



Gator Gazette

From the Principal's Desk...

Much like everything outside, Spring is when we see the biggest growth in many of our students. Indeed, many of our younger students are flourishing with their reading, and throughout the school teachers are deeply involved in planning activities and lessons that push students to showcase their abilities. I find a great strategy to have at home is to ask your child "What questions did you have at school today?" By taking an interest in what your child is learning, we find it pays off back at the school with increased student motivation and engagement.

Our Learning Commons (Library) has been undergoing some updates, and we are looking for some help with a few things for that area. Donations of any Lego, Jigsaw puzzles, and Table Lamps would be appreciated. If you have any of these items to donate, please bring them by to Mrs. Schuman. They would really be appreciated. As always thanks for your support.

Mr. C. Glauser

Student of the Month

Congratulations to the following students who were selected as "Students of the Month" who demonstrated perseverance which is being steadfastness in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success!



KDG 1— Jace G., Mariam H., Ava A.

KDG 2— Jax G., Cadham T.

KDG3— William C., Jace B.

1-1— Nura N., Joe S., Violet W.

1/2— Mujtaba R., Tristan R.

2-1— Hunter B., Jade C-S

2/3— Jave H.

3/4— Ema D., Shenai S.

4-1— Saijh D., Jake H., Owen M.

5-1— Maya B., Mark G., Aliyah H.

6-1— Mary H., Fatima A.

7/8-1— Gillian H., Logan K., DJ W.

7/8-2— Hayden M., Ava P., Hanna N.

SEFS— Austin S.

Spring is Here

The nice weather is approaching and students are anxious to ride their bicycles, roller blades and skateboards to school. Please be reminded of a few rules:

- bicycles, skateboards and roller blades must be walked on school property.
- Students are not allowed to ride their bicycles, skateboards and roller blades on school property based on a recommendation by the Niagara Regional Police.
- bicycles must be locked in the bike racks.
- if a student is younger than grade 4, it is recommended that he/she be accompanied by an adult to and from school.



STUDENT ILLNESS / ABSENCE—SAFEARRIVAL

If your child is ill, or going to be away, please use the SafeArrival reporting system by calling 1-866-606-5567. You may also use the app or the online reporting option.

Thanks for your support in this matter.

Grad Photos April 9th, 2019

Bridge Program Grad Photos—April 10th, 2019 on site!



Track and Field ~ Thursday, April 25, 2019 ~ Oakes Park

TRACK AND FIELD for Grades 4 to 8

Greendale's Track and Field Meet is just around the corner! It is scheduled for Thursday April 25th at Oakes Park in Niagara Falls. (We do not have a rain date scheduled yet.) Once the bus has picked us up at Greendale, at 9:00 a.m. We will start at Oakes Park thereafter. The bus will drive us back to Greendale in time for regular dismissal.

ALL parents and extended family are encouraged to come out and support their son/daughter. We ask that you please encourage your child from the "sidelines" and refrain from entering the track and field competition areas to allow the officials to convene the event and for the safety of the students that might be in the middle of a race for instance. If you have any questions on the day of the event, please direct them to staff members or administrators that are not running an event at that time.

It is important that ALL students in grade 4 to 8 sign up for **1 track and 1 field event and 2 other events**. Some eager students sign up each event!

The divisions are:

- Atom (up to 9 years old as of December 31st, 2018)
- Peewee (10 to 11 years old as of December 31st, 2018)
- Bantam (12 years old as of December 31^s, 2018)
- Midget (13 years old as of December 31st, 2018)



The events are:

- * **Track:** 100 M, 200 M, 400 M, 800 M, 1500 M, and 400 M Relay
- * **Field:** High Jump, Long Jump, Triple Jump, Baseball Toss (Atom and Peewee)/Shot Put (Bantam and Midget)

During the month of April to prepare the students, the events will be introduced to the grade 4 students and a review to the older grades during their gym classes.

