

Gordon Gazette



Gordon Public School, Welland ON

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Greetings!

I am happy to say we have had a smooth start to the school year. It was great to see so many of you at our Meet the Staff barbecue. I know how busy everyone is so we really appreciate the time you took to come and meet the staff. Thank you to staff for their help setting up, cooking and cleaning help. A special thank you to Mr. Price for transporting the barbecue to and from M & M meat shop.

This month we are beginning our revamped Stars assemblies with a focus on the first character trait of Respect. Students will be involved in presentations that teach about respect. Throughout the month we will be watching our students demonstrate respectful behaviours. At our November assembly two students from each class will receive a star in recognition of their efforts. We will continue to recognize two primary students, one junior and one intermediate student as students of the month. They will receive a certificate and a \$5.00 gift card for Zellers courtesy of our School Council.

On October 30th we will continue the Gordon School tradition of celebrating "Harvestfest". On this day our students will work in multi-age teams and participate in a variety of different activities.



Our School Council will be donating cookies and apple cider for snack that day. As well we have received a generous donation of microwave popcorn. As always we invite parents to assist with these activities. If you are able to spend all or part of the day with us we would be happy to have you. **In order to include all of our students in Harvestfest and to respect the diverse cultural and**

religious backgrounds of our families we ask that students dress in the colour of their team instead of wearing costumes. We look forward to a day of fun and hope that many parents will be able to join us.

Be a good neighbour!

We all know that parking is scarce at Gordon School. Once the lot is full you may be directed to circle the block and come back

when a spot becomes empty. I know this can be frustrating as we all have time lines to meet and need to get to our next activity. I ask for your patience for the safety of all of our children. I am also asking that those of you that park in spots other than our lot be aware of our neighbours' driveways and property. We have been asked not to block driveways or the property of the businesses across from the school. This is private property belonging to the individual that owns it. In the event they cannot access their own property they may choose to involve the police. Please allow yourself the extra time needed to drop off and pick up your children safely.

SOCCER TEAMS

Thank you to Mrs. Heinmiller and her assistant coach Mr. Heinmiller for their work with the team. Congratulations to our team for taking the championship.

Team members are:

Natasha B
Shayla M
Hannah H
Hannah M
Hallie G
Rachel J
Olivia M

Kerstyne W
Kelsey G
Kara L
Amanda B
Amanda L
Sarah N
Lauren M

Thank you to Mr. Csuka for his work with the boys soccer team. They made it to the semi finals.

Team members are:

Alex L
Mike F
Mitchell K
Jake S
Noah T
Vinay S
Parker W
Adam B

Max S
Nathaniel B
Mike P
Connor S
Cody F
Kelsey S
Tom M
Noah B

CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to our Cross Country team members who represented Gordon with true sportsmanship at the DSBN Area 2 meet. Thank you to Mr. Csuka and Mr. Eckhardt for coaching. *GO GRIZZLIES!*

Gr 7/8

Andres O
Shayla M
Mitchell K

Noah T
Alex L

Gr 5/6

Bradley V
Connor J
Devan M
Tyler D
Jonathan B
Sarah I
Ben J
Lindsay M
Taylor P
Ben H
Ben J

Kara L
Connor M
Ahaz N
Nathanial B
Connor S
Alex O
Isaac R
Jeremy C
Emma M
Noah B
Aaron R

Gr 4

Connor A
Haley P
Hannah F
Tia R
Hannah T
Jacob B

Noah B
Kristie M
Lia R
Sydney L
Brandon W
Dawon G

FUND RAISING

We will be kicking off our **magazine fundraiser** at an assembly Thursday, October 8th. Students will bring home the order forms in time for the weekend. Any students who sell three subscriptions by Friday, October 16, will have an opportunity to participate in the pencil draw with a chance to win \$2.00 to \$20.00. We ask that orders, new and renewal, be submitted by October 23. Thank you for your participation.

In November we will be offering a service involving the purchase of **gift cards** or gift certificates. Many people give these for Christmas & Hannukah gifts. The school will be able to order them from participating retailers, they will be delivered to the school within five days and the school will receive a rebate. Some of the retailers who offer their gift cards and certificates through this fund raising program are: Zehrs, M & M Meat Shops, Zellers, Wal Mart, Cineplex Odeon theaters and many restaurants. If you plan to purchase gift cards for Christmas gifts, we ask that you wait and purchase them through this program as it offers us an opportunity to receive a rebate without costing you any extra. Please watch for information in the next newsletter.

