

# The Gator's Tale

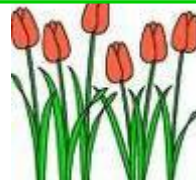


Mrs. Fay Vanden Beukel - Principal

April 2011

## *What's in the April Newsletter?*

- Character Traits Corner
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### **From the Principal's Desk**

April is going to be another busy and exciting month here at Greendale School. On April 18<sup>th</sup>, we will be having our annual Pasta Night held here at the school. The same night is a Family Photo night in the library where families can have their pictures taken for a sitting fee of \$10. This entire sitting fee returns to the school as a fundraiser to benefit our students. Also on April 18<sup>th</sup>, our grades 4 -6 will be hosting a poetry café from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm in room 7. April 28<sup>th</sup> is our Track and Field day held at Oakes Park. Check out the newsletter for detailed information on the exciting April events. I hope to see all of you at as many events as possible.

Mrs. F. Vanden Beukel

## Dance-a-thon Success!

We would like to thank our Greendale families for your wonderful support of our dance-a-thon fundraiser. The event was a huge success and the students (and the staff!) had a great time dancing to the tunes that DJ "H" (a.k.a. Mr. Harriman) provided. Altogether our efforts raised over \$3000 for our school, which will be used to purchase new technology and uniforms.

Way to Go Gators!



Dance-a-thon Committee



## Character Traits Corner

~The Character Trait for April is Courage~

*“ You gain strength, courage, and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You must do the thing which you think you cannot do.”*

Eleanor Roosevelt

What is "Courage"?

It means we have the strength and ability to face challenges even when it might be difficult or unpopular. We take initiative in that we act without being prompted by others.

What does courage look like?

- Speak up for ideas that benefit all people
- Take calculated risks
- Develop something new
- Embrace Change
- Take an unpopular stand when you believe the cause is just
- Apologize for inappropriate actions and words
- Taste new things and try new places



April 27<sup>th</sup> is Administrative Professionals Day!

This is the one day a year that we remember say thank you to special people like Ms. Munn our School Secretary. Where would Greendale School be without Ms Munn in the office? She is always there with a helping hand and ensures that she makes every student who comes into the office feel special.

Thank you Ms. Munn for all you do!

### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

If you missed our February Open House, feel free to make an appointment during any school day and we will try to accommodate you for an opportunity to ask questions, visit the school and classroom and meet the staff to learn more about a day in Kindergarten. You can also register your child at this time. We are looking forward to welcoming your 4 and/or 5 year old for September 2011.





E-mail Kim at  
KBlack@Pathstone.ca  
or visit  
www.facebook.com/Kidsapalooza  
for more information

Tickets are \$5.00  
kids 2 years and under  
are FREE

all proceeds are being donated  
to Children's Groups at  
**Pathstone**  
Mental Health

# Niagara Kidsapalooza

A Children's Concert & Awareness Event

Saturday May 7th, 2011

St. Catharines Collegiate Institute and Vocational School  
Doors open at 10:30 a.m.

with interactive performances by



www.madscience.org/Niagara



Bird KINGDOM  
A Tropical Adventure!

Come out for a creative and fun day that kids can enjoy with great entertainment, face painting and more.. parents can learn about services and activities available for children in the Niagara Region to encourage healthy living & positive growth.  
All of this made possible by our many community supporters, including lead sponsors:



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## April is Oral Health Month

Although preventable, cavities are the most common chronic disease of children aged 6 to 19 years. Cavities lead to difficulties sleeping, decreased school attendance, pain, discomfort, and infection. Fluoride is not added into our water supply. Therefore, it is recommended that all residents brush their teeth twice daily with fluoridated toothpaste to prevent cavities.

- Children three to six years of age should be assisted with brushing their teeth by an adult using a pea-sized portion of fluoridated toothpaste until they can tie their own shoe laces.
- Regular flossing is the single most important thing you can do to prevent gum disease. Most children will need help flossing until they are about 8 to 10 years old.

