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Cheetah Chatter

Cherrywood Acres Public School



From the desk of Mrs. Baggs

It seems like the year is just flying by as we enter the last two months for this school year. I would like to take this opportunity to appreciate and thank the wonderful teachers here at Cherrywood. Their dedication to meet the needs of all students in their classrooms and their drive to get students involved in school life is seen daily. I am impressed with the amount of time our teachers give to run clubs and activities for our students. This is all done on top of the many hours it takes to plan, assess and teach lessons in the classroom. I know you join me in thanking them for this dedication.

DSBN Education Week a Success!

April was a "green" month at our school! During Green Week, our students were learning about the environment and leading the way in the greening of our school. From April 27-May 1 all schools at the DSBN celebrated Education Week. This year's theme, "Energizing Young Minds" focused very fittingly on environmental education.

At Cherrywood school, we celebrated Education Week by celebrating the Arts at our Showcase.



Fundraisers

Our thanks goes out to the many families that supported our fundraisers. We raised about \$200 from the "Cards by Me" campaign which will support more home reading and library materials for the school. We raised \$600 from the dance-a-thon to buy recess equipment. Thank you to those parents who are selling chocolate bars for us. Money is due May 13th. Thanks to Kim Martignago, and Jolene Adamo for their help with these events.

District School Board of Niagara

May 2009

Special points of interest:

- ☺ June Dates
- ☺ Save our Subscriptions
- ☺ Code of Conduct
- ☺ Moving? Please inform the office

Dates to Remember

Events	Dates
Colour House Day	May 4
Track & Field Oaks Park	May 5
Fun Fair	May 14
PD Day No School	May 15
Victoria Day No School	May 18
EQAO	May 26-28 Jun 1-5

Character Trait for May—Loyalty

We are focussing our attention on the character trait

LOYALTY. We are encouraging our students to think about their actions and being supportive and respecting others in our school community

You can help build Loyalty at home by encouraging your children to be proud of their

community and heritage while not putting others down; and standing up for what they believe in in a respectful and positive way. You can build family loyalty by encouraging family unity through time spent together. Check out page 132 in your child's agenda for more ideas

Students who display this trait will be recognized through our "Student of the Month" Program.



Fun Fair

Cherrywood will be hosting a Community Fun Fair on **Thursday, May 14th** from 4:30pm to 8pm. We are planning on having games, food, baggie raffle, face painting, inflatables and a dunk tank. This event is for family and friends to come out and mingle with other families in our community right here in the Cherrywood field.

We hope to see everyone there. Closer to the event, tickets will be sold in advance and sent home the day of the fair. The tickets will be for games and activities as well as food. Of course tickets will be on sale the night of the event too! Ticket prices will be \$.50 each, 25 for \$10.00, 50 for \$20.00.

Be a Germ Stopper!

Did you know that serious respiratory illnesses like influenza, and whooping cough are spread by:

- * Coughing or sneezing &
- * Unclean hands

To help stop the spread of germs:

- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
- If you do not have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve, not your hands.
- Put your used tissue in the waste basket immediately afterwards.

Clean your hands after coughing or sneezing with soap and running warm water or an alcohol-based hand rub.

Make stopping germs easy:

- Keep tissues handy.
- When you can't get to a sink, have hand sanitizer at the ready.
- Be a role model: teach your children the proper way to cough and sneeze and we will all be healthier for it!

Arts Showcase



Wow what a wonderful evening! I am so proud of the students for their hard work and dedication to the arts. It

was nice to be entertained by singing, bells, recorders and boom whackers. The dancing was incredible. I am sure everyone enjoyed the fantastic art throughout the school hallways. Thank you for the help from our many students, staff and parents during the event and the planning. Thank you to our sponsors who donated items: Frado's Restaurant, The Epicurean Restaurant, Far East Restaurant, Carousel Players, Showboat Theatre, HOCO, Niagara Parks, Pur Fitness, Master Cuts, Fire Hall Theatre, Greg Frewin Theatre, Michelle's Yoga, Glo, Niagara Falls Sportsplex. We raised \$1000 for Arts programs at Cherrywood on that evening.

Literacy Corner

All students at Cherrywood continue to focus on answering questions and proving answers using text. Often this is practiced in class through discussion and then in writing. These skills are to encourage deeper thinking from our students as they read. The Ontario curriculum requires students of all grades to accomplish deeper thinking such as making connections and understanding different points of view in reading and writing.

As your children read at home, ask them about what they are learning and what they think about. Asking your children to tell you 'how they know' will help them practice these skills.



Sports

Our athletes have been busy with basketball, badminton and rugby. Thank you to all teachers for their time spent coaching. Thank you to our parents for driving our athletes to their games.

May brings the rest of our rugby season and track & field.

Runners Raise Over \$10,000 for Charity at DSNB Road Race

More than 1,000 pairs of feet hit the pavement for a good cause at this year's annual DSNB Road Race. Enthusiastic participants took part in either the 1 km Fun Run or the 5 km Road Race.

When the final tally was recorded, the organizing committee was pleased to announce that over \$10,000 of much needed funding had been raised and would be shared evenly by the Education Foundation of Niagara and Niagara Nutrition Partners. Thanks to all Cherrywood families who participated.

