



Cheetah Chatter



Cherrywood Acres Public School

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Support Literacy Learning All Year Long

The Importance of Reading and Writing Beyond the Classroom

As adults, we know how important reading and writing are in all aspects of our lives. We also know that a passion for reading and writing can help children and teens find ways to understand not only different cultures and worlds but also themselves. Writing can help them find ways to work through and communicate their hopes, fears, and dreams.

How can you as a family member, caregiver, or educator help your child or teen read and write more outside of school? There are some simple things you can do to help develop a lifelong love of reading and writing:



Research tells us that children and teens who don't read and write outside of school, especially during long breaks such as summer vacation, face a big loss in their literacy growth compared to those who do continue learning all year long. This means the summer months and other breaks from school offer wonderful opportunities for families, caregivers, and out-of-school educators to help improve reading and writing.

Read and write to your child or teen. Snuggle up with a book and your child before bed. Share books on tape with your teen or read aloud on car trips. And don't forget writing. Leaving short notes on the refrigerator, a night time message on a pillow, or a letter expressing your pride in an accomplishment encourages reading and demonstrates the power of words.

Get caught reading and writing. Let your child or teen see you engaging in everyday literate activities, like reading the newspaper or making a grocery list, and talk about what you do.

Share a love of reading and writing together. Read some of the books, magazines, or websites that your child or teen is reading and then discuss them together. Write a journal, scrapbook, or blog as a family, taking time to record daily events. You can even write group e-mails or letters to family and friends..



*I did it! I did it! Come and look at what I've done!
I read a book!
When someone wrote it long ago for me to read, how did he know?
That this was the book I'd take from the shelf
And lie on the floor and read by myself?
I really read it! Just like that! Word by word, from first to last!
I'm sleeping with this book in bed,
This is the FIRST book I've ever read!
David L. Harrison*

Thank you!


Thank you to everyone who helped with the Cherrywood Chocolate Bar fundraiser. The money raised will be used to buy mats to surround our gymnasium. Way to go Cheetahs!



Points of Interest


Special points of interest:

- ☺ Education Week
- ☺ Earth Week
- ☺ Literless Lunch Wednesday's
- ☺ Dig It The Musical



Dates To Remember

Trivia Night April 2
Easter Break April 22-25
DSBN Road Race April 17
Literacy Night April 13
Pizza Day April 13 & 20



Scholastic Book Fair is Coming

The Scholastic Book Sale is coming to our library. We invite students and families to buy excellent reading materials for great prices. Every book sold earns money for our library to buy new books for all of our students.

Dates: April 26 –29

Times: Daily until 4pm

Special night to buy: Wednesday, April 27 until 6pm



Volunteer parents that can help with the selling of books are needed for all 4 days.

Please call Mrs. Rocca (our librarian) or drop into the office to sign up to volunteer.

Reading every night is the best way to improve reading skills. Reading skills are the foundation for success in school and beyond. We hope to see everyone buy themselves one new book this season. Thank you for supporting our library and your child's love of reading!!

School Council Meeting

If you have not been out to a School Council meeting yet, please join us at our regular meeting Tuesday, April 5th at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome!

Cherrywood Chess Club

Congratulations to Cherrywood's 2011 Chess Team: Matthew, Jonnathan, Owen, Kylee, Sabrina, Joshua, Bryce, Jakob, Keiran, Owen, Jack, Sam, Rebecca, Andre, Tanner, Wolfgang, Dakota, Ethan, and Colton. These students practiced for 3 months in preparation for this month's Area 1 Tournament in Fort Erie. They all did well, with some students coming in second place within their group. Their dedication and sportsmanship are to be commended!



Volunteers Are Needed For Our Gardens

School Council worked very hard and diligently last year on our garden. We are in need of volunteers to help with the upkeep and weeding of the garden. Please contact the school office if you are interested in helping out!

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Literacy Night

SAVE THE DATE! Cherrywood Literacy Night will be held on Wednesday, April 13 at 6:30pm. Come and celebrate literacy with your children. We will have great activities and prizes for children in JK to Grade 8. See you there! Details to follow!

Education Week

April 11-15 is Education Week. Check our calendar for upcoming events.

Dig It Musical — May 11th and 12th

The students at Cherrywood are in full practice mode for our upcoming spring musical "DIG IT". The play is about two kids on an archeological dig where the oldest skeleton in the world was discovered. It was a three million year old skeleton that they called Lucy (this is actually true). Lucy then takes the two kids on a historic trip through ancient civilizations.

