



## From the Principal's Desk...

It has been an awesome first month for me here at Greendale. I have really enjoyed getting to know the students, staff, parents, and the rest of the Greendale community. Some highlights from the first month include some great performances by our Junior and Intermediate Soccer teams and our Cross Country team. We had an excellent turnout for our Welcome Back BBQ, a successful Book Fair, and raised almost \$500 for Cancer research through our Terry Fox Run. As we head into October, I have been very impressed with the home support and the time that many of you are taking at home to read with your child and assist with activities such as Dreambox and Raz Kids (younger students). If I didn't get a chance to meet you at the BBQ, please don't hesitate to pop by and introduce yourself next time you are at the school. It's going to be a great year to be a Gator at Greendale!

### Reminders

~Milk cards are sold at the office for \$10.00 for 12 milk. We offer both white and chocolate milk and it is available daily. To order, please **send** in you money to the office.



~ Pizza is offered every Friday. Each slice is \$1.00 and money is due on Wednesday at midnight through school cash online. Students have a choice between cheese and pepperoni.



~Thank you for calling in your child's absence. Ms. Izzo spends a good part of her morning calling to inquire about students who are absent. If you know your child is going to be absent machine is on 24 hours a day.



### Peanut / Tree Nut Allergies



To help protect children with severe allergies to peanut/peanut oil/tree nuts (walnuts/hazelnuts) from having an allergic reaction and anaphylactic shock that can be life threatening, please do not send any products containing nuts or nut oil to school for lunches or snacks. If students go home for lunch, please ensure that they wash their hands before returning to school.

### Student of the Month for September

The staff find it very important to celebrate those students who achieve during the month. This month RESPECT was our focus and these are the students who were chosen as the Students of the Month.

KDG1	Nolan D., Elena J.
KDG2	Sophie D., Joseph E., Xavier M.
KDG3	Logan B., Naomi P.
1-1	Miles B.
1/2	Isa B., Tanner C.
2-1	Jordyn D., Luka L.
2/3	Colby C., Ben E.
3/4	Erica B., Joel L.
4-1	Evan C., Madison W.
5-1	Ranya B., Keira S., Mason W.
6-1	Grace B., Anthony H.
7/8H	Katarina C., Charlotte M.
7/8M	Hanna N., Jennie N.
FSP	Karina B.

For the month of October staff and students will be working on the character trait of responsibility. Responsibility is demonstrating self discipline, self control, reliability, and accountability for choices.

### Dreambox

Do you need something for your kids to do as the weather changes? Get them on Dreambox!

This interactive educational math game provides your child with an adaptive program, that caters to their learning needs.

#### Dreambox Internet Access Code

<https://play.dreambox.com/login/42cv/greendaleps>

#### Dreambox School Code

42cv/greendaleps

Login and password information is available through your child's teacher.

Get playing and get learning!

### Breakfast Club News

Running late? Missed Breakfast? Breakfast Club is now OPEN  
Time: Every day 8:40-8:55 in Room 2  
Cost: No cost- Everyone is welcome!  
A healthy snack is provided for anyone who needs it, cereal, bagels, grilled cheese, yogurt, fruit and vegetables.



### Communication



Did you know that all newsletters and calendars are posted on the school website at the beginning of each month? Our website is updated regularly to keep our community aware of the ongoing activities that happen at Greendale. You can also check out our Facebook page which is also updated regularly, and twitter. We are proud to do our part to be as "GREEN"dale as possible!!

## Gator Spirit Wear



Let's show our Gator spirit! We are happy to offer Gatorwear this fall. Students are able to purchase t-shirts, shorts, sweat pants, and hoodies and in 2 different colours. Our grads will also have the opportunity to order their Grad hoodie. All of our apparel will sport our Greendale athletic logo. On the website, you will choose Elementary Schools and look for Greendale. Orders will be accepted only via Bigbear website—bigbearspritwear.com. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Izzo or Mr. Glauser at the office. A sizing kit is available in the main office and will be available at our "Meet the Teacher BBQ" and is available at the school for your convenience.

