

# The Gator's Tale



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### **FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

It has been a very busy and successful first six weeks of school. The students have settled into the routines and are learning lots of new things. This is especially noticeable in the the ECE and grade one classrooms. Even our youngest students are enthusiastic about what they are learning. Starting school is a big step and we are very proud of how well the students are doing. Thank you to parents for supporting your children during this back to school time.

As always I want to invite you to keep in touch with the school should you have any questions, suggestions or concerns. However, if you have a need to speak to me about something in particular it is always helpful to call ahead and make an appointment. This way I can be sure to give you my full attention.

Mrs. Vanden Beukel

## **EQAO INFORMATION FOR 2009-2010**

The results of the 2009-2010 Grade 3 and 6 assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics have been released by the Ministry of Education and are now available for all schools, boards and the province. There are 4 levels of possible achievement. The Provincial Standard according to the Ontario curriculum is Level 3. The information below states the percentage of students who achieved Levels 3 and 4 at our school and throughout the District School Board of Niagara. This is valuable information to help us develop a plan for continual growth and improvement for our students. Parents are invited to provide feedback or input to Mrs. Vanden Beukel.

### **Grade 3 Level of Achievement in Reading, Writing & Mathematics**

	<b>School</b>	<b>DSBN</b>
<b>Reading</b>		
	<b>Level 3 &amp; 4</b>	<b>51%</b>
<b>Writing</b>		
	<b>Level 3 &amp; 4</b>	<b>58%</b>
<b>Mathematics</b>		
	<b>Level 3 &amp; 4</b>	<b>58%</b>

### **Grade 6 Level of Achievement in Reading, Writing & Mathematics**

	<b>School</b>	<b>DSBN</b>
<b>Reading</b>		
	<b>Level 3 &amp; 4</b>	<b>62%</b>
<b>Writing</b>		
	<b>Level 3 &amp; 4</b>	<b>59%</b>
<b>Mathematics</b>		
	<b>Level 3 &amp; 4</b>	<b>43%</b>

## **HALLOWEEN FESTIVITIES**

On Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009, the students will take part in many special activities. JK/SK students may wear their costumes to school and participate in the classroom activities planned by Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Palmer during their regular scheduled school day. Students in grades 1 through 5 are invited to dress up for our Halloween Parade after the lunch break on the afternoon of Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. We will parade around the school property. Following the parade students will return to their home room classes for activities. Students in grades 6 to 8 will be invited to a Halloween dance that will run from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

## **HALLOWEEN FOR HUNGER**

On October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009 members of the Greendale Me2We club will take to the streets to participate in Halloween for Hunger, a local initiative supporting food banks through the collection of non-perishable food items.

### **WHAT is Halloween for Hunger?**

Started by Professor Jonathan White, Halloween for Hunger is an annual campaign whose goal is to help alleviate hunger while raising awareness of global poverty. First adopted by Free the Children in October, 2000, the campaign pushes people to think globally by act locally.

### **How can YOU help?**

On Halloween night collect a couple of non-perishable food items (every item helps!), and place them inside your door. When a Greendale School student comes to your door and identifies him/herself, make your



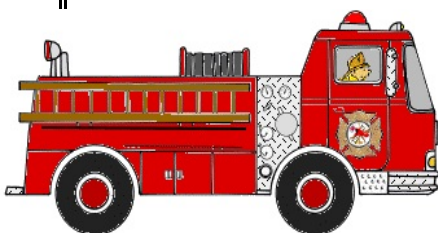
contribution! Please note: We are going to do our best to cover as much ground as possible. However, if we are unable to visit your home and you would still like to make a contribution, please drop them off at the Greendale School office. There are Project Share bins in the hallways ready for donations.

## Me2We NEWS

On Monday October 5<sup>th</sup>, twelve members of the Me2We club traveled with Miss. Mortley to the Air Canada Centre in Toronto to participate in this year's National "We Day" hosted by CTV's Ben Mulroney and Tanya Kim. They were joined by thousands of other teens and youth leaders from around Ontario, to celebrate their making a difference in their school, local, and global community. Presenters included world renowned speakers Marc and Craig Kielburger, Nobel Laureate, Holocaust survivor, and prolific author Elie Wiesel, as well as environmentalist Robert F. Kennedy Jr. In addition, students heard from the Cast of Degrassi: The Next Generation, Former Toronto Argonaut player and coach Mike 'Pinball' Clemons, MTV's Jessi Cruikshank and Robin Wiszowaty, Spencer West, the Top 8 from 'So You Think You Can Dance Canada', along with last year's winner Nico Archibault. Musical performances included Justin Bieber, Louise Kent, Canadian Idol's Hedley and a very exciting and spontaneous set from the Jonas Brothers. A **HUGE** thank-you goes out to The Shawanoo Family and the Ferbrache Family for accompanying our students on this special day. If it were not for their support, we could not have such amazing experiences!

## SHARING ASSEMBLIES

Each month our students will be involved in a Sharing Assembly that will highlight the Character trait that the students have been focussing on that month. Some months the assembly will be in the morning at 9:00 .m. and other months in the afternoon at 2:00 p.m. This time together will provide opportunity for the different classes to share the many positive learning activities that are happening in their classrooms and to acknowledge those students who have exemplified the monthly character trait. All parents and members of the community are welcome on Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m.



**October's Character Trait is ~RESPONSIBILITY~**

## TERRY FOX FIRE TRUCK PULL

On September 24<sup>th</sup>, Greendale had local firemen bring a fire truck to school for the classes and staff to have a pull-off. The week leading up to the day, the students of Greendale raised an amazing amount of money in honour of Terry Fox. The boys of Greendale School raised \$73.24, and our girls raised a phenomenal \$246.84! For a grand total of \$320.08!!! A big thank-you to Ms. Hammond for organizing this special event for us again, and to The Vandermuelen Family for taking such great photos for the bulletin board outside room 5!



## SCHOOL NURSE

The School Nurse assigned to our school is Joanne Sacco. She will be promoting optimal health among our students and assisting us to develop a healthy school environment. Her role is to influence Niagara's children and their families to make healthy lifestyle choices. Our nurse can be reached at the Niagara Region Public Health Department at (905) 688-8248, ext. 7508 - Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## PHOTO RE-TAKE DAY

Those students who require photo retakes will have the opportunity on **Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>** in the morning.

## **MOVIE NIGHT**

Please be sure to join us for Movie Night on Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Our School Council is inviting all families to come to school in the evening to watch "Monsters and Aliens". Pizza and popcorn will be available. Please remember to send back your family order.