

# GATOR GAZETTE FOR JANUARY 2019

## From the Principal's Desk...

As 2018 comes to a close, I would like to thank everyone for welcoming me to the Greendale. I have really enjoyed getting to know all the great families that make up this awesome community. This past week has been fantastic with a couple of great holiday performances and the running of the "Christmas Store" by our School Council and parents. I was particularly impressed with the participation level of the students from JK to grade 8 in all of the activities. All of this has contributed to a sense of community and a very caring environment.

On behalf of all of us at Greendale we hope you have a great holiday season, and we can't wait to see you all in 2019.



## Students of the Month

Congratulations to the following students who were selected as "Students of the Month" who demonstrated caring which is showing kindness, compassion, empathy, and friendship toward others.

KDG1	Anah N., Alizah I., Emily S.
KDG2	Nixon B., Mallory S., Josephine M.
KDG3	Coco L., Avery P.
Gr. 1	Maizey K., Meah T.
Gr. 1/2	Kaillyne B., Anderson I.
Gr. 2	Lakshan N., Jacob V.
Gr. 2/3	Charlotte B., Anthony C.
Gr. 3/4	Kyla B., Deven S.
Gr. 4	Ryleigh G., Sheena N.
Gr. 5	Emma J., Kayden R.
Gr. 6	Kira B., Amaya P.
Gr. 7/8H	Snow A., Angelina I., Ava C.
Gr. 7/8M	Gavin B., Matia D.
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In January we will focus on optimism which is having a positive attitude, the resiliency to bounce back from adversity, and hope for the future. We do our part to make the world a better place.

## Thank You to our Parents for. . .

- ☉ calling the school when students will be absent
- ☉ stopping and checking in at the office when visiting the school
- ☉ saying goodbye at the backyard and letting primary children line up on their own
- ☉ using the student organizers to communicate with staff
- ☉ volunteering in many ways to help our students

## Thank you to our Students for. . .

- ☉ arriving at school on time and being ready to learn
- ☉ using the proper entrances for entry and exit
- ☉ using your student organizer to make sure homework assignments are done on time!
- ☉ being involved in various extracurricular activities
- ☉ having a positive attitude

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Our school is a very busy place especially at the beginning of the day and the end of the day especially when Ms. Izzo is being asked to deliver messages to students or page them to the office to speak to parents on the phone. Please be aware that Ms. Izzo *will not disrupt* classes for students to take personal phone calls. If you urgently need a message to be given to your children they will be given during either first break or second break. If messages are called in after 1:45 your child will not receive the message until after the 3:25 dismissal bell rings. The student agenda is a great place to notify the teacher when a change in plans has been made. We appreciate your cooperation in supporting a learning environment that is free from disruptions for all students.



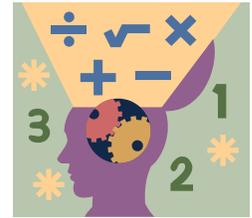
## Proportional

### Reasoning - questions for kids/fun with numbers

Try these questions to help children get a sense of the size of the numbers.

#### Primary/Junior

- Choose two whole numbers less than 100. One should be really big and the other pretty small. Tell how many of the small numbers it would take to make the big one. How do you know?
- Twice a number is really big. What do you know about the original number?
- Cameron has 7 coins that he says have a value of 17 cents. What could the coins be?



#### Junior/Intermediate

- Choose two fractions less than five. One should be really big and the other pretty small. Tell how many of one fraction it takes to make the other one. How do you know?
- How many 2's are in 30? How many 3's are in 45? How can this be? Explain.
- A store is having a sale. Is it more helpful for you to know that an item is \$10.00 off or 10% off?

\*From Math Gains: Proportional Reasoning

### PARKING CONCERNS

The parking lot at Greendale School is a very busy place especially at the beginning of the day, the end of the day and during our second nutritional break. The laneway along the front of the school is narrow, especially when we have snow banks to deal with. For the safety of our students walking in the parking lot we are requesting that parents only park in designated parking spots. **Please do not park along the Fire Truck Access route that runs along the front of the school.** The driveway along the front of the school is narrow which is a safety issue for people walking along that area.

