



Cherrywood Acres Public School

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"Educating and empowering our students in a safe and caring environment."

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Thank You!



The school year is winding down and the final days of instruction and school activity are almost here. We have been delighted by our students and their growth, their energy and their achievements.

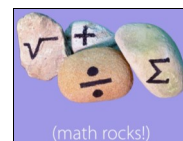
In the one year that I have been at Cherrywood Acres Public School, I have learned that we are a school family. We are incredibly generous and supportive of our community. We take on projects with commitment and energy. We participate in a myriad of opportunities which allow our students to grow in their knowledge, self esteem, confidence and skills. Our children learn to accept, work with and befriend children with special needs and students who have come to us from all over the world.

Only through the continuous collaboration and partnership of staff, parents and community are we able to address the needs of our students.

Thank you for taking the time to sign agendas each night, check on homework and ask WHAT DID YOU LEARN TODAY? and work with your child/children on projects and research. Thank you for contacting us with questions, concerns and ideas. Your input is greatly valued. We have recognized student success at Celebration Assemblies and we will be celebrating our Grade 8 graduation on June 25, 2014 and our very first Senior Kindergarten Celebration on June 26, 2014. All of us at Cherrywood Acres Public School thank you for a great year! With your continued support and help, Cherrywood Acres Public School will continue to be a great place to learn and grow!

Math Olympics

Cherrywood Acres Public School's group of dedicated math problem solvers participated in Math Olympics at Governor Simcoe Secondary School on May 7, 2014. This competition hosted 30 schools from across the DSBNO and NCDSB to compete in a series of math-related problem solving challenges. Our team displayed superb critical thinking skills, worked collaboratively as a group and were amazing quick-thinkers when faced with every problem. All of you made Cherrywood Acres Public School proud! Team Members include: Carter Y., Mackenzie C., Natalie C., and Stephen S. A special thank you is extended to Mrs. Condino for driving our mathematicians to the competition and for assisting Mrs. Brooks (Our Learning Resource Teacher) with cheering our team members to succeed!



Moving?



If you are leaving the Cherrywood Acres Public School boundary area this summer, we would appreciate knowing this information in order to plan accordingly. Please contact the school office at 905-356-2801 and let Mrs. Sielicki know of your intention to move.

The Sun is Back!

The sun is shining and it's time to get outside to play! But before you run outside, make sure you remember your 5 S's...

Slip: on some clothes that will protect your skin from the sun (loose-fitting and tightly woven are best).

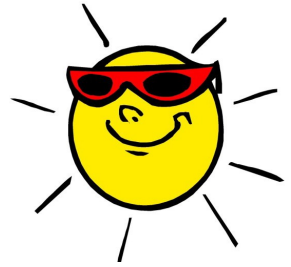
Slop: on some sunscreen that is at least SPF 30 and filters UVA & UVB rays (broad-spectrum). Put sunscreen on 20 minutes BEFORE you go outside, so it can soak in. Don't forget your ears, nose and feet if you are wearing sandals! Lips should also be protected with SPF 30 lip balm.

Slap: on a wide-brimmed hat to protect your face, ears and neck

Seek: shade when outside between 11am-4pm

Slide: on some sunglasses that have 100% UVA & UVB filters.

Attention moms, dads, coaches and caregivers: sun damage can happen quickly, so make sure youth remember sunscreen for lunch break, gym class, track and field and other outdoor activities.



End of the Year Parent Checklist

- ◆ Have you helped your child/children check the house for any library or text books that should be returned?
- ◆ Have you provided your child with a reusable bag, before the last of school, in which to bring home all his/her belongings?
- ◆ Have you stopped by the school to take one final peek through the Lost & Found cart for any lost items, clothing, lunch bags etc.?

Grade 8 AND Senior Kindergarten Graduation Composites



We have a limited number of Grade 8 AND Senior Kindergarten Graduation Composites available for sale in the office for \$25 each. They are for sale on a first come first serve basis.

Our School Council



I would like to extend a special thank you to our 2013-2014 School Council members who have worked tirelessly on your behalf supporting all of us at our school. School Council members have made decisions that have impacted the development of our Learning Commons, providing technology for all of our students, coordinating BINGO and following up with NEVADA ticket sales. EVERYTHING School Council does has our interests at heart. Their commitment has been much appreciated and welcomed! Please consider joining our School Council in September. A Self Nomination Form will be sent home with your child on the first day of school.

Report Cards

On Wednesday, June 25, 2014, all Kindergarten to Grade 8 report cards will be distributed. If your child will not be at school when report cards are distributed, please contact the office to make plans for pick up, otherwise, your child's report card will be mailed to your home address on the last day of school.



