students form a company, meet once a week, and with the guidance of professional business requested. At any rate aspect of it-production, marketing, accounting, stocks, and dividends. They make the decisions and assume

full responsibility for their company.

ESPSS students involved in this program are Kurt Buchholz, Sean Farthing, John Limoges, Jeff Mason, Michael Morrison and Michael Serafin. They are involved in companies which are presently marketing such products as towing devices, stainless steel candle holders, and memo boards. At this point, all companies are showing a profit. Congratulations to these entrepreneurs of the future.

Thanks to the sponsoring companies: Decor, Ernst Leitz, Kindred Industries, and Waltec Plastics, and to Mr. D. Paille who has undertaken to be staff advisor to the group.

C.P.R. Training

In the past term, approximately 60 students have received training in Cardio-Pulmonary Rescuscitation as part of the girls' physical education program. Thirty girls in two Grade 11 classes received Heart Saver certificates following five hours of theory and practical instruction. Twenty-four Grade 12 girls have completed 12 or more hours of instruction, practice and testing and have received Basic Rescuer certificates.

All students received instruction on heart health, the risk factors contributing to heart disease, the recognition of the signs and symptoms of heart attack, what to do and how to get help in case of heart attack, how to deal with a choking victim, and performed one man C.P.R. on a Rescusci Anni mannequin. Students taking the Basic Rescuer course also received training in two man C.P.R. in dealing with an unconscious victim with an obstructed airway, in administering C.P.R. to an infant and in dealing with a choking infant.

In keeping with the theme of February is Heart month, another Heart Saver course will be offered to the Adult Family Studies classes. Many thanks to Mrs. Beth Dubeau, ESPSS teacher for devoting many hours of her free time to this program for ESPSS students.

Summary

Important **Up-Coming Dates**

23—Elementary Principals and Grade 8 Teachers' Information Session

Jan. 24-Parents should have Programs of and Studies Registration forms from their grade 8 students.

Feb. 7—Grade 8 visits to **ESPSS**

Feb. 9-11-ESPSS Musical "Godspell" Feb. 15-Parent, Information Night at **ESPSS**

Feb. 24-Deadline for Grade 9 Registrations March 5-9-Winter examinations March 10-18-March

Break

BULLETIN

Subsidy for home repairs pursued by municipality

Midland wants to offer home owners federal government, to be used to make basic repairs.

Midland intends to participate in the federal Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program (RRAP), a federal program administered by the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

Grants as large as \$3,500 are available through the program. The amount of money available to a home owner is dependent on the family's annual income.

Town finance committee chairman Miles Blackhurst says that Penetanguishene has made good use of the RRAP program.

Since July, 1976, 296 applicants in and apartment owners the op- that town have received \$1,289,588 in portunity of getting grants from the in RRAP grants. Twenty-five of the 295 applicants received grants to improve 49 apartments.

Last year in that town applications for \$275,120 in RRAP grants were approved.

A convert-to-rent program, the purpose of which is to encourage the creation of new apartments, is offered by Ontario. Developers can obtain a long term, low interest loan of \$7,000 for each apartment which they create. Large vacant buildings and unused second storey space in downtown buildings can be turned into apartments and qualify for convert-to-rent loans.