A few reminders to our students...

- **Snack Bar...**will be open and will have a variety of goodies.
- **Water bottles...**will NOT be sold at the Snack Bar so students will need to bring their own water bottle with their name on it.
- **Attendance...**will be taken at each event and if a student is not at their event they will be marked absent
- **Washrooms...**students need to ask for permission since they are at the baseball stadium and near the snack bar building.
- **Ribbons...**will be handed out to the top 6 students in each event and will be given to those students at the ribbon table (for instance...if your child came in 1st in the long jump then he/she would get their ribbon at the ribbons table after all of the participants have completed their 3 jumps.)
- **Food...**students are encouraged to bring healthy snacks and to clean up after themselves.
- **Track and Field Assembly:** We will once again give special recognition to the student in each division (top boy and top girl) at an assembly.
- **Regional Track and Field:** A second Track and Field Meet will be held at Welland Centennial Secondary School on Monday, May 13th.

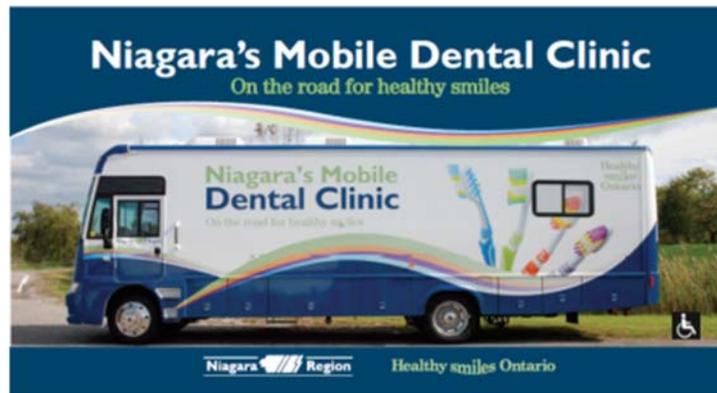


If parents have any questions or concerns, please contact the school.

Niagara's Mobile Dental Clinic

Niagara's Mobile Dental Clinic is a 33 foot RV with a dental clinic on board. The primary use of the mobile dental clinic is to travel throughout the Niagara region visiting schools and community organizations so that children and youth (up until their 18th birthday) can receive free preventive dental services by a registered dental hygienist and certified dental assistant from Public Health.

Services include: dental screening, cleaning, fluoride treatment, sealants and education (proper brushing and flossing). The goal of the mobile dental clinic is to provide these dental services to children and youth without the parent/guardian having to take time off work or find transportation.



Public Health—Dental Department

Dental Screening Coming to Your School

A Public Health registered dental hygienist is scheduled to visit your school April 2, 3 & 4, 2019 to provide dental screening to students as required under the Health Protection and Promotion Act.

During this time, the registered dental hygienist will perform a quick visual inspection of each student's teeth to determine their dental needs. Parents will be notified if their child requires immediate dental care. The Healthy Smiles Ontario program may financially assist eligible children who do not have access to required dental care.

In addition to dental screening, JK/SK students have an opportunity to receive an optional free fluoride varnish application if they have returned a signed consent form.

Please contact the Public Health dental program if you wish to exclude your child from dental screening at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7399 or email dental@niagararegion.ca.

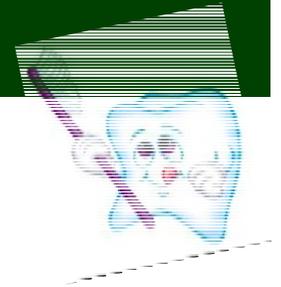
Vision Screening Coming to Your School

The provincial government has rolled out a new vision screening program for SK (year 2) students which began in the 2018/2019 school year. Niagara Region Public Health is partnering with the Lions Club to perform vision screening at your school on April 3, 2019.

