



# Cheetah Chatter



**Cherrywood Acres Public School**

**June 2011**

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## **From the Desk of Mrs. Baggs**



It doesn't seem possible that June is here and we are in our final month of school. We have had a busy year working towards our literacy goals here at Cherrywood. We have worked together as a staff to learn the best ways to meet the needs of our students.

It is time to say farewell to our Grade 8 graduates as they move on to Secondary School. We wish them much success in the future. As well we have staff members who will be leaving Cherrywood at the end of the year: Good luck to Mrs. Power in her future endeavours. With declining enrolment we will be losing Ms. Brumby to another school. Good luck to Mrs. Schroeder who will be home on maternity leave.

A big welcome to our new ECE Teachers Miss Salvatore and Mrs. Robinson who will be joining our Early Learning Program Team.

## **School Council**

A huge thank you to the tireless efforts of the families who support our school. We appreciate how much they give to the school and their great ideas. Without their efforts this year we would not have beautiful gardens, a yearbook, Dance-a-thon Day, Bingo money to pay a portion of yearend trips this year, fund-raisers to provide phys. ed. equipment, mats for the gym, Smart Boards and AV Rovers, money to provide special events and clubs such as Go Girls, and the list goes on. We appreciate all the work they do for EVERY student at Cherrywood. This group is always looking to include new members. Look for the information table at our Fall Open House for more information on how to get involved.

## **Are You Moving This Summer?**

Please let the office know your new address.



## **Construction**

This year we look forward to more exciting renovations here at Cherrywood. Our school will have full day early learning programs (kindergarten) starting in September so to accommodate this new program the computer lab will be transformed into a classroom. The Learning Resource(LRT) room will become bathrooms and a coat room for this new class. Room 5 will become the new LRT room and computer lab. We are also getting updated ceilings and lighting in the primary end that will be more energy efficient. The whole school is getting new locker doors and painted lockers. We are also changing all of our entrance ways so that the doors are no longer recessed into the building. Because this work will take a considerable amount of time, some work will begin in June. We will be closing the computer lab and putting the computers into storage on June 13<sup>th</sup>. The primary classrooms will have furniture removed on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Teachers will continue with programming but we will be using the outdoors and picnic style for the last four days of school in the primary end. We appreciate your support and patience as we work to upgrade our school.



## Report Cards



Final reports will be sent home Monday, June 27, 2011. This will enable parents to return the response form before noon on Thursday, June 30. This page is an official document which we are required to file in the Ontario Student Record, so please be sure to sign and return it.

## Year End Awards Assembly



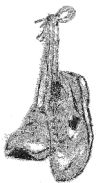
Our final assembly for the 2010-2011 school year will be on Tuesday, June 28th at 9am at which time we will celebrate the achievements of our students. Please join us!

## Fundraising

Thank you to all families who have supported us this year. We have ordered new phys ed equipment and mats for the gym. Each student at Cherrywood has received funds from our Bingo Fundraising towards their end of year trip. Thank you to our School Council for support with buying a Smartboard and AV Rover.



## Supplies for September



We will be creating a list of supplies that students will need to go home with the report cards. This is for parents to have so that you can take advantage of the sales in back to school supplies.

For next year, ALL students will be required to wear running shoes to participate in physical education classes. It is a good idea to leave running shoes at school for this purpose, since wet shoes are unsafe in the gym and will not be allowed.

Running shoes make great indoor shoes, which help to keep the classroom environment cleaner for our students throughout the day. Thank you for your help in this matter.

## Learning ADVANTAGE CAMPAIGN - REMINDER

### DO YOU HAVE YOUR "Learning ADVANTAGE" book YET!

There is still time to get your "Summer Advantage" book. This 192 page, fully coloured, activity book is designed to maintain children's academic learning over the summer months. There is one activity book per grade level from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 7. Each grade level book contains major units aligned with the Ontario curriculum expectations and 3 summer fun units. The books have parent information pages, evaluation forms; follow up activities and a family focus. In addition to the summer the books can be used all year long from September to the following June. The cost of each book is \$19.05 plus GST. This is a savings of \$1-\$4 from the retail and online prices. You can visit [www.summeradvantage.ca](http://www.summeradvantage.ca) to download a free unit of the book you would like to order for further review.

Bonus: with all books orders, Summer Advantage will provide attraction discount coupons to numerous attractions including Wonderland, the CN Tower, Ontario Place, Medieval Times, Wild Water Kingdom, Wings of Paradise, Centreville, South Simcoe Railway, Pucks farm, Zooz, Bowmanville Zoo the Hamilton Civic Museums and more. (*Book orders and attraction coupons will be delivered to your child's classroom before the end of the school year.*)



### Important Dates 2011/12

**September 6:** 1st Day of School  
**September 23:** Early Release Day  
**October 5:** World Teachers' Day  
**October 7:** PA Day  
**October 10:** Thanksgiving Day  
**November 11:** Remembrance Day  
**December 26 - January 6:**  
Winter Holiday Break  
**January 20:** PA Day  
**February 2:** Kindergarten Open House 4-6  
**February 20:** Family Day  
**March 9-16:** March Break  
**April 6:** Good Friday  
**April 9:** Easter Monday  
**May 18:** PA Day  
**May 21:** Victoria Day  
**June 8:** PA Day  
**June 28:** Last Day of School



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## Changes At Cherrywood

The academic staffing process is almost complete for the fall season. At this time of the year we are planning on the following grades and teachers.

