



# Cherrywood Acres Public School

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

## 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 two years 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 24, 2015 and our second Senior Kindergarten Celebration on June 24, 2015 BOTH in our GYM, 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!

## REMEMBER TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- ◆ Welcome Dufflebag Theatre for our Grades 3-8 students who will watch the performance of BLANCHE NEIGE (Snow White) on June 4, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.
- ◆ Welcome CADENCE (Four Men and a MIC) for all our students in Kindergarten to Grade 8. Thank you to School Council for supporting this event on June 5 at 1:45 p.m.
- ◆ CC SWIRLS fundraiser from 4-8 p.m. on Friday, June 5, 2015. SEE YOU THERE!
- ◆ Intermediate students are headed to OTTAWA on June 9, 10 and 11, 2015.
- ◆ June 12, 2015 is a PD DAY for all staff. No school on this day.
- ◆ The afternoon of June 11, 2015 is PLAY DAY. Pizza Day is cancelled for this day.
- ◆ WEAR YOUR SUNGLASSES TO SCHOOL on Friday, June 19, 2015.
- ◆ Join us on the last day of school for our Celebration Assembly and the closing of our TIME CAPSULE on Thursday, June 25, 2015 in our GYM at 9:15 a.m.

## Moving?



If you are leaving the Cherrywood Acres Public School boundary area this summer, we would appreciate knowing this information by June 15, 2015 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).

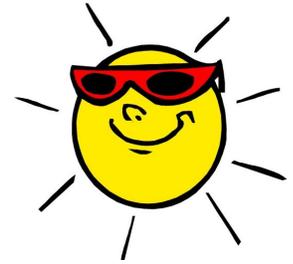
**Slop:** on some sunscreen that is at least SPF 30 and filters UVA & UVB rays (broad-spectrum). Put sunscreen on 20 minutes BEFORE you go outside, so it can soak in. Don't forget your ears, nose and feet if you are wearing sandals! Lips should also be protected with SPF 30 lip balm.

**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 you 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 2014-2015 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, providing 2 water stations, coordinating BINGO and following up with NEVADA ticket sales. EVERYTHING School Council does has yours and our student 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 Monday, June 22, 2015, 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.



## 2015-2016 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. Phillips** who has been our Grade 2/3 teacher half time will be moving to Ross Public School in Welland beginning September. She has made such a difference by supporting our Grade 2/3 students in Mathematics and YOGA in the Structured Strategies Program and we wish her well at her new school!

We wish **Mrs. Dixon, Miss Bigford and Miss MacCrimmon** who have been with us for most, part or some of this school year all the best. They have supported our Kindergarten students and students who would benefit from a Reading Remediation PLUS program. We truly send them a BIG thank you for investing in our students.

We will be saying farewell to **Mrs. Illich** at the end of this school year as she will be retiring. She has made such an impact in the area of music/drama at our school over the last number of years that I am confident that many students will be headed to a musically/theatrically inclined program as they move through Secondary School. She has made such an impression! We wish her all the best!

All the best to **Mr. Piekny**, who has been a very positive role model for students in our Structured Strategies Program (SSP) classroom for three years will be supporting Intermediate aged students in the BRIDGE program located at Grimsby Secondary School. The students who will meet him, will enjoy his calm manner and his genuine concern for their well being. We will miss him!

These staff members will be missed! Staffing for Cherrywood Acres Public School 2015-2016 school year is *almost* complete and yet at the time of this printing, we are still in a transition for staffing. In other words, there still may be some changes. So far, I wish to introduce to you:

KINDERGARTEN :	Mr . Folino (Early Childhood Educator has not yet been confirmed.)
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Grade 1:	Mrs. Rotella
Grade 1/2:	Mrs. McDonald
Grade 3:	Ms. Sinclair
Grade 3/4:	Mrs. Zelic
Grade 4/5:	Miss Triantopoulos/Mrs. Towner
Grade 6/7:	Mrs. Durrant
Grade 7/8:	Mr. Stayzer
Structured Strategies Program Room 12:	Miss Hall (Teacher)
Structured Strategies Program Room 8:	Mr. Smelko (Teacher)
Education Assistants:	(Educational Assistants have yet to be confirmed)
French/Librarian:	Mme. Rocca
Physical Education:	Mrs. Vaccaro
Learning Resource Teacher:	Mrs. Corapi
Youth Worker:	Ms. Grundy
Secretary:	Mrs. Sielicki
Caretaker:	Mrs. Holder
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 (students moving out or into our school BOUNDARY area) throughout the summer, it may be necessary to reorganize the classrooms within the first two weeks of September, 2015.***

