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DON'T FORGET, THE NEWSLETTER IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE ON OUR [WEBSITE](#)

WHAT'S HAPPENED SINCE OUR LAST NEWSLETTER?

English Matters:



- Received a lovely **Thank you** note with exquisitely penned ZenTangle art covering the envelope.
- Took a group of students to bake scones at Gibson House.
- Took some students for coffee and cake. Delicious!

Let us know how  can help you!

English Matters posts Canadian information regularly on Facebook. "Friend" us today!

[CLICK HERE](#)


Consider joining a choir


Make friends, improve your English, have fun!

<https://www.thewholenote.com/index.php/directories/choral-pages>



Things To Do:

Free! **Noon Hour Choir & Organ Concerts**
Fri. April 7th
Roy Thompson Hall
Suitable for ages 6 & up
Click  for more information

World Wildlife Fund's "Climb It For Change"
Sunday April 9
Climb the CN Tower stairs to raise money for WWF. They protect help animals
Click  for more information



Take your family for a fun **FREE** guided walking tour available at **High Park!**

High Park is located at Bloor Street & Parkside Drive. Click [here](#) to see the tour schedule.



Saturday March 4, 2017
At the JCCC

Click on their logo for more information



March 10-19 2017

Canada's Largest Garden & Flower Festival
At the Enercare Centre
(Gardiner Expressway & Strachan)
Tickets also get you into the Home Show.
Click on their logo to go to their website.



Tasty Maple Syrup Festivals

Maple Syrup is a Spring Canadian tradition. Click on the links below to find a Sugarbush or Maple Syrup Festival near you.

- ★ [The Ontario Maple Syrup Producers Association](#)
- ★ [Sugarbush Maple Syrup Festivals](#)

8 Great Places for Cherry Blossom Viewing

- High Park, Hillside
- Broadacres Park
- Toronto Centre Island Park
- Cedarvale Park
- Trinity Bellwoods Park
- Birkdale Ravine
- Centennial Park Etobicoke
- Exhibition Place

Click Here for more information and Sakura Tracking

Special Dates in March & April
(Click on the ☺ to learn more about that date from a previous newsletter.)

Sunday March 12: Daylight Savings Time begins. Clocks move ahead 1 hour.

March 13-17: March Break

Friday March 17: St. Patrick's Day ☺

Monday March 20: First Day of Spring

Saturday April 1: April Fools' Day ☺ (page 2)

Friday April 14: Good Friday ☺ (page 2)

Sunday April 18: Easter Sunday ☺ (page 2)

Saturday April 22: Earth Day ☺ (page 2)

That "Rings a Bell" Quiz

Think back to the last issue for answers

1. What is the name of the famous group of Canadian artists that painted pictures of the Canadian landscape.
2. How old will Canada be this year?
3. What is the date of Valentine's Day?

(Answers on page 2)

DID YOU KNOW...?

Level 1 (Beginner)

Sir John Franklin was an explorer. He and his ship disappeared in the Arctic Ocean.



Level 2 (Intermediate)

Sir John Franklin tried to find the Northwest Passage. This sailing route joins the Pacific Ocean and the Atlantic Ocean through the Arctic. In 1845, there were 2 ships and 129 men on the trip. The ships were called the *Erebus* and the *Terror*. Sadly, they did not succeed. All of the men disappeared into thin air. It was a big mystery.

Level 3 (Advanced)

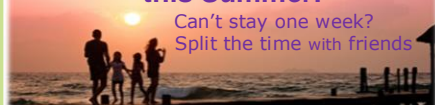
Sir John Franklin (1786-1847) was a Royal Navy officer. He was also an Arctic explorer, responsible for mapping a large portion of Canada's Arctic coastline. In 1845 he led an expedition on 2 ships, to find the way through the frozen Northwest Passage. The ships and all aboard disappeared. Many frantic search missions took place to find them but it wasn't until 2014 that the *Erebus* was found. The *Terror* was finally found in 2016.

MORE THINGS TO DO:



Wow! Please spend a rainy spring day at the **Science Centre!**
Now! A special exhibit called **Canada 150: Discovery Way.**
Understand about important Canadian inventions!
Click on the logo to see their website.

Arrange to Stay at a Cottage this Summer!



Can't stay one week?
Split the time with friends

Check Resorts or Private Cottages

- * To see **Cottage Resort Rentals** click here. (Look at the column on the right).
- * To see **Private Cottage Rentals**, click here. (Look at the column on the right).



**MAR 29
TO APR 2**

Distinctive! Unique! 100% Canadian!
Enercare Centre, Exhibition Place
Discover the best in Canadian handmade items.
Click on the logo to go to the website.

March Break Activities at the Toronto Zoo

The Toronto Zoo will have extended hours during March Break.
Saturday March 11 – Sunday March 19 9:30am-6:00pm daily.
There will be special character Meet-and-Greets taking place during the week. Click on the picture to learn more.

The Toronto Zoo is open all year. It has over 5,000 animals and over 500 different species.

Be sure to visit Canada's only giant panda cubs!



Where does the name **Canada** come from?

It is an Iroquois-Huron word for **village**. The French explorer Jacques Cartier got off his boat and asked a First Nations man for the name of the land. The man looked and saw the village where Quebec City is today. "That is the 'Kanata,' he replied.

By the mid 1500's European maps used **Canada** to describe everything north of the St. Lawrence River. As the years passed and borders changed, the word Canada continued to be used for the areas now known as Quebec and Ontario.

At the confederation conference, (see Confederation below), the delegates all voted to call the new country Canada.

Some of the other names they considered were Anglia, (Latin name for England), Superior, Victoriana, (in honour of Queen Victoria), Mesopelagia, (means the land between the seas), and Ursalia, (means land of bears).

Some of these names would have been very difficult to use every day!



Answers

To "That Rings a Bell" Quiz

1. The Group of Seven.
2. Canada is turning 150 years old.
3. February 14.

Looking Back...

On **March 11, 2011** at 2:46 p.m. a 9.1 magnitude earthquake took place 80 miles east of the city of Sendai. It was in a section of the ocean crust that scientists thought would not be capable of producing such a large earthquake. It was the largest earthquake to ever hit Japan.

The earthquake caused a tsunami with 30 foot waves. It damaged several nuclear reactors.

22,000 people died or were declared missing as a result of the earthquake.

CANADIAN HISTORY & CULTURE CORNER

Confederation: A Brief History of How Canada Formed

In the 1500's, Europeans from France and Britain came to North America to claim land. They met Aboriginal Nations that had been living there for thousands of years. The lands that had been settled by Britain were known as colonies. In the 1700's, the people of 13 British colonies were upset with the way Britain was treating them. They began a war with Britain to gain their independence. They won, and formed the beginning of the United States of America.

The land that Britain kept became known as British North America. It was made up of several colonies: British Columbia, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and the Province of Canada, (known later as Quebec and Ontario). In the 1860's the idea of these colonies joining together to form a new country became popular. One of the biggest reasons for joining together was to prevent being taken over by the United States.

On July 1, 1867 Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Ontario and Quebec joined to become a country. It took more than 100 years for the other 6 provinces and 3 territories to join Canada. Here are the years each province and territory joined:

Northwest Territories...1870	Alberta...1905
Manitoba...1870	Saskatchewan...1905
British Columbia...1871	Newfoundland...1949
Prince Edward Island...1873	Nunavut...1999
Yukon Territory...1898	

COMING IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER...

Information about the
Canadian Tulip Festival
May 12-22, 2017