Also, please do not park in or to left of our handicap parking spot. The area of the left of the spot is a part of the parking spot. The fines for parking in the spot are up to \$300.00. If your vehicle is towed, you will be responsible for charges.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our students safe.



### French Immersion Open House

The French Immersion program (offered at French Immersion sites) is open to all students in Senior Kindergarten. If you want your child to develop a high proficiency and fluency in Canada's two official languages, French Immersion has a great deal to offer.

**Registration will open January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

For more information about French Immersion in the District School Board of Niagara visit [www.dsbni.org/fi](http://www.dsbni.org/fi) or speak to your school principal. Parent Information evening sessions will be held in January. Parent Visitations to the Grade 1 French Immersion classrooms will occur during designated daytime hours if desired.

#### Niagara Falls Site

John Marshall Public School (Grade 1 entry)

Parent Information Night:

Thursday, January 11, 2018 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.



### Forest of Reading

K-2 students will take part in the Forest of Reading during library visits by listening to each Blue Spruce read aloud and voting for their favourite books.

Interested students in grades 3-6 will take part in the Silver Birch book club and students in grade 7/8 will take part in the Red Maple book club. Both of these will begin before the winter break.

### FROM YOUR SCHOOL NURSE

Anyone can get head lice. Check for head lice weekly as part of your regular routine. The best way to avoid the spread of lice is by avoiding head-to-head contact. Remind your children not to share combs, brushes, hats, scarves or anything used on the head.

#### Checking for lice:

Use a bright light (a magnifying glass may help)

Part hair in small sections and look near the scalp

Head lice are tiny grey/brown insects that live only on the scalp of humans. They crawl quickly but cannot fly or jump. Adult female lice glue eggs on the hair shaft close to the scalp.

#### If you find lice:

Check all the people that live in your house

Treat all cases at the same time to stop the spread of lice

Inform the school and/or daycare so classmates can be checked

Tell anyone in close contact with your child (family members, friends, baby-sitters)

#### Getting rid of lice

Treatment products are to be used only on those who have head lice, as they do not prevent lice. Talk to a health professional about products and methods available. Follow instructions carefully. The Wet Combing Method helps find and remove head lice by combing through hair soaked with conditioner, using a fine-toothed comb. For more information on Wet Combing Method or on lice visit:

[www.niagararegion.ca/health](http://www.niagararegion.ca/health) search lice or call the Parent Talk Line at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7555



## Pizza Days / Pasta Days

Pizza Day is most Fridays. We offer cheese and pepperoni pizza for \$1.00 per slice. Please watch for a message from School cashonline to place your order which is due on Wednesday at midnight. A reminder is sent out on Monday for the coming week if payment has not been received. Orders cannot be placed after midnight on the Wednesday of pizza week and late orders will not be accepted. \*\*You will be able to purchase for the entire month at one time, however, please remember that there will be no refunds!

Pasta Days are every other Wednesday, and orders must be placed by midnight on the Sunday before. LATE ORDERS will not be accepted. If you do not receive the reminder, or are having difficulty, please do not hesitate to contact the office for assistance at 905-358-8111.



## Cold Weather Alerts at the DSBN

Winter is a time of wonder for many children; many enjoy the crisp air, the freshly fallen snow and participating in a whole host of exciting winter sports and activities.

Although we feel it is important for students to spend some time outside each day exercising and socializing with their peers, there are times when bitterly cold temperatures and other inclement weather conditions require that we keep children inside.

Because Niagara is such a large geographical area, and weather conditions may vary from one municipality to the next, the decision whether or not to hold recess outdoors is made by the individual school principal. When making this decision, principals will often consult with neighbouring schools, talk with parents as they arrive in the morning, and if the decision to send children outside is made, will equip yard duty staff with walkie-talkies so that they can communicate with the office to sound the bells to bring students in earlier.

The health and well-being of our students are a top priority at the District School Board of Niagara, and if it is determined that the weather conditions pose a risk to their safety, students will be kept indoors. Extreme cold weather alerts issued by the Niagara Region are often good indicators that students will stay inside.

