

Greendale Gazette



From the Principal's Desk...

We are all looking forward to a great month of March. February was a challenging one with cancellations due to snow and ice, but there were a lot of great highlights. Our Family Pasta night organized by our School Council and catered by the Culinary program at Stamford high school was a great success. Thanks to everyone for supporting the night, and it was great to see families out and enjoying some great food and good times together. There are a lot of clubs and teams going on right now within the school including Basketball, Lego Robotics, Me to We, Drawing Club, App Design club, Library Detective competition just to name a few. It is great to see students get involved in these activities, and I encourage everyone to get involved. Greendale truly is a great place to learn and grow!

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the following students who were selected as "Students of the Month" who demonstrated improvement. Next month is perseverance which is effort and determination to complete a task to the best of our ability and to stick to that task even when it is difficult.



KDG1 Lucy H., Thiago T., Kayla F., Raven M.
 KDG2 Jubilee B., Matej L., Maksim O.
 KDG3 Stefan P., Kashten S.
 1-1 Brielle B., Jordan G., Celina N.
 1/2 Raelene G.
 2-1 Ron Z.
 2/3 Marissa M., Alexis W.
 3/4 Isaiah D.
 4-1 Joseph B.
 5-1 Cayden T.
 6-1 Joseph B., Brayden G., Makenzi R.
 7/8-1 Johnny B., Katelynn M., Aidan N.
 7/8-2 Joshua C., Sonam D.
 FSP Salahdin A.

SCHOOL YARD SUPERVISION

We'd like to remind you that there is no supervision on the school yard until 8:40 a.m., so please do not drop your child(ren) off before this time. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter.



MARCH BREAK

There will be no classes for students from Monday, March 11th to Friday, March 15th. Classes will resume at 8:55 A.M. on Monday, March 18, 2019. We hope that students and staff will take this opportunity to relax and return refreshed for the final school term.



PINK SHIRT DAY

On February 27th we supported Pink Shirt Day in the best way possible, by wearing pink, engaging in anti-bullying activities, and learning how to celebrate diversity. Over the years pink shirt day has become a national phenomenon. It signifies the acceptance, appreciation and celebration of others. We are called to show kindness towards everyone around us, without any discrimination. Here at Greendale, we welcome every Gator at the Swamp!



VISITING THE SCHOOL

A reminder that when you are coming in to the school during the school day for an appointment with a teacher, picking up or dropping a child off for school, you must sign in at the office. It is great to have parents volunteer and get involved in the school, but we need to enforce this routine as part of our Safe School routine. Also, the front door should be used for visitor entry with the exception of Kindergarten parents picking up and dropping off students, who must use their door which is outside the Kindergarten classrooms. Thanks for your cooperation in keeping our school safe.

DANCE-A-THON

Our annual fundraiser for the school will be taking place on Friday, March 29. Students in all grades will be participating in dancing activities in the gym with our very own DJ Harriman at the helm. Student council will be selling chips, pop, chocolate bars, juice, and water all for \$1.00/item. All donations, and proceeds will be going toward Greendale's, already incredible, school technology enhancements! All donations are welcome. Please watch for your child to be bringing home their pledge envelopes shortly. All pledges are due back to the school by March 25, 2019 to be eligible for one of the many amazing prizes!!



KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENT

We are still accepting Junior and Senior Kindergarten registrations for September 2019. If you have a child who will be four or five years of age on or before December 31, 2019, please call the school. To register a student, you will need the child's birth certificate, proof of address, and immunization record. If you know a neighbour or friend in our school area with a child who may attend Kindergarten, please ask them to call the school.



MARCH IS NUTRITION MONTH

Fruits and veggies are not only absolutely delicious but they are nature's fast food! Ready to eat and most come in their own "to-go" packages, produce makes the perfect snack for kids to grab and go. They need minimal to no preparation and buying ones in season means you can save some money and shop smarter.