## Cross Country—Gr. 4—8

Congratulations to our Cross Country team who competed at their first meet on September 26th. Students demonstrated sportsmanship and respect for all. They trained hard over the past few weeks and it definitely showed. We look forward to another great meet on October 3rd. Special shout outs go to Brooklyn, Emma, Hayden, Logan, Katarina, and Joevince! Way to go Gators!

## Terry Fox



It is that time of year again when we are reminded of the dream Terry Fox had - to find a cure for cancer.

On Tuesday, April 12, 1980, Terry Fox dipped his artificial leg into the Atlantic Ocean and began his cross-Canada run. Unfortunately, Terry stopped his run after 143 days because the cancer spread to his lungs and by 1981, the cancer beat him.

As part of our Physical Education Curriculum that focuses on Active Participation and Fundamental Movement Skills and to commemorate Terry's run, we had a Gator Marathon and various Terry Fox activities throughout the day on Friday, September 14, 2018. All grades participated by walking/running with their own class. Greendale raised over \$490.00! Way to go Gators!

Today, Terry's dream of raising one dollar from every Canadian lives on. Greendale School was able to contribute to Terry's vision as each Gator parent contributed a monetary donation of \$2.00 that will be sent to the Terry Fox Foundation for cancer research and its most promising research projects. Together we can help Terry finish his Marathon of Hope.

In 1980, Terry said,

"If you've given a dollar, you are a part of the Marathon of Hope."

## Student Safety

~ **VISITORS TO GREENDALE:** If you are visiting Greendale, please be sure to sign in at the office. As part of our Safe Schools initiative, we require all visitors to check in at the office. If a staff member does not recognize you, please be aware that they may ask you to check in at the office. Many parents drop off and pick up their children at school. We ask that parents not come into the school at dismissal and entry times. Parents with students in Grades 1-8 are encouraged to drop off their children and leave them in our care. We also have concerns about the traffic congestion in the parking lot during drop off and pick up times. Please be certain there is room left so that the natural traffic flow can occur and our student's safety is not jeopardized.

~ **STUDENTS REQUIRING DAILY MEDICATION:** Please do not send medication to school with your child or do not place it in your child's backpack. All medication, including over the counter drugs, must be stored at the office with instructions for administration. Please contact Mr. Glauser for further information.

~ **CUSTODY:** Please inform the school if there are special Custody Orders for your child(ren).

## Parking Lot / Handicap Parking



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. 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 spots. 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.

Thank you for your co-operation in keeping our students safe.

## School Cash Online Updates

As you are aware, our school successfully launched School Cash Online last year. We currently have 96% of our school community registered and using the system. As this system is available in all DSBN schools and will follow your student into secondary school, we would like to continue our success in implementing of School Cash Online. We encourage all parents that have not yet registered to take 5 minutes to register for School Cash Online. Once registered, you will receive email notification for upcoming pizza days, milk orders, trips and student activities. You will also have the availability to make payment online.

School Cash Online is the **Preferred Method of Payment**. As a parent the more you use the system, the more our school will see the benefits of it. Our school has seen our teachers spending less time collecting and counting money, an increase in our student's safety, and less time spent by our office staff photocopying and depositing money. As always, please do not hesitate to contact the school for assistance at 905-358-8111.

### When to Keep Your Child Home from School

With winter coming and cold and flu season beginning please review the following guidelines when deciding whether you should send your child to school. Do not send them to school if they exhibit any of the following symptoms:



1. A temperature of more than 100 degrees
2. Nausea or vomiting
3. Stomach ache
4. Diarrhea
5. Pale or flushed face
6. Persistent cough
7. Headache
8. Earache
9. Thick yellowish discharge from nose
10. Sore throat
11. Rash or infection of the skin
12. Red or pink eyes

If your child has any of these symptoms when it is time for school, it is best that he/she stay home. Most childhood illnesses are over soon and are no cause for worry. But, if the symptoms are severe or persist for more than 24 hours, you should contact your doctor or visit a clinic. Practicing regular hand washing and teaching children to "cover their cough" are great ways to prevent the spread of illness.