Even when temperatures are not low enough to necessitate an indoor recess, it still may be quite cold outside. Here are a few tips to help ensure that your child stays warm during the cold winter months.



- Try to send children to school with plenty of layers, such as long underwear, sweatshirts, sweaters and pullovers. Layering their clothing will allow them to add or remove items depending on the weather.
- Students should have a warm winter coat that repels the snow, sleet and rain, while blocking the wind.
- Warm socks and boots will keep their feet warm and dry in the snow and slush.
- Hats are one of the most important parts of dressing warmly in the winter. A thick winter hat will keep students from losing too much of that essential body heat.
- Put on a good pair of gloves or mittens that are water-resistant as well. Gloves will keep kids' hands toasty warm and protect their skin from becoming damaged by the wind and chill.

If you have any questions about our inclement weather procedures, please visit our website [greendale.dsb.org](http://greendale.dsb.org), or contact Mrs. Hadfield.

## An important message about Inclement Weather Procedures...

There may be times during the school year where inclement weather or other situations could cause transportation cancellations or school closures. Information about transportation changes and school closures will be available on the websites, radio and television stations listed below as soon as it is available. Please do not phone the school for transportation or school closure information.

### Websites:

[www.dsb.org](http://www.dsb.org)  
[www.nsts.ca](http://www.nsts.ca)

### Television Stations:

Cogeco Cable 10  
CHCH TV  
City TV

### Radio Stations:

KLite 102.9 fm	CKTB 610 am	EZRock 105.7 fm	CHML 900 am
Y-108 107.9 fm	CHSC 1220 am	Wave 94.7 fm	HTZ 97.7 fm



If early dismissal becomes necessary, we will use the emergency numbers you provided on the confidential form which was sent home in September. If your contact numbers have changed, please call the office with your updated information.

## Christmas Store

A huge thank you to our School Council for organizing and running another successful Christmas Store. The store is one event that our students look forward to every year. This year we almost sold out of everything! Thanks also goes to the many parent volunteers who gave up time out of their busy day to help wrap and cash students out. Your help is very much appreciated by the students and staff of Greendale School.



## Mary's Story

Mary had a little cold, but wouldn't stay at home. And everywhere that Mary went, the cold was sure to roam; It wandered into Mary's eyes and filled them full of tears. It jumped from there to Bobby's nose and then to Jimmy's ears. It painted Anna's throat bright red, and swelled poor Jenny's head. Dora had a fever, and a cough put Jack to bed. The moral of this little tale is very quickly said .... Mary could have saved a lot of pain; with just one day in bed!



## Winter Safety

Please review the following playground rules with your children to ensure their safety:

- \* Throw no snow. Leave it on the ground!
- \* No tag or running on the playground equipment. Slide down one at a time, only.
- \* Keep all loose clothing tucked in.
- \* Eat snacks on the tarmac near the recycling and garbage cans, not on the equipment or further out in the yard.
- \* No body contact, hands off, safe play.

If there are icy conditions, the playground equipment may be out-of-bounds.

With the colder weather, students should not arrive at school before 8:40 a.m. in the morning. Since darkness comes early on these short, winter days, students should walk with others to and from school, especially those who remain after school for extra curricular activities. Students who are not accompanied by a parent should go directly home without stopping to play on the equipment or in the yard. There is no direct teacher supervision at this time and students should report home immediately after dismissal.



## Book Clubs

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### Poinsettia Fundraiser – Update!

The Fundamental Skills Class would like to give a big thank you to all Greendale families for supporting our Christmas Poinsettia Fundraiser. It was a big success! Thank you to Country Basket for the gift certificates that we can use at ANY time!





# SAVE THE DATE FOR ★ KINDERGARTEN ★ **KICKSTART** AT THE DSBN

See a  
Kindergarten  
classroom

Meet the  
Kindergarten  
Team

Register for  
school

Get a fun  
goodie bag  
with learning  
resources



**NEW  
THIS YEAR!**  
REGISTER ONLINE  
DETAILS COMING SOON



Thursday, January 31, 2019 • 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.