The musical has many different scenes and costume changes. If you have any of the following items and would like to donate them to us, it would be greatly appreciated. White sheets, long sleeve black turtle necks, black sweats or tights, Egyptian costumes.

Thank you for all your support! We hope to see you at the show!

Oral Health Month

April is Oral Health Month



Although preventable, cavities are the most common chronic disease of children aged 6 to 19 years.

Cavities lead to difficulties sleeping, decreased school attendance, pain, discomfort, and infection. Fluoride is not added into our water supply. Therefore, it is recommended that all residents brush their teeth twice daily with fluoridated toothpaste to prevent cavities.

Children three to six years of age should be assisted with brushing their teeth by an adult using a pea-sized portion of fluoridated toothpaste until they can tie their own shoe laces.

Regular flossing is the single most important thing you can do to prevent gum disease. Most children will need help flossing until they are about 8 to 10 years old.

Niagara Region Public Health has two programs to assist children and youth with no insurance in getting the dental health care they need. For more information please call the Public Health Dental Program at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7399.

DSBN Road Race

Join the fun IN THE 2011 DSBN Road Race!



**DSBN
ROAD RACE**
Learners in Action!

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CREDIT UNION
let's grow together.

Sunday, April 17th, 2011

DSBN Education Centre, 191 Carlton Street, St. Catharines

Proceeds to benefit Education Foundation of Niagara
and Niagara Nutrition Partners

1km (10 am) Fun Run and 5km (10:30 am) Road Race for all ages
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 pre-register

School participation prize

Chip Time Results for 5km race

For registration information, please refer to the entry form
Race entry forms and volunteer forms are available at DSBN schools
or online at www.efnonline.ca



* Minimal BBQ fee for non-participants with all funds raised going towards EFN & NNP



Achieving Success Together!



celebrating
**COMMUNITY
PARTNERSHIPS**

DSBN EDUCATION WEEK APRIL 11-15TH



The 2011 DSBN Education Week Theme is "Celebrating Community Partnerships". From parent volunteers who assist in classrooms to agencies who coordinate a variety of programs including breakfast programs and after school activities to corporate partners who sponsor scholarships and so much more, our community partners complement the work of our schools to support student success.

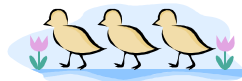
We want to take this time to thank you, our community partners, for everything you do to help support our students and our school.

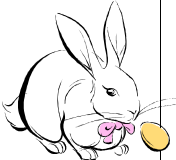





Working together, we make a difference. And that is truly Achieving Success Together!





April 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Day 9	2 <i>Cherrywood Trivia Night 7pm</i>
3	4 Day 10	5 Day 1 <i>School Council 6:30pm</i>	6 Day 2 <i>Litterless Lunch Day</i>	7 Day 3 <i>Reusable Water Bottle Day</i>	8 Day 4 <i>Gr 3 's Jordan Museum Crazy Hat Day Lunch Connection</i>	9 
10 <i>Education Week Celebration April 11-15</i>	11 Day 5 <i>Pow Wow Presentation</i>	12 Day 6	13 Day 7 <i>Literacy Night All Grades 6:30-8pm Pizza Day Litterless Lunch Day</i>	14 Day 8 <i>Reusable Water Bottle Day Gr 5 Race Against Drugs</i>	15 Day 9 <i>Therapy Trails Gr 7&8 LunchConnection</i>	16 
17 <i>Earth Week April 18-22</i> 	18 Day 10 <i>Moonlight Monday Reduce lights today at school Gr 8 Immunization</i>	19 Day 1 <i>Technology Free Tuesday No computers, TV's today</i>	20 Day 2 <i>Litterless Lunch Day Storyteller Gr 3 Library Pizza Day</i>	21 Day 3 <i>Reusable Water Bottle Day Bike/Walk To School Day</i>	22 <i>No School Due To Easter</i>	23 
24 	25 <i>No School Due To Easter</i>	26 Day 4 <i>Scholastic Book Fair</i>	27 Day 5 <i>Litterless Lunch Day Scholastic Book Fair</i>	28 Day 6 <i>Reusable Water Bottle Day Scholastic Book Fair</i>	29 Day 7 <i>Lunch Connection Scholastic Book Fair</i>	30 