Niagara Region Public Health has two programs to assist children and youth with no insurance in getting the dental health care they need. For more information please call the Public Health Dental Program at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7399.

celebrating  
**COMMUNITY**  
PARTNERSHIPS  
DSBN EDUCATION WEEK APRIL 11-15TH



The 2011 DSBN Education Week Theme is "Celebrating Community Partnerships". From parent volunteers who assist in classrooms to agencies who coordinate a variety of programs including breakfast programs and after school activities to corporate partners who sponsor scholarships and so much more, our community partners complement the work of our schools to support student success.

**We want to take this time to thank you, our community partners, for everything you do to help support our students and our school.**

Working together, we make a difference. And that is truly Achieving Success Together!



# Greendale Yearbook 2011



At the beginning of March, a dedicated group of intermediate students was formed to create a yearbook of memories for this school year. Greendale has not had a yearbook since our graduating class was in Grade 2! We are very excited to be able to provide a book filled with all of the exciting events, assemblies, teams and clubs that have taken place throughout this school year, including collages of different class activities and a composite of each class from JK to Grade 8.

Please consider ordering a yearbook for your family or for your individual children. An order form will be arriving home for each family in the next few days. In order to give the publishing company our numbers for printing, yearbooks need to be ordered by April 15<sup>th</sup>. This will ensure delivery by the middle of June. Please send in the completed order form, along with \$15.00 to your child's homeroom teacher. You will be impressed with the full-colour, 60 page book that has captured key moments in life at Greendale!

Thank you for your support in this endeavour. Be sure to order now as there is no guarantee there will be extras available in June!

Mrs. Murray, Yearbook Staff Advisor



## SAVE THE EARTH BOOK EXCHANGE

Tues. April 19, 2011

Would you like a free book and a chance to help save the earth?! Greendale is hosting our 2<sup>nd</sup> Spring Book Exchange.

### **What do I have to do?**

Clean your room and bring in any books that you are finished reading! You can bring in your books anytime up until Friday, April 15.

### **What do I do with my books?**

Give your books to your homeroom teacher who will record the number of books on a class list.

### **What will I get?**

On Tues. April 19 you will receive credit for each book that you have brought in. We will display all of the books we have gathered on Earth Day. You will be able to use your credits to receive books free of charge. For example, if you brought in 3 books, you will receive 3 credits to choose 3 new books on Earth Day. Any leftover books will be donated to Nova House for their fundraising Book Riot Sale.

Thank you from Greendale School and the Earth!!!

## Greendale's Track and Field Meet



Greendale's Track and Field Meet is just around the corner! It is scheduled for Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at Oakes Park in Niagara Falls. (We do not have a rain date scheduled yet). We will start SHARP at 9 a.m. and run until 3:15 p.m. (approximately). 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.

All students in grades 4 to 8 will arrive at school at the regular time. Students will go to their classroom for attendance and immediately after board a bus with their teacher. This is a regular school day so ALL students in grades 4 to 8 are expected to be at Oakes Park to participate in Track and Field.

It is important that ALL students in grade 4 to 8 sign up for a minimum of 3 events and a maximum of 5 events with the help of their teacher. The events must consist of 2 track and 1 field or 1 track and 2 field. Some eager students participate in 5 events!

The categories are: Atom (up to 9 years old as of December 31<sup>st</sup> 2010), Peewee (10 to 11 years old as of December 31<sup>st</sup> 2010), Bantam (12 years old as of December 31<sup>st</sup> 2010), and Midget (13 years old as of December 31<sup>st</sup> 2010).

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)

### 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 on Friday April 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 am.

### Regional Track and Field

On Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, a second Track and Field Meet will be held at Oakes Park. The top TWO athletes per event, per age group will advance and ONE relay team, per age group.



