



From the Principal's Desk . .

Hello Greendale community, home of the Gators ! A warm welcome back to all of you. I hope you had an excellent summer and are looking forward to an exciting new school year.

As the new Principal of Greendale Public School, I am very excited to be here. Greendale has a long tradition of academic excellence. As educators, the staff will be working collaboratively to fine tune their practice to meet the needs of all our students to ensure that this tradition continues for years to come. I have heard so many great things about the Greendale Community and in my short time here I have already met a lot of you and indeed I have been impressed. I encourage a strong home-school partnership with all of our families. Research indicates that children whose parents show a strong interest and support for their child's education will be more successful. If we expect our children to be the best they can be, we owe it to them to be the best parents and teachers we can be! Never hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you have question, concerns or compliments. Ways to become involved include volunteering in a classroom, chaperone a trip, attend School Council Meetings, and attending special events, such as Open House, assemblies, sports activities, etc.

We will be posting monthly newsletters and calendars on our website (Greendale.dsb.org), and if you have provided us with your email address, they will be sent to you directly as well. Please note that the calendar will not be up until the 2nd week of school. As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school. I look forward to working in collaboration with all of you in providing a great educational experience for all of the students in the Greendale community.

Mr. C. Glauser, Principal

Bell Times

Entry 8:55 am
1st Break 10:35—11:15 am
2nd Break 12:55—1:45 pm
Dismissal 3:25 pm
Supervision begins at 8:40 am.
Students should not be arriving to 8:40 am. ***Students will not be permitted to play on the playground after school unless they are supervised by a parent or guardian.***

Updates and Thanks!



Over the summer all of our classrooms and washrooms were thoroughly cleaned and floors were polished. The rooms are bright and shiny! Ms. Cormier worked tirelessly to clean classrooms, lockers, hallways, and desks. Thank you to Ms. Cormier and her crew. Also, thanks to all of the teachers and EA's who worked hard over the summer taking courses, setting up classrooms, as well as doing some professional reading to ensure your child(ren) get the best education possible! Thanks to Ms. Izzo for getting class lists organized as well as all of the back to school paperwork that will be coming home this week!

Student Safety

Your child's safety is very important to the staff of Greendale School.

PLEASE CHECK IN AT THE OFFICE: All guests of Greendale School, ***including parents***, are asked to check in at the office. Guests will be asked to sign in and wear a name badge. If a staff member sees a guest in the hallway who does not have a badge, he/she will be directed to the office to sign in. We have a number of new staff to the school who do not know all of the parents. This measure is put in place for the safety of your children.

EXTERIOR DOORS: Please be aware that after the 8:55 a.m. bell and the 1:45 p.m. bell, all exterior doors will be locked.

STUDENT ENTRY/EXIT: ***All students*** will be expected to enter and exit through their divisional doors. Classroom teachers will greet the classes at their appropriate doors to bring them into the school. Parents who walk their children to school are asked to walk them to their assigned entry instead of through the parking lot doors. ***Students should not enter the school prior to the entrance bell.*** We request your cooperation for the safety of all students.

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).



To ensure the accountability and safety of our students, it is imperative that parents call the office when their child is going to be absent. There is an answering machine if you wish to leave a message before the school opens. If a child is absent and no call is received, we use our call-back system to account for these children

School photographs will be taken throughout the day on October 24. Additional information will be sent home regarding this. Please try to avoid this date for appointments for your child, as we would like all students to be present for their picture.

Confidential Information Sheets

During the first week of school you will receive a computer printout of your child's information on file. Please check this and make any changes, fill in any missing information, and return it to the school promptly. In the interest of health and safety, it is important that students' medical and personal information is updated each year. ***Please let us know if the information changes during the school year! Please return all forms back to the school by Friday, September 7, 2018.***



Milk Program

This year the milk program will run by milk cards. The cost of the card will be \$10.00 and the student receives 12 milks. Since tracking milk cards would be difficult using the online cash system we are requesting that if you wish to purchase a card please submit a cheque or cash to the school. Please place your cheque/money in an envelope with your child's name, grade and specify if your child would like white or chocolate milk. The envelope will be delivered to the office and the milk card will be distributed to your child. We will not be ordering extra milk. We will only be ordering the exact amount of milk needed per week based on the amount of milk cards sold. Students will not be allowed to purchase milk if they bring money to school, so please remember to order your milk card.

