



# Cherrywood Acres Public School

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

## WELCOME!

It's that time of year when we wait in anticipation for our students to walk through the Cherrywood Acres Public School doors at 8:55 a.m. on this Tuesday morning. Our students are probably wondering what this year will bring, in terms of exciting things that they will learn, feedback from teachers as to their next steps for learning, the new friends they will meet and the activities that are in store for them. It will be wonderful to hear all the chatter about their summer vacations! As a staff, we welcome everyone back and extend a special welcome to families who are new to our community as well as to our families who have children just beginning their adventure in our Kindergarten program. We have much to share with you and all of us are looking forward to our continued partnership. I am very honoured to be working alongside such a dedicated staff at Cherrywood Acres Public School and look forward to meeting all our students! We trust that throughout the year, both teachers, and parent(s)/guardian(s) will communicate closely so that we can work for the benefit of each child. We welcome your active involvement and your ongoing interest in the daily events, activities and programs at our school. With your help this will truly be another successful school year for all of us.

Sincerely, Mrs. Genny Weerdenburg (Principal)

## CROSSING GUARDS

As you may know, the City of Niagara Falls provides all our schools with Crossing Guards for student safety. We have **four** Crossing Guards supporting our students and I would like to introduce each one of them to you.

1. Pettit Ave. and Morrison St. (Jeannette). Jeannette will be stationed at this intersection during the following times: 8:15 - 9:00 a.m.; 1:00 - 1:45 p.m. and 3:15 - 3:50 p.m.
2. Morrison St. and Portage Rd. (Ailene). Aileen will be stationed at this crossing from 8:15 - 8:55 a.m. and 3:00 - 3:50 p.m.
3. Dorchester Rd. and Dianne St. (Carmello). Carmello will be stationed at this intersection from 8:05 - 8:50 a.m. and 3:20 - 4:00 p.m.
4. **NEW!!!** Morrison St. and Drummond Rd. is now a **TWO GUARD LOCATION** (Diane AND Janet). Diane and Janet will be stationed at this major intersection from 8:00 - 8:55 a.m. and from 3:10 - 3:50 p.m..

**ALL School Crossing Locations and Shift Times are now posted on the City of Niagara Falls' website!**

## A Reminder To Parents

Parents who are meeting their child at the end of the school day are asked to wait outside of the building to ensure the smooth and safe dismissal of ALL the children. Should your child need to be picked up sometime during the school day for appointments, please come to the office and wait for your child to arrive at the office. We ask that you *sign out* your child in our binder to indicate that you have taken your child from school. We will be discouraging student requests to phone home or your place of work for parents/guardians to bring their homework, gym clothes or nutrition break food. Please help us in promoting responsibility amongst our students.

## OUR STUDENT AGENDAS

This year we have included many resources for you AND your child in his/her AGENDA. Please take a look inside the AGENDA for the following: the balanced school day times for our school, the Code of Behaviour (*throughout the month of September during the morning announcements, we will have contests for our students about our Code of Behaviour offering neat prizes!*), information about Learning Skills (eight of them!), information about concussions, Primary, Junior and Intermediate Reading Strategies, many Mathematics supports for both you and your child to explore and many great ideas for learning French as a Second Language! EXPLORE!

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

Please consider coming to our School Council meetings which are always posted on our Cherrywood Acres Public School website CALENDAR. If you are not sure that you want to be a member, please consider coming out for our first meeting which will be Monday, October 19, 2015 at 6:30 pm. in our school Learning Commons and meet everyone.



## We Can't Wait Until You See Our School!

Our school is so clean that we thank our Caretaker, Mrs. Holder, for its appearance. Cleaning a school is quite a process and when you see our school you will truly be impressed! Thank you Mrs. Holder for making sure that everything is spotless for the new school year! Our Learning Commons is now complete and MANY THANKS to families who purchase our NEVADA ticket sales that directly support our LEARNING COMMONS.

