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# April 2019

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## Cyril Varney P.S.

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### CONGRATULATIONS!

The following students were recognized for showing  
**ACCEPTANCE** for the month of **MARCH**:

**Ms. Pigeon & Ms. Boileau – JK/SK \* Kaylie S. & Kalisa H.**

**Ms. Cryderman & Ms. Bruyere – JK/SK \* Zendaya D. & Ashton M.**

**Ms. Brooks – 1 \* Avery P. & Heidi M.C.**

**Ms. Dumont – 1/2 \* Sabrina M. & Courey K.**

**Ms. Marsh – 2 \* Brayden K. & Jo-Rain K.**

**Ms. Miller – 2/3 \* Mason J. & Kenley S.**

**Ms. Edkins – 3 \* Hunter C. & Keeley S.**

**Ms. Hollohan – 3/4 \* Makenzie M. & Gerry J.**

**Mr. Markwick – 4 \* Taylor T. & Kien K.**

**Ms. Mourre – 5 \* Tyres M. & Rashaun A.C.**

**Ms. Hocking – 5/6 \* Nathanael C.C. & Jack V.**

**Ms. Flood – 6 \* Lucifer M. M. & Mischa F. D.**

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### Important Dates for April

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April 8 - PA Day (no school)

April 11 - Barbara Coloroso presents  
"Parents as Career Coaches" from  
5:30pm to 8:30pm @ the Cambrian  
College Student Life Center

April 12 - Gr. 6 Transition Activity Day at  
Churchill Public School

April 16 - Scholastic Book Fair 8:00am to  
3:30pm

April 16 - Ms. Marsh's, Ms. Brooks' & Ms.  
Dumont's classes to Science North

April 17 - Scholastic Book Fair 8:00am to  
3:30pm

April 17 - Lifetouch Spring Photos

April 17 - Ms. Cryderman's & Ms.  
Bruyere's Kindergarten and Ms.  
Hollohan's Gr. 3/4 class to MacLeod's  
play

April 18 - Scholastic Book Fair 8:00am to  
11:25am

April 19 - Good Friday (no school)

April 22 - Easter Monday (no school)

April 22 - Earth Day

April 22 to 26 - Earth Week

April 23 - Swim to Survive (Ms. Hollohan's  
Gr. 4 students)

April 26 - FitSpirit Activity for all interested  
girls in Gr. 3 to 6

April 30 - Swim to Survive (Ms. Hollohan's  
Gr. 4 students)

## Lates & Absences

If your child will be late for school or is absent, please call the school to let us know. You can **call at any time** to leave a message on our answering machine.

Our number is (705) 566-2424.

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### Vocabulary

#### Vocabulary Development

"Vocabulary refers to the words we must understand to communicate effectively. Educators often consider four types of vocabulary: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Listening vocabulary refers to the words we need to know to understand what we hear. Speaking vocabulary consists of the words we use when we speak. Reading vocabulary refers to the words we need to know to understand what we read. Writing vocabulary consists of the words we use in writing. Vocabulary plays a fundamental role in the reading process, and contributes greatly to a reader's comprehension. A reader cannot understand a text without knowing what most of the words mean. Students learn the meanings of most words indirectly, through everyday experiences with oral and written language. Other words are learned through carefully designed instruction". (Reading Rockets)

Try this activity at home with your child(ren) to help build vocabulary:

#### Vocabulary Song Lyrics

This fun, creative exercise has children write expanded definitions of rich vocabulary words in the form of a song. They can rewrite existing song lyrics or create their own. Here's an example of "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" rewritten with the word *classify*:

Class, class, classify,

It means to organize,

Put it together and sort it out,

That's how we categorize!

## April Character Trait

### Honesty

### L'honnetete

### Cwekwaadziwin

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#### *Earth Day – April 22, 2019*

To celebrate Earth Day this year, why not try one or more of these ideas with your family from

[www.wehavekids.com/parenting/10-Earth-Day-Activities-for-your-Family!](http://www.wehavekids.com/parenting/10-Earth-Day-Activities-for-your-Family!)

1. Clean up your neighborhood.
2. Plant a tree.
3. Go on a nature walk.
4. Build a bird feeder or bird house.
5. Plant a garden.
6. Hold a yard sale.
7. Attend an Earth Day event (visit [www.earthday.org](http://www.earthday.org) for event listings).
8. Go birdwatching.
9. Have a car free day.
10. Make crafts with recycled materials.

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Monday April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 is a Professional Activity Day.

There will be no school on this day.

## Cyril Varney Needs You!

If you are interested in being a Varney Volunteer, please contact the school (705-566-2424). We are always looking for volunteers to help with our Breakfast Program, as well as many other areas of the school. Volunteers do require a current police record check.

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## DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP CORNER

Today's students are spending more and more time online — both in school and during their leisure time.

While the online world can be a very exciting and helpful place for them — allowing them to conduct research for school projects, play fun games or just interact with one another — the Internet is a completely public and potentially dangerous environment. It is a **door that is not locked**, that can pose risks to your children.

Please visit [www.thedoorisnotlocked.ca](http://www.thedoorisnotlocked.ca) for tips and resources.

## SPRING WEATHER

We welcome the warmer weather that is starting to come our way. However, with the spring weather comes melting snow and puddles. Please remember to send extra socks and "slush pants" to school with your child. Also keep sending mitts and hats as the weather can still be quite cool.

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## PIC (Parental Involvement Committee) Meeting

Tuesday, April 2nd at Rainbow District School Board office at 7:00 p.m.

Topic: School Climate Survey Review



## Daily School Schedule

8:30am – Breakfast Program

8:45am – Classes begin

10:45am – 1<sup>st</sup> Nutrition Break begins

11:25am – 1<sup>st</sup> Nutrition Break ends

11:25am – Classes begin

1:25pm – 2<sup>nd</sup> Nutrition Break begins

2:05pm – 2<sup>nd</sup> Nutrition Break ends

2:05pm – Classes begin

3:00pm – Walkers leave (out the side door of the building)  
**Please meet you child outside the side doors.**

3:05pm – Bussers meet in their designated areas of the gym.

**Please feel free to call us at (705)566-2424 anytime. Communication of issues, events, etc. will help to solve and especially prevent potential problems.**



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Hot Lunches

Fridays – Pizza \$2.00

April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 PADay (no school)	9	10	11 Barbara Coloroso "Parents as Career Coaches" Speaker Series 5:30pm to 8:30pm @ the Cambrian College Student Life Center	12 Gr. 6 Transition Activity Day at Churchill	13
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# Parents as Career Coaches Speaker Series

- 📅 **Thursday, April 11, 2019**
- 🕒 **5:30 to 8:30 p.m.** (dinner will be provided)
- 📍 **Cambrian College Student Life Centre**

## Keynote speakers



Barbara Coloroso,  
distinguished  
international  
bestselling author  
and speaker



Catherine Poulton,  
Wellness Coordinator  
at Cambrian College

Learn how to help your child  
transition to high school or  
postsecondary education

Parents of students in grades 7-12 are invited to this free session with Barbara Coloroso and Catherine Poulton who will share insights and strategies you can use to support your child as he/she prepares to start high school, college, or university. Mental wellness, resilience, and positive habits are just some of the topics that will be covered.

Space is limited.

👉 Register now at [cambriancollege.ca/careercoaches](http://cambriancollege.ca/careercoaches).

For additional information, please contact  
Courtney Rivard at **(705) 566-8101, extension 6350**,  
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