## SPRING IS HERE

The nice weather is approaching and students are anxious to ride their bicycles, roller blades and skateboards to school. If a student is younger than grade 4, it is recommended that he/she be accompanied by an adult to and from school. This is a most opportune time to discuss the following rules on Bicycle Safety with your child(ren):

- Obey all traffic signs and signals.
- Drive on the right hand side of the road.
- Drive single file on the road
- Walk your bike at busy corners and on school property.
- Never ride with two on a bicycle.
- No "trick riding/driving" on the streets.
- Your bike must be in good working order.
- Be sure to give correct hand signals when you are going to stop or turn
- It is the law; you must wear a helmet, have a horn or bell, a white or amber front light and a red rear light or reflector.

## **GREENDALE SCHOOL WEB SITE:**

A huge thank you to Mr. Harriman who continually updates our Greendale web site. Keep current by checking our website for events and important information. You can even get your newsletters on line. The address is: <http://www.dsbm.edu.on.ca/Schools/Greendale>

**JUMP ROPE FOR HEART**  
is  
approaching...

**Our kick-off assembly is on  
Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> when the Lincoln Leapers visit Greendale**

**Our Jumping date is  
Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**

Any questions or concerns, or  
to find out how you could be  
involved please contact Mrs.Christian



### **Me to We Club News.... Thirty Hour Famine.....**

On May 6<sup>th</sup> our grade 5, 6, 7 & 8 students in the Me to We Club will have the opportunity to participate in a 30 hour fast. Hunger is a reality that thousands of children face each day! We are so privileged to live in Canada and it is important for teens to appreciate what they have. Participating in the Fast is one way for teens to gain perspective. For many of our students, the Fast experience will be the first time they have ever felt "truly" hungry. What a lesson for them to learn! By participating in the Fast, our students can make a real impact in the world

This year our Me to We Club has adopted the New Hope Children's Home in Jamaica. Greendale has a personal connection with this orphanage as our own Mrs. Lagerwerf spent time there volunteering. For over ten years, New Hope Children's Home has been taking care of some of Jamaica's most vulnerable children. It is one of the few children's homes in Mandeville catering for children from birth to five years old. Greendale wants to help them continue their important work. If you are interested in finding out further information on New Hope Children's Home, please google their Facebook page which is open to the public.

## Literacy Café

In addition to Pasta Night, we are holding a literacy café from 4-5pm in room 7. Students in grade 4, 5 and 6 are invited to present a piece of writing. This piece is encouraged to be one that is symbolic to them and holds meaning towards family and friends who are joining in our evening events. We invite family members to also take part in our café by bringing a meaningful piece of writing themselves. This piece of writing can include; poems, quotes, bedtime stories, birth announcements, passages from baby books etc. Literacy is an essential part of our education goals. It's imperative for students to understand that literacy is all around us and can represent deep emotions and expressions. By holding this café we hope to bridge the gap between literacy at home and literacy at school. This will also give us a chance to connect with our community members who would like to share or take part in this literacy evening. We look forward to seeing everyone out to showcase their literacy talent on April 18th as well as have a fun evening involving the school and local community. See you there!

## Greendale's Family Photos & Pasta Dinner Night Sponsored by Greendale's School Council



**When:** Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>

**Where:** Greendale Public School

**Time:** 4:30pm - 7:30pm

Please join us for  
an evening of pasta, meatballs, salad, bread and drinks.  
Please help support our school by purchasing tickets.

**COST: \$8.00 Adults \$5.00 Children 4+  
3 and under FREE**

**Thank you in advance for your support**



**PEGASUS & Greendale Public School  
presents...**

**"Family & Friends Photo Night"**



**Monday, April 18th 2011  
@ Greendale School.**

**Cost: \$10.00 per Family/Group which includes a sitting fee,  
and an 8x10 portrait.**

**8 photos will be taken during your sitting.**

**Sittings are approximately 15 minutes apart.**

**Dress is casual.**

**Availability times run from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm.**

**The proofs will be sent to Greendale a few days after your photo shoot  
for pose and product selection by you.**

**Simply fill in an order form and return it to the school  
along with your order payment.**



**100% of the \$10.00 sitting fee is  
being donated back  
to Greendale School as a fundraiser**