

The Gator's Tale



Mrs. Fay Vanden Beukel - Principal

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From the Principal's Desk

Here it is March and it has been a very exciting and busy few weeks at Greendale School. We are looking forward to spring and many more events in the upcoming months. I want to take this opportunity to thank parents for all they do to be involved with their child's education; whether it is helping with homework, talking to your child about their day, volunteering in a classroom or driving to a sporting event. Your children appreciate it and so does the staff at Greendale School. *Thank you* and enjoy the upcoming March Break!

Mrs. Vanden Beukel



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!

MARCH BREAK



Just a reminder that from Monday, March 14th until Friday, March 18th
it is March Break and there will be no classes at Greendale School.
Enjoy your vacation time with your family!



Character Traits Corner

The Character Trait for March is Perseverance

“Although a mountain is high, there is still a way to reach its top.”

(Vietnamese saying)

What is perseverance?

- ❖ Staying with the task and not giving up
- ❖ Demonstrating commitment, pride, and a positive attitude in completing a task
- ❖ Working hard without giving up
- ❖ Remaining focused on a goal
- ❖ Having the inner strength to pursue a goal or task
- ❖ Pursuing worthy objectives with determination and patience, while exhibiting fortitude when confronted with failure
- ❖ Demonstrating self-discipline

What does perseverance look like/sound like?

- ❖ Spending time practising a skill
- ❖ Trying something new that is very difficult, and not giving up
- ❖ Having to overcome personal obstacles to reach a goal
- ❖ Saving money and making sacrifices to buy something
- ❖ Working toward a goal for a reasonable period of time before questioning whether the goal should change
- ❖ Finding ways to overcome obstacles in reaching a goal
- ❖ Believing a goal can be met, even when success doesn't come easily
 - ❖ Learning from past mistakes and avoiding the same mistakes in the future

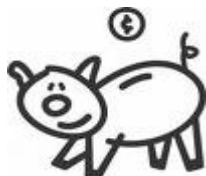
**PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING OUR NEXT CHARACTER TRAIT ASSEMBLY
ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30TH IN THE GYM.**

School Council:

Are you looking for further ways to get involved? Please consider joining our Greendale School Council. So far, this year, our Council parents have been responsible for hosting a variety of community building events such as: The Holiday gift bazaar, and the Family Movie Nights. At present, our Council members are in the process of organizing our third annual Family Pasta dinner to be held in the spring.

Please join us for next School Council meeting on Monday, March 7th, at 6:30 pm.

MAKE CHANGE FOR CHILDREN CAMPAIGN 2011



As part of the Education Foundation of Niagara's annual "Make Change for Children" campaign, the staff at Greendale School once again volunteered to have a 'Pie-in-the-Face' contest. The students brought in money to "sponsor" their choice of who the lucky staff member would be. The one with the most cash would be the lucky winner. Thank you to the staff members who volunteered to be the one: Mrs. Murray, Ms. Mortley, Ms Hammond, Mrs. Brewster, Ms. Boon and Mr. Barker. The staff member who got the most donations... was Mr. Barker. He good naturally took a pie in the face during our recent Character Award Assembly. All the proceeds are donated to the Education Foundation of Niagara to support students in DSBN schools. We raised over \$50 in donations. Below is a picture of Mr. Barker just about to get the pie from his student Myles and then just after.



Free Dental Screening Coming to Your School

A Public Health registered dental hygienist is scheduled to visit our school on March 28th & 29th to assess students in grades JK, SK, 2, 4, 6, 8. During this time the registered dental hygienist will perform a visual assessment of each child to determine his/her dental needs. Parents will be contacted if their child requires immediate dental care. Public Health dental programs may financially assist children who do not have access to required dental care. If your child is not in one of the targeted grades and you would like him/her to take part, please call the Public Health dental program at 905-688-8248 ext. 7399 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7188 or email dental@niagararegion.ca.

Prom Project Niagara 2011

Saturday, May 14th - 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Thorold S.S.

YOU CAN HELP

a young person who cannot afford to outfit themselves for their high school and elementary prom or graduation ceremony.



PROM PROJECT NIAGARA is an Education Foundation of Niagara effort to give young people the opportunity to select formal wear free of charge to attend their formals and grads feeling confident, stylish and proud.



Dry Cleaners are accepting new or used outfits (dresses, suits, separates, shoes, accessories) in excellent condition.

We have a LARGE NEED for small men's suits.

If you are a student who could use this program, please join us May 14th at Thorold SS.

For more information please call the EFN Office at 905-641-2929 ext. 54103, visit our website or email efn@dsgn.edu.on.ca

Outfit Drop Off Locations Across Niagara

Bev's Dry Cleaning Depot - St. Catharines - 33 Lakeshore Rd.

Lake & Carlton Laundromat - St. Catharines - 117 Carlton St.

Pike Dry Cleaners - Fort Erie - 93 Jarvis St.

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Spotlight on Students...



