

The Gator's Tale



Greendale School

October, 2011

Happy Thanksgiving!

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

It has been a very busy and successful first month of school. The students have settled into the routines and are learning lots of new things. This is especially noticeable in 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.

In this month's newsletter please be sure to check out the results of the 2010-2011 EQAO testing. Our teachers and students are very proud of their accomplishments.

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.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving. We all have so many things to be thankful for and for me personally, I am thankful to be a part of such a community minded school. Please enjoy your family time on the long weekend.

Mrs. Vanden Beukel

Milk at School

Our milk sales are going very well this year to date. If you would like to have your child to have milk at school all you need to do is purchase a sheet of tickets. A sheet of 12 tickets sells for \$10. They can be purchased at the office at any time.



Goodbye and Welcome: We are sad to have to say goodbye to Mrs. Marr who has been at Greendale the last two years teaching Kindergarten. She has been an amazing addition to the school and we are so thankful to have had her with us as long as we did. Mrs. Marr has accepted a contract position at Princess Elizabeth School. We are going to miss her but she has promised to come back and visit! However, we are very lucky to be welcoming Ms. Smylski to the Gator family. She will be the new Kindergarten teacher and we know she is going to fit right in!



EQAO INFORMATION FOR 2010-2011

The results of the 2010-2011 Grade 3 and 6 assessments 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

	School	Last Year	DSBN
Reading			
Level 3 & 4	70 %	51%	67%
Writing			
Level 3 & 4	80%	58%	73%
Mathematics			
Level 3 & 4	63%	58%	67%

Grade 6 Level of Achievement in Reading, Writing & Mathematics

	School	Last Year	DSBN
Reading			
Level 3 & 4	68%	62%	76%
Writing			
Level 3 & 4	64%	59%	72%
Mathematics			
Level 3 & 4	52%	43%	57%

community CONNECTIONS

Me2We NEWS On Tuesday, September 27th eight members of the Me2We club traveled with Mrs. Lagerwerf to the Air Canada Centre in Toronto to participate in this year's National "We Day". 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. Free The Children's We Day is more than just one day of celebration and inspiration. We Day is the movement of our time - a movement of young people leading local and global change. Harnessing the energy and passion of a young community of change makers, We Day brings youth together in an unparalleled setting to show them that they are not alone in their journey to make a difference.



-Character Trait Corner-

RESPECT

"We are not put on this earth to see through one another, but to see one another through."

- Unknown

What is Respect?

- Treating others the way you would like to be treated
- Having concern—and the motivation to act—for the welfare of others
- Being inclusive of differences
- Using good manners and appropriate language
- Being considerate of the feelings of others
- Dealing peacefully with anger, insults, and disagreements
- Honouring others with courtesy and consideration
- Showing consideration for your own belongings and those of others
- Showing consideration for the freedom, privacy, and dignity of others
- Having pride and belief in yourself
- Taking care of and valuing yourself, others, and the



Halloween for Hunger:

Volunteers from the 'Me 2 We' club will be dedicating their Halloween night to a great cause. Instead of collecting candy door to door, they are going to be collecting non-perishables for Project Share. You can help support this cause by having non-perishables ready to hand out when students from the 'Me 2 We' club come by. Ms. Ehgoetz has additional information for those requiring any.



Terry Fox Day

Terry Fox was a Canadian humanitarian, athlete, and cancer research activist. In 1980, with one leg having been amputated, he embarked on a cross-Canada run to raise money and awareness for cancer research. On Friday, September 16th, grades one through eight went to Queenston Heights to participate in a Terry Fox run and police cruiser pull. Special thanks to Mr. Barker, Miss. Wood and Ms. Hammond, as well as all the other staff and volunteers that helped make this event possible.



Breakfast Club:

The Greendale Breakfast Club is up and running once again. Many thanks to our staff and parent volunteers who have worked to make this happen. Breakfast is available Tuesday and Thursday mornings and it's a great chance for students to meet with friends while having a nutritious meal.

The breakfast club welcomes donation, although they do have to follow specific guidelines. We can accept Cheerios, Life, and Raisin Bran as well as fresh fruits, yogurts, real juice boxes, bread and sliced cheese. If you would like to make a donation and want to check if it meets our guidelines, please feel free to call Mrs. Carniello for clarification.





Playground Activity
Leaders in Schools

P.A.L.S Program:

The P.A.L.S. program will be soon up and running for our second year! An enthusiastic group of about 20 students will be involved in leadership training early this month. Once our *Playground Activity Leaders* are trained in leading games, conflict resolution strategies, and communication skills, they will be offering games for primary students during the second fitness break on Mondays and Fridays. The PALS motto is " *There's always room for one more!*" and our student leaders will be promoting cooperative play, good sportsmanship, inclusion, and fairness through fun playground games. This initiative was developed by Niagara Public Health in order to address the issues of physical fitness and bullying behaviour among students.

Students should watch the PALS bulletin board to see what exciting games will be held each week! A big thank you to our student leaders for giving their own time in order to make Greendale a great place to be!



Sport Teams Updates

Cross Country

Cross Country Season is short and intense. For the past few weeks, students have been training during the week to prepare for the upcoming meets. Special thanks goes to Ms. Hammond and Mr. Barker for taking the time to coach these dedicated students. Good luck on Tuesday, October 4th at Queenston Heights.

Soccer

Congratulations to the Intermediate Coed Soccer Team for winning the Tier 2 Championship. The team went undefeated for the whole day, with the team pulling together to win some very close games. Team members were: Zain Ibrahim, Cyra Spink, Angelique Sheridan, Karly McAllister, Taylor Mallett, Christopher Watson, Jacob Randall, Dylan McIlravey, Madeline Marchese, Cameron Lenartowich, Seth Hollett, Matthew Conlon, Hung Vo, Tessa Pyrce, Cassie Pyrce, Jason Macwhirter, Owen Devine, and Alana Arsenault. Special thanks to Mr. Mason for dedicating his time to bring these students to victory!





Picture retakes will be taking place on Monday Oct 17th

HEAD LICE

The home is the crucial link to help keep infestations to a minimum. Here are a few suggestions for parents to be a part of the solution.

- Check your child's head **DAILY**. Summer camps and sleep-overs can greatly increase the risk of lice.
- Use a remedy that is proven to kill the lice, nits and eggs. A treatment will need to be given before your child is allowed to return to school.
- Remove all nits. Many frustrated parents claim that their children have "caught" lice a second and third time. Generally, re-infestations occur because eggs were permitted to remain in the hair and the life cycle repeats itself.

When a case of lice is confirmed at school, parents will be contacted and the student will need to be taken home and treated. A notification letter will be given to each student in the class where a confirmed case has been identified. All parents are expected to check their child's hair.

Magazine Sales:

Thank you to all the families that continue to support Greendale School's fundraising programs. Our annual magazine sales campaign is drawing to a close on **October 11th**. Please return your order forms at that time. If you wish to make an online purchase go to www.ccrp.ca Our school code is ON1225



WHERE DO FUNDRAISING DOLLARS GO?

Income generated from fundraisers, such as our Magazine Campaign is essential for the betterment of our children's academic and social experiences throughout the year. Throughout the year, profits from fundraising endeavours will provide:

- Fee reductions or full payment for school trips
- Bus transportation to and from events
- Free attendance at local plays/concerts
- Free drinks and snacks during EQAO testing.
- Congratulations Social for our monthly character award winners and their families



Please help us to ensure that our student's safety comes first at

GREENDALE SCHOOL

Remember to be sure to **slow down** when driving through the school parking lot and in the Greendale School zone!!