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Things To Do:



Click on the logo above to learn more.
Free to Watch At the Ex!!

Wow! - Consider a trip to the Caribbean for March Break (March 12-16 2018)

Everyone loves to be on a sandy beach when it's snowing in Toronto! Book a trip soon, as this is a very popular time to travel. To learn how to book, click here.....



Book your trip this fall!



TORONTO - WILKET CREEK PARK

tiff THE TORONTO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL SEPT 7-17

The world's most important film festival! The best of international and Canadian cinema is in Toronto! This year, you can see 2 Japanese films! Click [here](#) to learn more about the 2 films from Japan.



Pop-up Skate Park
Sat. Sept 16, 11 am-4 pm
Free lessons for all!
Aga Khan Park
Skateboards & helmets provided
Click for more info

WHAT'S HAPPENED SINCE OUR LAST NEWSLETTER? *English Matters:*

Went to an orchard!



Threw a baby shower!



Gave a workshop with marshmallows & Pocky!

Let us know how **ENGLISH** matters can help you!

Special Dates in September & October

Sept 4 - Labour Day – most businesses are closed

Sept 5 –Back to School – check bus schedule


Sept 22 – Fall Equinox – autumn officially begins

Oct 9 – Thanksgiving – most businesses are closed

Oct 31 – Halloween – please buy candy to give to local kids – they will knock on your door by 5:00 pm

That "Rings a Bell" Quiz

Think back to the last issue for answers

1. What year did this  become Canada's official flag?
2. If an event happens rarely, we say it happens once in a _____ (fill in the blanks).
3. What sport is most like the Canadian style of conversation?

What is "the Ex"? (Aug 18 – Sept 4)

This is the common name for The **Canadian National Exhibition, (CNE)**. It is an annual event at Exhibition Place in Toronto. You can experience craft displays, shopping, agriculture displays, food, games, rides, a casino and LOTS more. It is Canada's largest annual fair, and the 5th largest in North America. Approximately 1.5 million people visit the CNE each year.

You can visit, too! Click the logo:



WARNING

Daylight Savings time ends on **November 5th**. Clocks will move back 1 hour on that day.

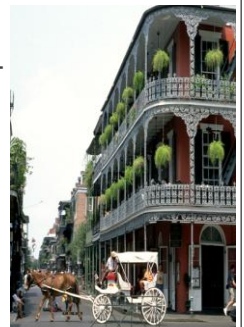
New Orleans, Louisiana

New Orleans was originally settled by the French in 1718. It was given to the Spanish in 1763. In 1803, thousands of Haitian refugees came to the city with Creole culture.

The city is a unique mix of French, Spanish, African and American culture. There's no other city like this on earth!

You can stay in the French Quarter, sightsee on a steamboat, or take a voodoo tour!

The birth of jazz happened in New Orleans and there are 100's of jazz bars to enjoy.



There is street art everywhere. You can take a swamp tour. On the tour, you could see alligators in their natural environment, peeping out of the water!!

Be sure to travel to New Orleans soon!

Click the picture to find out more!

DID YOU KNOW...?

Level 1 (Beginner)

Terry Fox is a hero. He ran 42 km a day for 143 days! That's a total of 5,373 km with one leg!



Click Terry's picture for heart-warming inspirational quotes

Level 2 (Intermediate)

Terry had cancer when he was in high school. He fought the cancer, but he had his leg removed. He saw many children with cancer in the hospital who were sicker than he was. Terry ran across Canada to raise money for research to help them.

Join on Sun. Sept. 17, 8:00!

Level 3 (Advanced)

Terry fox has become an iconoclastic hero who still captivates communities around the world. In 1980, he ran 5,000 kms just to prepare for his grueling run across Canada. He suffered blisters, shin splints and a bleeding stump but he was driven to help others. He woke at 4 a.m. and ran until 6 p.m. 7 days a week until the cancer spread to his lungs, incapacitating him in Thunder Bay. When he died, Canada lamented.

CANADIAN HISTORY & CULTURE CORNER

What Do Canadians Do to Enjoy Autumn?