February was Skills Month in the District School Board of Niagara, and Wednesday, February 23rd a team of Greendale students attended a 'Lego Mechanics' Competition with teacher supervisors Mr. Darling and Mr. Harriman. The following Greendale students Mei L, Taylor M, Lucas M and Cody P designed and problem- solved throughout the day. Their teamwork was excellent and they definitely showed the rest of the competition that school spirit is alive and well at Greendale.

GO GATORS!!!!



Intermediate Girls' Basketball: Our Greendale Gators competed at the DSBN tournament on Wednesday, March 2nd. They played well, but met very strong competition. Congratulations to Cyra, Karol, Landry, Mei, Domenica, Thanh, Martina, Taylor, Charlie for their teamwork and dedication to their sport. A huge thank you to Mr. Mason for the countless hours he puts into coaching this amazing basketball team.

Junior Boys' Basketball:

The season is just beginning and we have high hopes for our Junior Boys' Basketball team. The team members are: Matthew C., Dylan M., Seth H., Cameron L., Stuart E., Zach M., Broc B., Matthew M., Jemar G., Aaron V., Bryce C., and Noah M. Our coaches are Miss. Hammond, Miss. Mortley and Mr. Snow.

GREENDALE GLORIOUS GATORS

Please see below for all the exciting, upcoming performances our choir has planned. Please note that practises will be until 4:30 each Monday instead of 4:15.

April 6: Greendale Glorious Gators will compete at the DSBN Choral Festival against many other schools.

April 8: We will be part of a massive choir to sing at the opening of the brand new Convention Centre here in Niagara Falls. This is very exciting! We will perform "O Canada" and "Your Heart Will Stay" which has been written by Judy and Robert Lypka, local teachers. Families are welcome and encouraged to attend.

April 12: We have been asked to perform "O Canada" at the DSBN Board Meeting for trustees, principals, superintendents and the Director of Education. Our Tone Chime Choir will play, and the rest of the choir will "sign" the words with them.

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SAVE THE DATE



GRADE 8 GRADUATION

Mark your calendars with the following date: Monday, June 27th. This is the date that we are planning on celebrating the grade 8 graduation.

Stay tuned for many more details!!

DSBN ROAD RACE

The DSBN Road Race will be held on Apr. 17, 2011. Proceeds to benefit the Education Foundation of Niagara and Niagara Nutrition Partners. There is a 1km (10 am) Fun Run and 5km (10:30 am) Road Race for all ages. There will be a Barbecue & family fun fair for participants, prizes for top finishers in each age category of the road race, T-shirts and participation ribbons for all who preregister and a school participation prize. Applications are available at the office.



DSBN ACADEMY

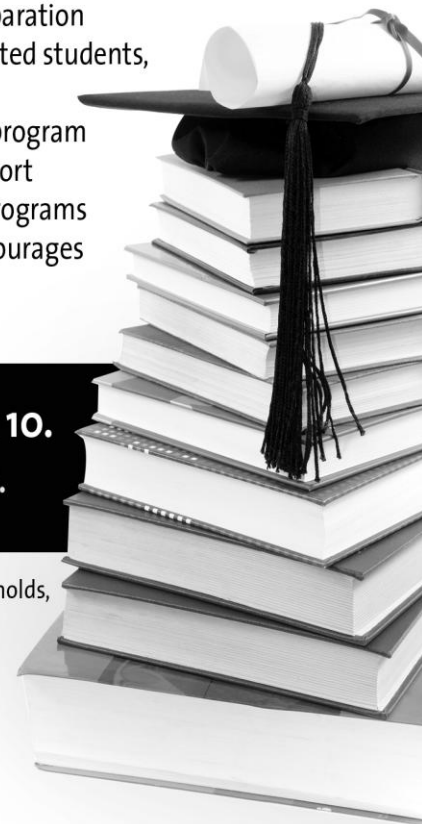
DSBN Academy will be a Grade 6–12 public school that focuses on supporting and empowering students to be the first in their families to graduate from a post-secondary institution.



ACHIEVEMENT THROUGH OPPORTUNITY

DSBN Academy Strategies for Success:

- School-wide shared beliefs focused on post-secondary preparation
- Committed and motivated students, families and staff
- Single track academic program
- Advisory program support
- After school “encore” programs
- Programming that encourages parent involvement
- Transportation



Applications are due Thursday, March 10.
Please see your Principal for an application form.



Questions? Contact Tom Reynolds,
DSBN Academy Program
Coordinator
at 641 2929 ext. 54143

WELCOME TO OUR STUDENT TEACHERS:

We have a number of student teachers working with our classes this month. They are Mr. Spratt with Mr. Barker's grade 3/4 class, Mr. Snow with Mrs. Lagerwerf's grade 4 class, Miss Brideau with Ms. Hammond's grade 5 class and Miss Kankowski with Mrs. Dunne's grade 1 /2 class. Welcome to Greendale!!