## Our Monthly Newsletter

The Cherrywood Acres Public School Newsletter will be available on the Cherrywood Acres Public School website sometime during the last week of each month in an effort to minimize our carbon footprint. The Cherrywood Acres Public School **Code of Behaviour** and **A Parent Guide to the Cherrywood Acres Public School Safe School Plan** (and other neat things) are also available on our school website: <http://cherrywood.dsbns.org>. We are working very hard in continuing our efforts to be an environmentally conscientious school. Should you not have access to a computer, please contact the school *each month* for a copy of the newsletter. Our CALENDAR FOR 2015-2016 is under construction with last minute detailing and the CALENDAR should be available on line during the second week of school as we firm up some dates. STAY TUNED!

## INSURE YOUR CHILD. ACCIDENTS CAN HAPPEN.

Is your child insured for medical and dental costs in case of accidental injury? The DSBN 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 an accident. Reliable Life Student Accident Insurance forms have been sent home to assist you in getting coverage. Or you can visit [www.insuremykids.com](http://www.insuremykids.com) to apply on line. It costs as little as \$8.00 per student for one year of basic school day/school activity coverage.

## 2015-2016 School Year STAFF

I am pleased to introduce to you our current staffing for 2015-2016:

KINDERGARTEN :	Mr . Folino and Mrs. Schmagala
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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:	Ms. Riel
Structured Strategies Program:	Mr. Smelko
Education Assistants:	Mrs. Godin, Miss Lowen, Mrs. Hillhouse Miss Webb, Mrs. Kostas, Ms. Hass Mr. Whitehead , Miss Murdock
French/Librarian:	Mme. Rocca
Music:	Mrs. Towner
Physical Education:	Mrs. Vaccaro
Learning Resource Teacher:	Mrs. Corapi
Youth Counsellor:	Ms. Tew-Sample
Secretary:	Mrs. Sielicki
Caretaker:	Mrs. Holder
Evening Cleaners:	Mr. Beauprit/Mr. McCallister
Principal:	Mrs. Weerdenburg

We are also very pleased to continue our partnership with A CHILD'S WORLD for *before and after school* childcare and we welcome Melissa Decker and Natasha Freitas as the new Registered Early Childhood Educators.

Please note that should our student enrolment increase during the first week of school, we will need to reorganize our classrooms and it may be possible that your child may (or may not be) in the same classroom that was posted on the first day of school.

Thank you for your patience, if this becomes the case. The reorganization would become effective September 21, 2015 however students may or may not be organized into their classrooms on the Friday prior. I will keep you informed if student enrolment increases. This is a process.

## What's Up In Our Community?

Being environmentally conscientious has never been more important. By conserving power, increasing recycling, and implementing other waste reduction strategies, students and schools across the District School Board of Niagara (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.

## What's Happening in September?

### REMEMBER

+ Our first Early Release Day is Friday, September 18, 2015. This means that students in Grades K-8 will be dismissed to go home at 12:15 p.m.. Staff will be involved in Professional Development for the afternoon.

- ◆ Our TERRY FOX WALK/RUN will be held during the afternoon of Friday, September 25, 2015 and we welcome our community to join us. Details will follow with each individual class.
- ◆ Our MEET THE STAFF OPEN HOUSE is on Wednesday, September 23 at 4:00 p.m.

## KINDERGARTEN MAGAZINE FUNDRAISING

We welcome your support of our Kindergarten through participating in the sale of magazine subscriptions. QSP has over 600 magazines in their program, with some great titles available for your children! If you are currently subscribing to a magazine that may be up for renewal soon, it would be very much appreciated if you didn't renew your subscriptions through the publisher, but rather waited for our campaign to start so the students can take your orders. However, please save your renewal notices - if the publisher's offer is lower priced than in the brochure you will be receiving, you can attach the renewal notice to your order and still pay the lower price! Thank you in advance for "saving" your magazine orders and helping make our future campaign a great success! Further information will be coming home with your child in early September. Please support them. Details will eventually follow.

## Fundraising for the 2015-2016 School Year

Families were invited 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 ONLINE DONATIONS. Since the selling of chocolate bars is very profitable for our school, we will, however, still continue to sell chocolate bars beginning October of this school year.

**You have no idea how happy we are to see you again!**