Canadians love to jump in the car to *see* the turning of the leaves, but more than that, they like to get outdoors and *experience* the turning of the leaves.

We invite guests to the cottage on autumn weekends to canoe and have bonfires

We put on big, thick sweaters and hike with our families to smell the autumn air

We roast chestnuts and pumpkin seeds

We rake up piles of leaves and jump in them

We cuddle up by the fire with sweet apple cider

We play board games in the evenings

We meet friends at 'pick-your-own' apple farms to find new types of apples

Try a Canadian Autumn Custom Today!



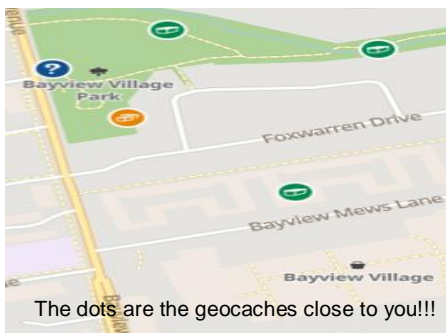
GEOCACHING

Geocaching is a real-world, outdoor treasure-hunt game. You can use a GPS to get to GPS coordinates. Then, try to find the geocache (container) hidden at that location.

A great autumn activity for families!



Click left to see a video about geocaching.



The dots are the geocaches close to you!!!

MORE THINGS TO DO:



Find the Perfect Pumpkin!
Click here!

Your kids will love playing at the pumpkin patch on a Saturday afternoon!

Maple Route - メープル街道

Discover an interactive map of the autumn colours *by clicking here*

"Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower."
—Albert Camus

Caribou Buffalo Partridge Venison Duck
Lamb Elk Veal

And turkey for Thanksgiving dinner!



Whitehouse Meats St. Lawrence Market

Try some authentic exotic meats at your next barbeque!

A Fun Day Out at a Small Town Fall Fair!

Click for details!



Sorauren Pumpkin Parade

Nov. 1st at dusk
Bring your pumpkin to play with the others and find one scarier than yours on the path!
Find the details by clicking!

COUNTRY CUT FLOWERS

One of our favorite activities from the summer to the fall season is visiting "Pick-Your-Own" farms where you can pick crops like asparagus, rhubarb, strawberries, raspberries, sweet corn, apples and pumpkins with relatively reduced prices. Since the berry season was nearly over but it was still too early for the next crops, our family decided to do something different which was pick-your-own "dahlias".

There is a small, privately owned flower farm, called "Country Cut Flowers" and there you are allowed to cut the flowers by yourself, and it is only \$1 per stem. When we visited, we could pick not only stunning dahlias but also colorful larkspurs. Before

the season ends at the end of September, we would love to go back to this place again, as we could truly experience the beautiful flower fields – gentle breezes, the smell of flowers, and tranquil moments.

"Country Cut Flowers"
970 Millers Side Rd. Newmarket
Call (289)264-3964 in advance, or you can book an appointment from their Facebook page.

Click on the title to go to their website.

Click on the flowers to go to their Facebook page.



Thank you for your newsletter contribution Mrs. S.!

Mini Lesson - Idioms for Autumn & Hallowe'en

(to) save for a rainy day

To put something aside for a time of greater need

"What a surprise! My mum sent me some money! I'll save it for a rainy day."

(to) turn over a new leaf

To reform and change habits

"Now that autumn is here, I'm going to turn over a new leaf and eat healthy foods."

(to) get goose bumps

To cause small bumps on the skin from fear (or cold)

"When I think of the scary Hallowe'en costumes we'll see, I get goose bumps!"

This Hallowe'en please listen for children chanting

"Trick or treat, smell my feet; give me something good to eat!"

(Click the pumpkin to hear a sample)



Autumn is Coming!

Many Canadians like to decorate the front of their house to suit the season.

For Autumn, please put a pot or two of chrysanthemums, or 'mums' by your door.

You can also put some Dollar Store items on your porch, like a broom or scarecrow. Then, put some pumpkins or gourds and an Autumn wreath!



Answers To "That Rings a Bell" Quiz

- 1) 1965
- 2) Blue moon
- 3) Tennis