A Special Thank You

Thank you to all parents for keeping the office informed when your child is away. Your efforts keep the office running smoothly in the morning. Great job!!!

Please remember that if you are dropping off lunches or misc. items for your child, they must be left at the office. This is to ensure safety and that all people in the building belong. It also interrupts learning and concentration when visitors go to classrooms.



Thank you for your help in this matter.

Year End Planning

Primary Trip will be Discovery Centre June 18
Gr 4 trip will be the Greg Frewin Theatre June 22
Grade 5&6 trip will be June 19th to the Waterpark at Fallsview
Intermediate Camp Trip will be June 15-19
Grade 8 Graduation is Tuesday, June 23 at the Church
Report Cards go home June 23rd
Last day of classes will be Wednesday, June 24th
Please return Library books June 2nd for inventory.
If you are moving over the summer please let Mrs Liboiron in our office know.

Our Book Fair

This beach themed book fair was a HUGE SUCCESS. We raised over \$1000 towards literacy resources within the school & for the library. Thank you to all of the parents who volunteered hours to work the fair. Thank you also to all of the parents and to the staff at Cherrywood for your support in buying books.

School is Closed

Friday, May 15 is a Professional Development Day. Our staff are working together on curriculum and planning. There is no school that day. **Monday, May 18** is Victoria Day and school is closed. Enjoy a safe and happy weekend.

Track and Field

This year we are having our school meet at Oaks Park on May 5th. This allows our students to use the best equipment and get use to the larger event location. A letter with details about the day and transportation has come home. If you require more details, please contact Miss Darling.



EQAO is Coming ...

That's the name for the Provincial testing from the Education Quality Accountability Office (EQAO) with the Ministry of Education. Students in Grade 3 will participate in these assessments sometime during the week of June 1- June 5, 2009. The Grade 6 students will participate during the week of May 25- May 29, 2009. More information will follow to the classes that are involved. Please plan to make sure that your child is in attendance and schedule any appointments outside of these time frames.

SOS SAVE OUR SUBSCRIPTIONS

This coming fall our school will be providing the opportunity to renew and/or purchase new magazine subscriptions through the QSP Family Reading Fundraising Program. Please ignore any notices from the publishers asking you to renew now and instead, support our school's fundraising efforts in the fall. Please share this message with other family and friends who order through our program. As always, you will receive the best price while our school retains a substantial portion as profit (approx. 40%).

SAFE SCHOOL POLICY AND CODE OF CONDUCT BEHAVIOUR REMINDERS

1. DRESS CODE:

With warmer weather fast approaching students are being reminded of the dress code. We find that dress affects both behaviour and attitude and it is expected that all students will dress in accordance with the time and place. Hats, bandanas and headbands are not to be worn inside the building, except for medical or religious reasons. We recommend that your child have an extra pair of indoor shoes at school at all times as muddy shoes are not to be worn inside the building.

Inappropriate dress includes half shirts, short cut-offs, muscle shirts, beach wear, halter

tops, clothing bearing written statements that might be considered in bad taste. Clothing must be free from heavy or long chains, spikes, etc., which might affect the student's safety or the safety of others.

2.. LEAVING FOR LUNCH:

Now that the weather is beginning to improve many of our students are leaving the school for lunch. If arrangements have changed since September when you filled out our lunch information form please send Mrs. Baggs a letter with the changes.

3. BICYCLES:

Please remember that helmets are MANDATORY for ALL students. NO helmet means NO bicycle allowed at school. It is the responsibility of each bicycle

owner to provide a lock for his/her bicycle. All students are expected to respect the property of others by keeping away from bicycles not belonging to them. Skateboards, scooters, wheelie shoes and roller blades are NOT allowed at school.

4. SUN SAFETY:

On sunny days students are encouraged to take precautions against sunburn and sunstroke. Students are encouraged to limit their physical activity and remain in the shady areas. They are encouraged to wear clothing that covers most of their body, wear a hat and use sun screen. We also encourage students to have a water bottle available at school each day.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN MAKING CHERRYWOOD ACRES A SAFE SCHOOL FOR EVERYONE!!

May 2009

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					1 Gr 7/8 C&C/D&T Pizza Lunch 	2
3	4 Colour House Day	5 Track & Field @ Oaks Park Gr 3-8 Rugby @ Greendale	6 JK/SK Lambs trip Skipping Club	7 Badminton Tournament Rugby @ Kate S. Durdan	8 Subway Lunch 	9
10 Mothers' Day 	11 Gr 1 Safety Village trip	12 Gr 2 & 2/3 St. John's Trip Rugby @ Greendale	13	14 Fun Fair 4:30-8pm Pita Lunch	15 PD Day No School	16
17	18 Victoria Day No School	19 Gr 7/8 C&C/D&T Rugby Playoffs	20	21 Regional Track & Field Rugby playoffs	22 Pizza Lunch 	23
24 EQAO begins this week for grade 6	25	26	27	28 Gr 5 Pen Pal trip	29 Hot Dog Lunch 	30
31 EQAO begins this week for grade 3						