Character Education



As a school and community, we know how important it is that we develop positive character and life skills among our youth. The character trait we will focus on for September will be **RESPECT**. At the end of the month we will recognize those students who have consistently demonstrated this character trait. Further information about the various traits we will be focussing on will be sent home later in the month.

Early Release and Professional Development Days

One Early Release Day and seven full day Professional Activity Days have been set aside this year to allow staff to focus on curriculum implementation. With the tremendous amount of curriculum change taking place, this is a critical necessity. On September 14, 2018 we will be having Early Release Day while October 5, 2018, November 16, 2018, January 18, 2019, February 15, 2019, May 17, 2019 and June 7, 2019 and June 28, 2019 have been designated as Professional Development Days. School bus services and crossing guards will be in place to accommodate this. Please mark these dates on your calendar.

Lunches at School

It is best to start the year off right with students bringing their own lunch/snacks to school with them in the morning. If you must deliver a lunch on the odd occasion please ensure that your child knows that it is coming, have it here before our nutritional break and make it your child's responsibility to pick it up at the office during the break. **Print your child's name clearly on the lunch bag.** We will not interrupt instructional time to deliver lunches. The school day has been organized to allow most students to go home during the second nutritional break. Unless children are involved in an activity that requires them to be at school during that time, they are expected to eat lunch at home. Working parents might consider arranging for a neighbour to supervise children over the break period. For those students who must stay, a signed lunch form is required. These forms will be sent home. Please return them promptly.



Scholastic Book Fair is Coming to Greendale

Greendale's Scholastic Book Fair will be arriving September 24—28. Students will have the opportunity to visit our book fair with their class and will be able purchase books at that time. Mark your calendar – our Meet the Teacher BBQ is Wednesday, September 26th from 4:30—6:00 pm. Your family can shop together. During the event, we also invite you to help build our classroom libraries by purchasing books and donating them to your child's class through the Classroom Wish List program.



If you are interested in helping with this exciting event please contact Ms. Izzo or Ms. Henning. Thank-you for partnering with us in encouraging children to read.

Greendale Staff List

Secretary	Ms. Izzo
Kindergarten	Mrs. Christian
Kindergarten	Mrs. Fougere
Kindergarten	Ms. Rackal
Grade 1	Mrs. Gobeil
Grade 1/2	Mrs. Vanderburg
Grade 2	Mrs. Rindfleisch
Grade 2/3	Mrs. Stewart
Grade 3/4	Ms. Rutherford
Grade 4	Ms. Dick
Grade 5	Mrs. Niven
Grade 6	Mrs. Fraone
Grade 7/8	Mr. Harriman
Grade 7/8	Mr. Mason
FSP	Mr. Darling
Teacher Librarian/Pri Music	Ms. Henning
French	Mme Sparks
LRT	Ms. Woltz
LLI/PE	Ms. Hammond
Bridge	Ms. Ryder
EA	Mrs. Harvie
	Ms. Borne,
	Ms. Bicanic
	Mr. Schuman
	Mrs. Lacroix
	Ms. Dubber
DECE	Ms. Airhardt (Bridge)
	Mrs. Lipiec
	Ms. Maitland
Instructional Coach	Mrs. Cogswell
Youth Worker	Lindsay Barrow
Lunchroom Supervisors	Ms. Patterson
	Ms. K. Coburn
Custodian	Ms. Cormier
Principal	Mr. Glauser

Student Agendas

Every student in grades JK to 8 will receive a Student Agenda. This is a valuable tool which is designed to help the students keep track of assignments and stay organized, as well as ensure that they are aware of the guidelines and expectations at Greendale. Parent and teacher guidance is essential to the success of the student in using the agenda. Please help us help your child develop these important skills. **The cost for the agenda this year is \$8.00.** We are requesting that agenda money be sent with your child by Friday, September 14.

Accidents Can Happen...Is Your Child Insured?

