

# Greendale Book Club

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Through a grant from the Ministry of Education we are now able to offer an extra curricular programme focussed on literacy. The program will run through to June 2010.

Junior and Intermediate students (grades 4-8) will be able to borrow and bring home the latest in digital audio books called 'Playaways'. A Playaway is a self playing digital audio book that is portable and about half the size of a deck of cards. An entire book is already loaded on the unit, it cannot be altered or duplicated. It is listened to in conjunction with the actual paper back novel for audio supported reading. We have purchased several books in a variety of genres.

## **Playaway units support:**

- development of key critical listening/comprehension skills
- bridges the gap between interest level vs. reading level
- differentiated learning opportunities
- oral language development
- whole class participation
- creates opportunity for struggling/reluctant readers to access the same experience

Starting Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, Playaways may be signed out Mondays and Wednesdays after school from 3:25 - 4:15 p.m.

**Students who participate in our new Greendale Book Club will be given a reflection journal where they will keep track of their novels and write a brief critical analysis of their book.**

We will offer nutritious snacks during the after-school gathering and a Tutor will be available for the students who require assistance in filling out their journal.

The program is voluntary for all junior and intermediate students. We are especially hopeful that those students who are reluctant readers or those struggling with reading fluency will participate.

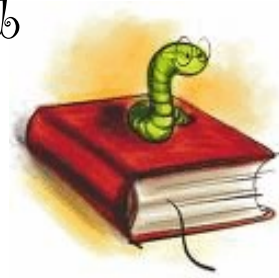
Please fill out the attached permission form and return it to the school to the attention of Ms. Boon as soon as possible.



Ms. Boon  
Learning Resource Teacher

Sara Conlon  
Literacy Tutor

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**Dear Parents/Guardians;**

Please sign the permission form in order for your child to participate in the extra-curricular *Greendale Book Club*.

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ to sign out and bring home a Playaway and novel that he/she will be responsible for taking care of. **The Playaway and novel will be returned to the school in the same condition in which it was received or a replacement cost for the unit will be applicable.**

Starting Wednesday October 28<sup>th</sup>, this program will be accessible from 3:25 - 4:15 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays for students who wish to exchange Playaways or write in their reflection journal.

Please communicate with your child on the days they will be attending and be sure you are aware of how they are getting home.

Transportation:

- My child will be walking home.**
- My child will be picked up promptly at 4:15 p.m.**

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone number \_\_\_\_\_