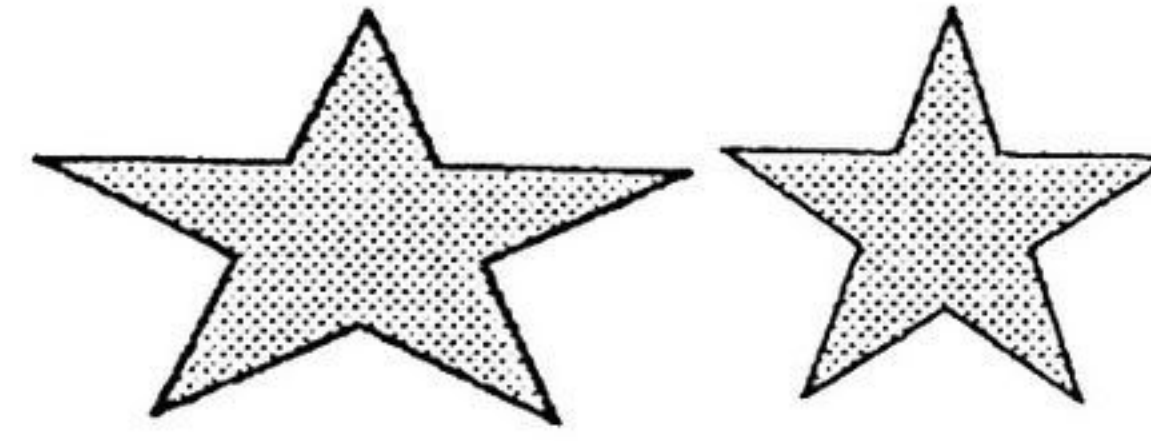


# YOUTH SCOOP



Athol-South Marysburgh School News

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The days sizzle under a hot sun as the school year draws to a close and the Athol-South Marysburgh School halls were humming with activity. Busy feet have been hop-skip-and-jumping throughout the County and beyond. Area museums, nature centres and a medieval village have all added to students' learning experiences this month.

Back home, South Marysburgh students joined more than 200,000 students from 930 schools in response to a national challenge issued by the Canadian Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance to participate in a variety of Tag games on May 26.

Many Athol athletes competed successfully at the County Track and Field Day in Wellington, and 13 went on to compete at District. Top honours went to Athol's Ben O. who was named Overall Bantam Boy's Champion in the County.

Athol student Elyse P. received national attention with her second-place win in the Elks Drug Awareness Contest for her essay on drug awareness. Winners in the Milford Fair Poster Contest were Athol students: First- Chris T., Second- Jarod K., Third- Dana M. Winners in the Milford Fair Booklet Cover contest at South Marysburgh were students: Nathalie W., Alex L., and Mackenzie M.

The Athol-South Marysburgh Junior 3-Pitch team competed in the County Tournament at Sophiasburgh on June 6 under the direction of coach Brenda Kerr. The team won their first two games against Mass./Red. 'B' and Sunrise, but lost a close one to Pinecrest 'A,' and were defeated on the way to the semi-finals. The Boy's 3-Pitch team competed on June 13 at the Picton Fairgrounds and went down to Pinecrest, but beat CML 'B' to win the semi-finals. The team fought hard in the heat, but were finally defeated by the CML 'A' team.

**South Marysburgh Artists of the Month** for June were: JK- Adam G., SK- Kyle W., Grade 1/2- Courtney S. and Grade 2/3- Graysen S.

Other honourable mentions in June went to Athol students Bethany I. and Quinn S. who successfully audi-

tioned for The Hastings and Prince Edward Children's Chorus. They will begin an intensive rehearsal schedule in September in Belleville.

## "Marathon of Hope"

While September seems far away to the children, South Marysburgh teacher Catherine O'Brien will be in training this summer for her ambitious plan to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Terry Fox's 42 kilometer-a-day "Marathon of Hope" by completing her own 42 kilometer marathon on Sept. 16.

"By running a looping 42 kilometer route between our two schools, I hope to provide a more tangible representation of Terry Fox's endurance and dedication for our students," O'Brien said in a press release.

O'Brien has also issued a challenge for each Athol/South Marysburgh family to raise \$42 each with various suggestions offered: using a small change jar to collect coins, setting aside \$5.25 a week, a donation, a yard or bake sale or even quitting smoking to "stash the cash."

**The Cherry Valley Art School** was formed in June under the sponsorship of the Athol Recreation Committee. This year the school will offer a one-week summer art program with one-day workshops in creative writing, cooking, art, newspaper camp and photography from July 18-22 at the Athol Community Hall. An Athol student was selected for a one-week arts scholarship award sponsored by the South Bay United Church Community Outreach Fund. This year the honour went to Jennica R. for her talent and dedication within the arts. The school plans to offer an exciting six weeks of arts programming next summer with area artists already signing on to conduct week-long, half-day workshops. Some of the featured programs will be black and white photography, acrylic painting, stained glass and mask-making.

**The Athol Junior Reporters' Club** had the opportunity to interview Mayor Leo Finnegan on June 28. A photo and story were submitted to area newspapers. On the first day of school, Jr. Reporter Jennica R. will attend South Marysburgh School to complete interviews

## TERRIFIC KIDS FOR JUNE

The Terrific Kids theme for June was, Citizenship. On June 24, the following students were awarded with certificates, movie passes, pencils and medallions: JK- Dakota S., SK- Tristan B., Grade 1/2- Audry R., Grade 2/3- Sarah C., Grade 4- Tiffany S., Grade 5- Miranda M., Grade 6- Bethany I., Grade 7- Season T., Grade 8- Olivia H.

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