

# *Banbury Independent News*

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## Terry Fox Run-Emily Follinsbee School

By: Kaycie Grade Four

On Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, we went to Emily Follinsbee School, a school for kids with disabilities. Most of the kids there were in wheelchairs. We got to go outside and push the kids on the bike track for charity, the Terry Fox Run. The wheelchairs were quite heavy to push and it was very hot outside. At the end a person who taught one of the “classrooms” in the school gave out jumbo freezies that were very long (and cut in half) to the kids. Some of the kids got two halves or one full one but most kids got one half. Fionn and Caleb got two halves and they got a sugar rush and went crazier than they normally were. Kate, Katie and Jade also got a full one but they did not get a sugar rush or go crazy. It was very fun going there and we would like to go there again.



### Knitting Circle

With a growing interest in knitting among students, a lunchtime knitting circle is being held Tuesdays, 12:00 – 12:45. This will be a drop in group – no need to commit to every week. The first Knitting circle will be held on Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. Parents and teachers are encouraged to come, too!

If anyone has any knitting needles, crochet hooks, or yarn they would like to donate, it would be greatly appreciated. Those participating in the knitting circle will be encouraged to use donated yarn to make at least one project to be donated to Inn From the Cold in the fall.

### Important Dates for October

Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> - Gr. 2-6 Hike. Dress for the weather.

Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup> - K-6 Leighton Centre. Dress for the weather. PLEASE arrive on time. Bring your sketchbook.

Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup> - **NO CLASSES** - PD day

Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup> *School Closed*  
**Happy Thanksgiving**

Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> - K-6 Wordfest. PLEASE be on time.

Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup> - **Orange & Black Day**

Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> - Gr. 5 Vacc.

Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> - Butterfield Acres. Dress for the weather.

### Grad Caps are Back!

These hand-made, one of a kind hats are back, and still only \$5! Pick one up in the English room, and support this year's graduation celebration!

Selection changes weekly!

Donations made for these hats will go directly to helping our graduating students get the grad of their dreams!

# Absenteeism and Tardiness...

## At What Cost?

As the 2015/2016 school year has begun, both parents and teachers at Banbury Crossroads have been discussing the importance of accountability, timeliness, and attendance. More importantly, how we can help to foster and encourage such routines has also been considered. At the school we aim to be the examples we hope to see, but when that ceases to be effective and good routines start to fade, what are the costs, literally?

Let's say the average parents or guardians at Banbury Crossroads pay a tuition fee that averages about \$10,000.00 per school year. There are 10 months in one school year, and on average 22 active school days a month at 6.5 hours a day for study, extra-curricular, and supervision. So, what does this mean for your pocketbook if you miss a number of hours or days of school? Let's take a look:

Since: 10 months of school = \$1,000.00 a month,

Then: \$1,000.00 per month = \$45.00 per day,

So: Absent 1 day per week = \$450.00 per year.

Absent 2 days per week = \$900.00 per year.

1 hour late every day = \$1,540.00 per year.

Although these amounts are rough estimates, it does give a comprehensive breakdown of what it costs when students, parents, and teachers are not working together to effectively maintain standards of timeliness and participation throughout the year.

What about academic costs and accountability? Consistent absenteeism and lateness creates a standard we want to avoid. Although there are exceptions to be considered, the point is making sure that these do not become the habits that set the tone of the school culture. At Banbury, we aim to set high standards of excellence in everything we do, and a big part of that is taking full advantage of school hours, and making sure that all students are included in all activities, at all times. Being a part of a community creates a sense of belonging and fosters academic, personal, and social growth – very rudimentary and necessary elements that are often tweaked, and refined as we mature and come into our own selves.

With the start of the new 2015/2016, let's work together to create and maintain a culture that sets the right tone that aims to create meaningful and effective experiences for our students– keeping in mind our pocket books, school hours, and the school community as a whole.

By: Erica Frischkorn

## Banbury offers In-School Dentist Appointments!

Meet Ashley, Our Dental Hygienist–

In the next few weeks Ashley will be at Banbury Crossroads School to facilitate "toof cleanings!" in the SCHOOL for students that sign-up.



Ashley was recently at **Banbury Crossroads School** educating your child on the importance of oral and systemic health.

Originally from Lethbridge AB, Ashley traveled to Harlingen, Texas to complete her dental hygiene education at Texas State Technical College. Upon completing, Ashley came back to Canada, registered with The College of Registered Dental Hygienists of Alberta and has been working for the past five years in Lethbridge and Calgary.

Because of Ashley's passion for dental hygiene, Toof Inc. was formed. Providing Preventative Dental Hygiene care through education and "toof cleanings" at your Child's School!!!

Want to save yourself from making that trip to the Dental office?!

Learn about our process & to SIGN-UP, please visit [www.toof.ca](http://www.toof.ca)

We look forward to providing this service to you and your child!

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## Spring Travel Opportunity

In the spring of 2016, grade 9 to 12 students have the opportunity to participate in an 11 day trip to Italy and Germany. This trip will include stops in Rome, Florence, Munich, and Prague. For the full itinerary, check out this link:

<http://www.eftours.ca/eliterature/DBD/13/IGE.pdf>

To enrol in the trip, please use the following link:

<http://www.eftours.ca/tour-website/1710452KZ>

Early enrolment is encouraged, to take advantage of the payment plans offered.

For more information, please see Tara