Is your child insured for medical or dental costs in case of an accidental injury? The District School Board of Niagara does not provide medical payments coverage for students. If you have no other coverage, it is important that parents/guardians purchase this coverage to ensure that medical or dental costs are covered in case of accident. Reliable Life Student Accident Insurance forms have been sent home with each student to assist you in getting coverage. Or you can visit www.insuremykids.com to apply online. It costs as little as \$8 per student for one year of basic school day/school activity coverage.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

At Greendale Public School there are many opportunities for parents/guardians to volunteer with our students and to support the many activities and events that occur during the school year. Some opportunities include supporting nutrition programs, coordinating fundraising activities, and participating in supportive reading programs. We see this as a wonderful way to build our school, family and community connections. We welcome all who are interested and available, to please contact the office for Volunteer Information Forms.

School Organization and Safety

Arrival after 8:40 will ensure supervision of students by staff on the school yard. Arrival prior to 8:40 means students may be alone on the playground. Students cannot be supervised in the school as this is teacher preparation time.

If you would like to speak to a teacher before school, please call in advance to make an appointment as teachers often have yard duty.

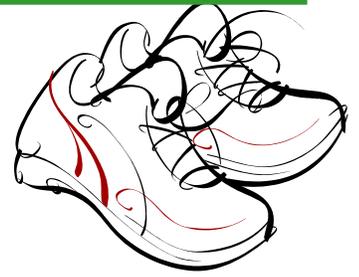
- Appropriate dress for the season is required at all times. No profanity or obscene pictures will be allowed. If students do not wear appropriate dress they will be asked to change immediately. If students cannot change, a large t-shirt will be provided for the day.
- Lost and Found will be located outside of the library as well as outside of the gym.
- Volunteers are welcome at Greendale to assist staff in the class or with programs throughout the school. Approach any staff member for the area of interest in which you wish to help.
- Our Code of Conduct can be found on our website as well as our student agendas. Please review this with your child as a proactive measure and to establish a framework of understanding between home and school.
- Kindergarten Dismissal will be made by the teachers. Please respect this organizational and safety requirement. Do not take your child from the school yard.
- Walking across the parking lot is not safe and will not be permitted unless accompanied by a parent.
- Bicycles, skateboards and roller blades must be walked on school property. Students are not allowed to ride their bicycles, skateboards and roller blades on school property based on a recommendation by the Niagara Regional Police. Bicycles must be locked in the bike racks. If a student is younger than grade 4, it is recommended that he/she be accompanied by an adult to and from school.
- All students will need to have their own set of headphones to be used in conjunction with our computers at school. Please help us by sending your child with their own labelled set.

Terry Fox Run—Friday September 14, 2018

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 will be having a Gator Marathon during period 3, at the back field on Greendale property. All grades will participate by walking/running with their classes and staff members.

Today, Terry's dream of raising one dollar from every Canadian lives on. Greendale School would like to contribute to Terry's vision by asking for a monetary donation of \$2.00 that will be sent to the Terry Fox Foundation. In the past, our contributions have raised over \$500.00 for cancer research and its most promising research projects. Together we can help Terry finish his Marathon of Hope.



Parents are encouraged to join in on the fun!

In 1980, Terry said,
“If you’ve given a dollar, you are a part of the Marathon of Hope.”

“ I Matter “ at the DSBN and Greendale



The DSBN honours the unique characteristics that make up who you are. However, as members of a school system, there is one trait we all share in common: we are all learners. No matter our role within the DSBN, our knowledge is constantly evolving. That growth in knowledge changes who we are. It makes us better, as students, as professionals and as people. The DSBN is committed to fostering that growth so all learners are able to reach their true and full potential.

- ~The DSBN supports critical thinking and lifelong learning
- ~Equity is at the core of our beliefs and we use our resources to promote it
- ~We rely on best practices to support student growth
- ~Professional Development for all staff benefits student learning



What's Expected at the End of the Day

NO EARLY DISMISSAL AFTER 2:35 PM

If you **HAVE NOT** made early dismissal arrangements before 2:35 p.m.

~Head to your child's regular dismissal doors for their regular 3:25 p.m. dismissal.

For **STUDENT SAFETY**, it is very difficult to get students who are involved in their **END OF DAY** routines.

If you **HAVE** called / written a note / contacted the classroom teacher before 2:35 p.m.

~Your child will be notified and sent to office for 2:35 p.m.

~Please check in at the office to sign your child out.

Thank you for helping to keep our students safe and on track at the end of the day!