Think you can't get much produce on a tight budget? Here are some tips to make shopping for produce more easy and affordable:

- Don't shop when you're hungry and carry a list. You'll be more likely to stick to your budget and nutritious food choices.
- Look for washed and bagged salads, baby carrots, celery hearts, broccoli and cauliflower crowns, cherry tomatoes, and shredded cabbage in your grocery store
- Buy fresh produce, like peaches or bananas, in varying degrees of ripeness to allow for some ripening towards the end of the week
- Canned and frozen vegetables can be convenient choices
- Spend most of your time in the produce, bread, meat and dairy sections
- Use store flyers to help you find specials
- See more at: <http://www.halfyourplate.ca/produce-is-affordable>



Online Math Games - Thinking about the Games our Children Play (Tips from-National Council of Teachers of Mathematics NCTM)

Math games are a wonderful way to engage children. There are many websites which allow children to practice their math facts. While there is a place for this type of practice, there is also a significant place for other websites and games which help children engage in mathematical reasoning and learning. Some questions that might help you determine the value of these types of math games follow:

- Is there variety in the mathematical tasks? If you play the same game over, will you be asked different questions? Are there different pathways to the end?
- Is there a combination of chance and choice in the game? That is, are there both a random component (rolling a dice, drawing a card) and an opportunity to make a decision?
- Is the competition positive and non-threatening?
- If a player gets stuck, are there hints?
- Does the child feel empowered and in control? In other words, do decisions have clear outcomes?
- Does the game encourage social play? The three C's of game playing are: competition, collaboration, and communication. Even one-player games can spark rich discussion of strategy.

Some Good Online Math Games (P-Primary, J-Junior, I-Intermediate)

Deep Sea Duel (P/J) <http://illuminations.nctm.org/ActivityDetail.aspx?ID=207>

Calculation Nation (J/I) <http://calculationnation.nctm.org/>

Number Twins (P/J) <http://www.coolmath-games.com/0-number-twins/index.html>

Rock-n-Roll Road trip (J/I) <http://www.stem.aetn.org/>

Math Frog (J) <http://cemc2.math.uwaterloo.ca/mathFROG/>

Math Clips (I) <http://oame.on.ca/CLIPS/>

Motion Math Apps (P/J/I) <http://motionmathgames.com/>

Dreambox (P/J) <http://www.dreambox.com/ca/parent-subscriptions>

MAD SCIENCE

Mad Science, the world's leading provider of educational and entertaining science programs for children is coming to Greendale Public School. Their mission is to spark the imagination and curiosity of children everywhere by providing them with fun, entertaining and exciting activities that instill a clear understanding of what science is really all about and how it affects the world around them. They use exciting activities and spectacular demonstrations to capture the attention and imagination of children as we found out during our assembly.



Students who join the science club will go on a voyage of discovery designed to support the Ontario Science and Technology curriculum. They will explore various topics in science including Earth Defender, Energy Burst, All About Animals, Moving Motion, Life Under the Sea, Mix it Up. The Club will take place on March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 18 & 25th from 12:55 pm - 1:45 pm.

Children's Mental Health Walk-In Clinic

Single Session Service

No Fee

No Appointment Necessary

No Health Card

Immediate Mental Health Counselling for Children/Youth and their Parents/Caregivers is available at the Walk-In Clinic

No issue is too small or too big. We can help! We believe that the solutions to problems are within our control.

If you are a young person between the ages of 6 and 17 years, come to see us if you're:

Feeling sad, worried or angry

Having fights with your parents

Being bullied

Dealing with a personal issue

Feeling like you might hurt yourself

Suffering because someone has hurt you

Getting in trouble at school, home or in the community

Feeling like you are being treated unfairly

Or if there is anything else on your mind!

If you are a parent/caregiver, come to see us if you're:

Concerned about issues related to ages and stages of your child/youth

Constantly arguing with your child

Concerned about your child's social- emotional challenges

Or if there is anything else on your mind!

The Walk-In Clinic will be held at Branscombe Mental Health Centre located at 1338 Fourth Avenue in St. Catharines, Ontario weekly on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. (last appointment at 3:30 p.m.)

Are you ready for Prom Project Niagara?

Exciting news from the Education Foundation of Niagara! Saturday April 6th, 2019 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., the Foundation will be hosting its 11th Prom Project Niagara event! This one-day fun formal wear shopping extravaganza outfits students from head to toe for their prom, formal or graduation for FREE!

~ 2019 LOCATIONS ~

- ◆ DSBN Academy, 130 Louth St., St. Catharines
- ◆ Beamsville S.S., 4317 Central Ave, Beamsville
- ◆ Fort Erie Race Track *New Location* 230 Catharine St., Fort Erie

Inviting ALL students needing formal wear for their special day!

For more information please call 905-641-2929 ext. 37710, email efn@dsbn.org or visit www.efnniagara.ca.

*Note: for Welland and Niagara Falls schools:
Bus transportation is available to the St. Catharines site!
Contact the Foundation to book your spot on the bus!


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