# 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.dsb.org](http://www.dsb.org), then click the “Community” tab, followed by “eFlyer Service”. The site is very user friendly and self explanatory.

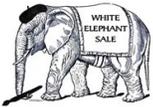
## White Elephant Garage Sale

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

**Date: Tuesday, June 2,3 and 4, 2015**

**Time: 8:00am – 4:00 pm**

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



We will be taking any and all donations all day in our gymnasium on June 2. 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 June 2,3 and the 4th!

## 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](http://www.nsts.ca).



## Fundraising for the 2015-2016 School Year

Parents were surveyed last year to determine whether fundraising was a viable option. Even though parents determined that they would prefer NOT to fundraise and would rather donate online, our school has not received any donations online. We REALLY depend on the fundraising dollars to offset bussing costs, purchasing technology, library, physical education resources and the list goes on. Since the selling of chocolate bars has been very profitable for our school, we will still continue to sell chocolate bars during the Fall. Other details will follow next year!

**Are you interested in leaving your legacy on one of our outdoor benches to commemorate our 50th ANNIVERSARY? Details will be sent home soon! Enjoy a safe and relaxing summer everyone!**

Only **5%** of kids get the **60 MINUTES** of activity they require every day.

## Backpack must-haves to encourage active play

**RUBBER BALL**  
Kids aged 5-17 spend **63%** of their free time being sedentary. A ball, chalk or skipping rope close at hand will encourage spontaneous, active games with friends.

**PEDOMETER**  
Make a game out of getting healthy with a pedometer by letting them log the total amount of steps they take in a day.

**SUN HAT & SUNSCREEN**  
Kids need a sun hat and sunscreen. Remember to slather them up and send them off with extra sunblock to enjoy outdoor play.

**DON'T OVERPACK!**  
Experts recommend that kids carry **no more than 10-15%** of their total body weight.

**MOBILE PHONE**  
Parents worry about the safety of their child. A phone can help you stay in touch with your kids while they walk to and from school, or play outside with friends.

**HELMET**  
Wheeling to and from school will quickly add up to a much healthier lifestyle. Walking or running are also great ways to travel.  
*62% of parents say their children are always driven to school. Why not let them walk or wheel?*

**JACKET**  
Weather is one barrier to active play, so be ready for rain or shine with a rain jacket.  
*Always make sure that the clothes your child wears to school are comfortable to move in and suitable to play in.*

ParticipACTION encourages kids to move throughout the school day, in every way. With these simple tricks and tools in your child's backpack, they will be encouraged to play outside every day, and walk or wheel on the way!

Source: Active Healthy Kids Canada Report Card (2013, 2014)

### 24 THINGS EVERY CANADIAN CHILD SHOULD DO BY THE AGE OF 12:

1. Experience total weightlessness at the top of a swing
2. Skip stones across water
3. Play leap frog
4. Hang upside down from a tree limb
5. Jump into water cold enough that it almost takes their breath away
6. Throw rocks or snowballs at a post from a distance until they get a bulls eye
7. Ride a bike with no hands
8. Paddle a canoe
9. Piggyback someone
10. Roll down a hill
11. Try a sport that requires a helmet
12. Collect something in a forest



13. Make up a dance routine
14. Slide down something on a piece of cardboard
15. Build a fort
16. Hike somewhere for a picnic
17. Bury someone they love in the sand
18. Play outside in the rain
19. Jump in a pile of leaves
20. Make a snow angel
21. Fly a kite
22. Create an obstacle course
23. Swim in a lake or an ocean
24. Make up a game involving a ball

**LONGEST DAY OF PLAY**