During this time trained volunteers from the Lions Club, with completed vulnerable sector checks, will perform three, non-invasive vision screening tests to detect possible issues in a child's vision. Parents will be notified with the results of their child's vision screening.

Please contact the Public Health School Health program if you wish to exclude your child from vision screening at 905-688-8248 ext. 7379 or email vision@niagararegion.ca

Please note that yearly eye exams with an eye doctor are **free** for children with a valid OHIP card until they turn 20 years old. To find an eye doctor near you, visit findaneyedoctor.ca.



Minds on! Mental Health

At Greendale we are committed to supporting growth in the whole child. Both mental and physical well being are important parts of your child's success at school. As our society becomes more and more fast paced it is important for students to know they also need to take the time for themselves and their emotions. Below are websites/Apps that can be used at home to support your child mental health and well being.

Stop Breath & Think Meditation (with options for specific topics ie. kindness)
 Go Noodle.com (movement break, yoga, calming/flow activities)
 calm.com (relaxing music, guided meditation)



School Council Fundraising

Our first Family Pasta Night was a huge success! Thank you to our parent council for all their efforts on behalf of the staff and students at Greendale. Special thanks to the Stamford Culinary students for preparing, delivering, and serving the delicious meal.

World Autism Day

On Tuesday, April 2 all DSBN schools will be supporting World Autism Day by asking all students and staff to wear blue. 1 in 94 people in Canada are diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. We will be raising our Autism Ontario flag at Greendale to demonstrate respect for people with Autism, and helping to create a more accepting community.



Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club runs Monday through Friday and opens at 8:40 a.m.

Students enjoy eating alongside their peers a variety of breakfast items such as: grilled cheese, bagels, muffins, yogurt tubes and cereal, all meeting Canada's Food Guide Criteria.

Thank you to the LaPlante family for their generous donation to the breakfast club. If you would like to donate to Breakfast Club, please contact Mrs. Rindfleisch.



Dance-a-thon Update

Thank you to all our families and community for another successful Dance-a-thon! With the generosity of our donors, we were able to raise just over \$5,200. These funds will go toward enhancing our technology here at Greendale!

Prize winners:

\$10 Gift cards: Harrison B., Nixon B., Mallory S., Aidan N., Makenzie Y., Joel L., Hannah P., Paige F., Nolan D., Abby V.

Movie Pass Winners: Noah G., Thiago T.

Top Division Winners: Intermediate: Joevince Q., Junior: tie—Chloe B., & Hayden L., Primary: Emily S.

Principal for a block: Hayden L.

Custodian for a 1/2 day: Maddox R.

Teacher for a Period: JoJo B.

Popcorn for a month: Mikayeel B.

Pizza for a month: Haley F.

Students had an exceptional time, dancing to the tunes provided by our Student Council.



Helpful Math Tips for Parents and Guardians

We, at Greendale, believe that every child can be successful in math. It takes good teaching, coaching, encouragement and practice.

- Talk about math in a positive way. A positive attitude about math is infectious.
- Encourage persistence. Some problems take time to solve.
- Encourage your child to experiment with different approaches to mathematics. There is often more than one way to solve a math problem.
- Encourage your child to talk about and show a math problem in a way that makes sense (i.e., draw a picture or use material like macaroni).
- When your child is solving math problems ask questions such as: Why did you...? What can you do next? Do you see any patterns? Does the answer make sense? How do you know? This helps to encourage thinking about mathematics.
- Connect math to everyday life and help your child understand how math influences them (i.e. shapes of traffic signs, walking distance to school, telling time).
- Play family math games together that add excitement such as checkers, junior monopoly, math bingo and uno.
- Computers + math = fun! There are great computer math games available on the internet that you can discover with your child. Dreambox is a perfect computer math program that supports the Ontario Math Curriculum and our teachers can cater the program to support individual students.
- Talk with your child's teacher about difficulties he/she may be experiencing. When teachers and parents work together, children benefit.

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