Did you know the following foods have approximately the same amount of protein as 2 tablespoons of peanut butter (1 serving of Meat & Alternatives)?

1 oz meat	1 oz cheddar cheese
1 cup yoghurt	1 cup (Post) raisin bran
1 bagel	1 cup milk



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Friday, October 9th is a Professional Development Day and there will be no school for students. Gordon School staff will be examining our Grade 3 and Grade 6 EQAO scores and developing our school goals.

If you are planning ahead . . . our next P.D. day for this school year is Friday, November 13, 2009.

CROSSING GUARDS

Please note that a crossing guard will be present 30 minutes before entry bell and 30 minutes after dismissal directly in front of the school on Thorold Road and at Thorold Road & Clare Avenue. The crossing guard at Bridlewood is present for 45 minutes before entry bell and 45 minutes after dismissal. If the crossing guard is not present please direct your child to return to the school so a staff member can cross them.



FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OCTOBER 5 - 9, 2009



Have you

- ✓ checked your home smoke alarm?
- ✓ changed the batteries in your smoke alarm? or
- ✓ drawn up a home escape plan with your family?

We will be practising our fire drills at school.

INTERIM REPORT CARD

An interim report card will be going home on Tuesday, October 13. The focus for this interim report card is to communicate how students are demonstrating their learning skills.

From School Council . . .

WOW! What a great turn out at the School Council Meeting Tuesday night. Welcome to all. The new executive of Marc Brule (Chair), Kelly Borowski (Vice Chair), Jane E Naylor (Treasurer) and Patty Goodfield (Secretary) are excited about the new school year and looking forward to their roles on the Gordon School Community Council (as we are officially known).

What we do:

- We are an advisory council promoting a positive environment through recommendations and input enhancing student learning as responsible citizens.
- We act as liaisons among parents, guardians, administrators, teachers and children in the school community.
- We sponsor additional programs not otherwise provided through fundraising.

What we don't do:

- We are not involved in the day to day operations of the school as directed by the DSBN.

2009-10 School Year

- We will continue to support our divisional "Citizens of the Month" with a certificate and gift card.
- We will be present at the Harvestfest providing cookies (no nuts or peanuts) and apple juice and cider to the students.

Who can come to meetings:

- Meetings are open to any parent, guardian, or member of the community.
- Only signed members have the right to vote.
- If you wish to bring an idea or concern to council please call the chair or the principal before the meeting and be placed on the agenda.

At the last school meeting, we had a discussion regarding fundraising. The two major fundraisers that have been done by council in the past have been McMillan's cookie dough and Maple Lodge chicken. Both of these events require a great deal of manpower to be successful. An alternative we are exploring is to request a donation from each family in lieu of fund raising. You will receive a survey on which you can record your preference. We will go with the majority for this school year. We will share the results with you soon. Please be sure to respond so that your opinion is counted.

Marc Brule, Chair

SNACK DAY

Snack day happens every Wednesday at Gordon School. Every student is offered a nutritious snack at 2nd break that changes every week. Special thanks to Mr. And Mrs. Borowski for being Gordon School personal snack shoppers.



The School Nurse assigned to our school is Lou-Anne Hiron. She will be promoting optimal health among our students and assisting us to develop a healthy school environment. Her role is to influence Niagara's children and their families to make healthy lifestyle choices.

Our nurse can be reached at the
Niagara Region Public Health Department at

905-735-5697

Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Make our school Council a Part of the Team in
*"Engaging in Student
Success: Partners and Community
Partners in Action"*

DSBN's School Council Liaison Committee presents a day of learning, sharing and networking with other council members, celebrating the successes of our council and others!

Wednesday, November 4, 2009
from 4:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.
at **Westlane Secondary School**
5960 Pitton Road, Niagara Falls

Many Interesting Workshops to choose from!

It is not too late to sign up. For more details as to how to sign up, please pick up a form in the office or speak to Mrs. Oakes.

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER DRAW

The winner of the September newsletter draw was Aaron M, entitling him to a special treat. Please fill out the ballot below and your name will be entered in a draw for a free slice of pizza and a milk on our next Pizza Day.

✓ What character traits will students learn about in October? _____

✓ When is the last day for magazine orders? _____

Name(s): _____

Class(es): _____

Newsletter Questions and Answers

Do you have any questions about the school or curriculum that you would like to see answered in our newsletter? If so, send it in with the newsletter draw form and we will do our best to provide the answer in next month's edition.