2014-2015 School Year

We have a number of staff members who will be taking positions at other schools in the District School Board of Niagara. Please join me in wishing all the best to:

Mrs. Brooks who has been our most dedicated Learning Resource Teacher at our school for 15 years. She will be continuing her role as a Learning Resource Teacher as well as taking on a new role as the Teacher-Librarian at Pine Grove Public School in St. Catharines. She has made such a difference by supporting our students and we wish her well at her new school!

Mrs. Mihelic has accepted a full time position as the Kindergarten teacher at Valley Way Public School. She was supporting our Kindergarten as well as students in our Structured Strategies Program for a quarter time this year and has consolidated her position to Valley Way Public School. We will miss her!

All the best to **Mrs. Kerr** who has been a very positive role model for students in our Grade 5/6 classroom this year. We are unsure where her next position will be next year but we know that students who will meet her will enjoy her enthusiasm for learning.

Ms. Leonard, our Educational Assistant, will be spending some time at home as she welcomes her new baby. She will begin her maternity leave at the end of this school year. She has been very instrumental in supporting our students in Grade 1/2.

We will miss **Mr. D'Amario** our Youth Counsellor. He has supported our students in a counselling capacity for the last four years. We know the students at his next school will be lucky to have his support.

People just come into our lives and leave a little footprint. Our lives are forever changed because of something that has made an impact on us. These staff members will be missed!

Staffing for Cherrywood Acres Public School 2014-2015 school year is *almost* complete and I wish to introduce the staff to you:

KINDERGARTEN: Mr. Folino (Early Childhood Educator has not yet been confirmed.)

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Grade 1: Mrs. Rotella

Grade 2: Mrs. McDonald

Grade 2/3: Mrs. Illich and Mrs. Phillips

Grade 3: Ms. Sinclair

Grade 4/5: Mrs. Zelic

Grade 5/6: Miss Triantopoulos

Grade 7: Mrs. Durrant

Grade 7/8: Mr. Stayzer

Structured Strategies Program: Mr. Piekny (Teacher)

Structured Strategies Program: Mr. Smelko (Teacher) **NEW PROGRAM TO OUR SCHOOL!**

Education Assistants: Mrs. Godin, Ms. Hasmatali, Miss Lowen, Ms. MacMillan, Miss Webb, Mr. Whitehead and Ms. Snider

French/Librarian: Mme. Rocca

Physical Education: Mrs. Vaccaro

Learning Resource Teacher: Mrs. Corapi

Youth Worker: Ms. Grundy

Secretary: Mrs. Sielicki

Principal: Mrs. Weerdenburg

We will inform you about next year's placement as well as your child's teacher on the very first day of school. The class lists will be posted on the back door windows in our school yard around 8:30 a.m.

Should enrolment change throughout the summer, it may be necessary to reorganize the classrooms within the first two weeks of September, 2014

Congratulations!



A BIG congratulations to our Grade 8 students as they begin their Grade 9 year at A. N Myer or Stamford Secondary Schools!

What's Up In Our Community?

Being environmentally conscious has never been more important. By conserving power, increasing recycling, and implementing other waste reduction strategies, students and schools across the DSBN have made the environment an important priority.

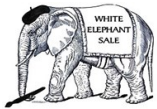


The DSBN has launched an “eFlyer” service. Rather than sending thousands of flyers to our schools, we are instead posting electronic flyers on our eFlyer service. We are pleased to support the community with this site, and save thousands of trees in the process.

Log onto www.dsbm.org, then click the “Community” tab, followed by “eFlyer Service”. The site is very user friendly and self explanatory.

White Elephant Garage Sale

Calling all Parents, Grandparents, Uncles, Aunts, Family and friends! The ELP classes will be holding their first annual White Elephant Garage sale.



Date: Thursday June 19th, 2014

Time: 8:00am – 4:00 pm

**Location: Cherrywood Acres Public School
Outside Kindergarten Red Doors**

We will be taking any and all donations all day in our gymnasium on June 18th. Empty out your garages of all those “special treasures” to help support a great cause. All proceeds will help subsidize our on going Inquiry Play based program! Please spread the word! We look forward to seeing you on the 19th.

Transportation



The transportation department is open during the summer months. If you have an address change, please contact the Niagara Student Transportation Services (NSTS) offices directly. Our Area Transportation Coordinator is Heather Kyle and her direct telephone number is 905-346-0302. If you wish to check your bussing information you can always contact the transportation department during August to confirm details. Information on bussing schedules will also be available at the school after August 20th at www.nsts.ca.

Fundraising for the 2014-2015 School Year

Families were invited this year to share their opinions with School Council regarding fundraising at Cherrywood Acres Public School. We listened! Families who choose not to fundraise are welcome to donate to our school anytime just by accessing our website and clicking ON LINE DONATIONS. Since the selling of chocolate bars is very profitable for our school, we will still continue to sell chocolate bars during spring. Other details will follow next year!

Enjoy a safe and relaxing summer everyone!