



Spring 2023



The year is just flying by with so many exciting events and activities taking place. Please refer to our calendar that is posted on our website for the most up-to-date information.

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A few events coming up:

April 11: Junior Basketball game @ Glynn A Green

April 12: International Day of Pink

April 13: Junior Basketball game @ Gordon vs. Wellington Heights

April 22: Ramadan ends

April 17: Kinder Clay Art

April 19: Gr. 6-8 students to Centennial for a play – Newsies (School Cash Online – permission form)

April 21: Earth Spirit Day

April 25: School Advisory Council – 6:30 p.m., Intermediate Badminton

*Track and Field Club will start up soon (Gr. 3-8)

Robotics: Mr. Munderich and Mrs. Cabaj are very proud of the students who represented our school with pride.

Congratulations to this year's robotics teams who practised diligently throughout the month of March in order to prepare for the DSBNS Area 2 competition held at Diamond Trail School.

This year's theme was "Return to the Moon" and students were required to build and program a robot to complete challenges such as rock collection, gravity experiments, and crater crossing.

Gordon's junior team consisted of Ben A., Arianna S., Dante S., and Sam W. The Intermediate division was represented by Kieran B., Jackson H., Piper S., and Nyah Z.

Our two teams showed excellent perseverance and had to rebuild and code their robots numerous times in order to overcome the difficult challenges of this year's competition.

When all of the scores were tabulated, both teams placed fourth in a field of twelve teams. Well done, Grizzlies!

Concours Oratoire:

On Thursday, March 23rd and Friday, March 24th, a group of 16 Gordon students in grades 4-8 participated in the DSBN Concours d'Art Oratoire, a French-speaking contest that tested their ability to speak naturally without any prepared notes or access to a dictionary or translator. We are extremely proud of all our participants for taking on this challenge and extend an extra congratulations to our Grizzlies who placed in the top 10 for their category:

- Shoaib A. placed 1st overall in grade 4-6 French Immersion- Francophone category
Rahimah A., Mary S. and Mallory C. placed 3rd, 6th and 10th respectively in the grade 4-6 French Immersion category
- Parker V. placed 5th overall in grade 7-8 Core French category
- Ellie B. and Piper S. placed 3rd and 8th respectively in grade 7-8 French Immersion category

We look forward to participating in this event again next year!

Sincere thanks to Mme. Lelievre-Rienas for organizing and preparing our students for this experience.

Grade 3 Swim to Survive Lessons:

All of our Grade 3 students are invited to participate in this wonderful program that is sponsored by the Education Foundation of Niagara and hosted at the local YMCA. The permission form is on School Cash Online, we have two blocks of lessons booked:

Group 1: Wednesday – April 12, 19, 26 (Gaspich and Bursey)

Group 2: Thursday – April 13, 20, 27 (Benson and Knockaert)

Basketball:

The Junior Girls' and Junior Boys' Basketball Teams have been enjoying a wonderful season of basketball! The players work hard during practice and have developed excellent teamwork. Both teams have demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship at all of their games. We look forward to cheering on our Grizzlies for the remainder of the season!

Junior Girls' Team:

Arianna S., Ariella P., Danielle L., Ireland R., Jayla C., Jessa F., Kendyl J., Kori D., Michelle M., Sinead S., Stella P., Tanner S.

Coaches: Mrs. Bendlis and Mme Bursey

Junior Boys' Team:

Bodhi V., Brock S., Cody G., Connor L., Dominik D., Eashan S., Hudson M., Jackson L., Leian C., Luke B., Quade R., Rory T.

Coach: Mr. D'Amico

Niagara Region Public Health School Health Newsletter

April 2023

Happy Oral Health Month Niagara!

Did you know cavities are the single most common chronic disease in children aged five to 18? It is important to take care of your family's smiles. Here are some ways to keep your teeth healthy:



- Brush your teeth twice a day for two minutes using fluoridated toothpaste
- Floss once a day
- Drink water instead of sugary drinks like pop and juice
- Book your child(ren) a FREE dental appointment with Public Health

Public Health offers FREE dental appointments for all children and youth 17 and under. Morning, afternoon and evening appointments are available at one of [Public Health's dental clinics](#) or on our [Mobile Dental Clinic](#). Our Dental Team can also help link eligible children to a free dental program through [Healthy Smiles Ontario](#) or call 905-688-8248 ext. 7399 or [live chat](#) with us. Translation services available via phone or [live chat](#).

National Immunization Awareness Week

Niagara Region Public Health started returning to schools for the Grade 7 immunization campaign. **Students in grades 7 and 8 with a previously submitted consent form** for the following [routine school vaccine\(s\)](#) will be vaccinated at their school clinic:

- Meningococcal
 - Single dose
 - [Required for school attendance](#) under the Immunization of School Pupils Act
- Hepatitis B (HB)
 - 2 or 3 dose series – depending on age and health history
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV)
 - 2 or 3 dose series – depending on age and health history



On clinic day, please remind your child to:

- Eat breakfast or a snack
- Wear a loose-fitting short sleeve t-shirt
- Bring a distraction (book, music, phone) as a comfort measure (*optional*)

*Gordon PS Gr. 7/8 Immunization Date: Wednesday, May 24th