<b>Early Learning</b>	Mr. Folino, Mrs. Philip Mrs. Salvatore, Mrs. Robinson
<b>Grade 1</b>	Mrs. McDonald
<b>Grade 2</b>	Mrs. Sinclair
<b>Grade 2/3</b>	Mrs. Zelic
<b>Grade 3/4</b>	Mrs. Illich
<b>Grade 4/5</b>	Mr. Smith
<b>Grade 5/6</b>	Miss Rutherford
<b>Grade 6/7</b>	Mrs. Corapi
<b>Grade 8</b>	Mr. McNaughton
<b>SEBE</b>	Miss Hall
<b>French</b>	Mrs. Rocca
<b>LRT</b>	Mrs. Brooks
<b>Prep</b>	Mrs. Vaccaro



All staffing is based on our enrolment now and may change in the fall if enrolment changes. We will post class lists on the first day of school.



## Literacy Corner

We encourage all of our students to continue reading throughout the summer. The Niagara Falls Public Libraries have wonderful programs to encourage reading. For those who complete the reading challenge at the library, there is a free end of summer party. Check it out at the library. Challenge yourself to complete a certain number of books and "Go for it!" Reading is a great activity to do on a rainy or hot day.

Get All Fired Up About Books!



## Talent Show

We will be celebrating the wonderful talent here at Cherrywood on Monday, June 27 at 11:30am. Students who want to share their talent will need to sign up for a tryout. We may need to limit our participants, since the show is only 1 hour. Tryouts will happen the second week in June.

Hope to see you there on June 27th at 11:30am



## PLANNING TODAY TO ENERGIZE EDUCATION TOMORROW

During the 2009/10 school year, the DSBN engaged in a system-wide review of our school buildings which enabled trustees to gain an overview of how our facilities are being used, and to identify potential areas for growth and revitalization in the future.

The majority of school boards throughout Ontario are facing the challenge of declining enrolment because of changing demographics. Parents are having fewer children later in life, which reduces the number of students starting Kindergarten each year.

One way school boards can address the issues of declining enrolment and aging facilities is through accommodation reviews. Through this process, education can be rejuvenated by building some new schools, consolidating some schools, renovating some schools and closing some schools.

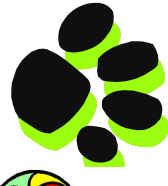
At their most recent meeting, Trustees passed a Facilities Planning report which examines how to provide optimal learning spaces for students by initiating three phases of accommodation reviews beginning in September, 2011. Phase one accommodation reviews will undertake an in-depth study of central and south St. Catharines and Thorold secondary schools as well as elementary schools in Fort Erie.

Over the coming months, Board staff will begin to assemble an Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) for the two reviews. Each committee will undertake an in-depth study of the school planning areas and provide recommendations that will help guide Trustees in their decision making. Each ARC will include a business community member and/or a municipal representative, parents, a trustee, and DSBN staff. All ARC meetings will be open to the public, and the public will also have an opportunity to provide feedback during specially scheduled public meetings.

Moving forward, our goal is to continue serving students with excellent programs. The accommodation review process will ensure that funding is spent on enriching the educational opportunities for students

The full report, along with information about accommodation reviews is available at [www.dsbno.org/arc](http://www.dsbno.org/arc).





# June 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Day 9	2 Day 10	3 Day 1	4
	EQAO Gr 6	EQAO Gr 6	EQAO Gr 6	EQAO Gr 3 EQAO Gr 6	EQAO Gr 3 EQAO Gr 6 Lunch Connection	
5	6 Day 2 Golf Club 3:30-5:15 Oak Hall  EQAO Gr 3	7 Day 3	8 Day 4  EQAO Gr 3	9 Day 5  EQAO Gr 3	10  P.A. Day No Classes	11
12	13 Day 6  Intermediates Camp Olympia	14 Day 7  Intermediates Camp Olympia	15 Day 8  Intermediates Camp Olympia	16 Day 9  Intermediates Camp Olympia	17 Day 10  Lunch Connection	18
19 	20 Day 1 Intermediate 3 Pitch  Golf Club 3:30-5:15 Oak Hall	21 Day 2  National Aboriginal Day	22 Day 3  Grade 8 Graduation 6:30pm	23 Day 4  Jr's To Marineland  Primarys To Lakeside Park	24 Day 5  Gr 4's To Medieval Times	25
26 	27 Day 6 Talent Show 11am Report Cards Go Home	28 Day 7  Awards Assembly 9am	29 Day 8  Play Day Last Day of School	30  PD Day	Canada Day	

Have A Safe & Fun Summer