## Grade 8—High School Open House

Starting high school is a huge step in a student's life.

While it's definitely an exciting time, it also brings with it many questions, such as "What's life in high school really like? What programs and options are available to help me achieve my goals?"

A great way to have your questions answered is to attend an open house. Grade 8 students and their families are invited to attend High School Open Houses from November 27 to November 29.

Tuesday, November 27—6:00 p.m.  
Stamford

Wednesday, November 28—6:30 p.m.  
Westlane Secondary

Thursday, November 29—6:30 p.m.  
AN Myer Secondary

## Orange Shirt Day



DSBN will join with others across Canada in celebrating Orange Shirt Day — Every Child Matters

to recognize the effect of Indian Residential Schools and as an affirmation of our commitment to ensuring that every child matters. Orange Shirt Day has been marked in schools across Canada in a variety of ways, including Orange Ribbon campaigns, commemorative walks, and wearing orange shirts. DSBN will recognize Orange Shirt Day on October 1, 2018 and our students are encouraged to wear something orange to school on this day.

Orange Shirt Day began with a commemoration event held at St. Joseph Mission in Williams Lake, British Columbia, where years before, Phyllis Webstad had her new orange shirt taken away on her first day of residential school. She never saw the shirt again and the colour represented her loss of language and cultural identity. The end of September is the time of year in which children were taken from their homes to attend residential schools and September 30 is the official Orange Shirt Day. Phyllis's story has become part of a national recognition event and wearing orange has become a symbol of the many losses experienced by thousands of students and families due to residential schools.

## EQAO

How does this assessment fit in the total picture? This chart indicates the percentage of Greendale grade 3 and grade 6 students who are achieving at or above the provincial standard in the EQAO testing conducted in May and June of 2017. When considering these results, it is always wise to look at this snapshot within the larger context. Assessment is an important part of the teacher's daily instructional practice: observing students' work, marking their assignments, giving tests and projects, and having their students perform various tasks. The main purpose of the teacher's assessment of student learning is to make decisions about what the child needs next for continued growth. It is personalized, and tailored to the instruction taking place in that class. The Provincial Assessment is designed to inform us about the quality of program across the province; it also provides, for individual students, a part of the total picture, which should be used in conjunction with other assessments. For the individual student, it is the teacher's assessment, based on the year-long experience of that child, that is most meaningful.

	Reading	Writing	Mathematics
Grade 3 Greendale	81	81	78
Grade 3 Board	84	83	76
Grade 3 Province	75	72	61
Grade 6 Greendale	89	85	56
Grade 6 Board	87	84	61
Grade 6 Province	82	80	49

## School Council Fundraiser

Shortly, you will be receiving a package home from our School Council and their fundraising event for this school year. As you know, our school will fundraise in order to enhance our annual school budget. (i.e.: the purchase of additional digital technology, sports equipment, library and classroom materials, and also to subsidize class trips, special events and activities.) This year we have decided to offer our families items from Third Wave Fund-raising.

**Santa's Little Helpers' features** nearly 150 items affordably priced starting from \$6.00 including cards, wrapping paper, gift and household items, candles and holiday décor. All taxes are included in the brochure prices and **half of the purchase price of each item remains at the school as our profit!**

Your child has been given all the necessary materials for recording orders. Parents can help by taking orders from friends, family, and colleagues at work. Our sale will run through October 21st. Please collect money when you take orders. All orders and full payment should be turned in to the school by October 21st. Payment may be made in cash or by cheque payable to Greendale Public School.

Your child has also been given an incentive brochure- 'Treasure Map of Prizes'. Prizes are earned based on amounts sold. **Please note: you must indicate your prize choice on the order form prior to returning it to the school.**

Items will be delivered to the school by late November, in plenty of time for Holiday Gift Giving. The success of this fundraiser depends on the combined efforts of our whole school community.

Thank you in advance for your support,

Greendale School Council