



# The Puma Pinnacle

OCTOBER 2018

Pine Grove Public School,  
690 Lake Street, St. Catharines, L2N 4J5  
<http://pinegrove.dsbn.org>

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA

MR. BRAD DIGWEED—PRINCIPAL

## Mark Your Calendar

### Message from the Office

**5th– Gr. 1 1/2 & 2  
Trip to Jack Grunsky**

**5th:** Int. Volleyball  
Semi Finals

**7th:** Int. Volleyball  
Semi Finals

**9th:** Remembrance  
Day Assembly

**14th:** Gr. 8 Visit to  
Governor Simcoe

**15th:** Gr. 1, 1/2 Trip to  
Library

**16th:** Professional De-  
velopment Day

**20th-22nd:** Scholastic  
Book Fair

**20th:** School Council  
@ 6:00 p.m. in the  
library

*I am so pleased to be filling in for Mr. Digweed while he is away. I have found Pine Grove to be a wonderful school, filled with kind and cooperative students as well as many excellent and dedicated teachers. I do have a historical connection to Pine Grove, as my own three boys (now grown young men), once attended here as well. We have many fond memories of Pine Grove and It's great to see that it is still the wonderful school we remember from those days. The staff have been very helpful in ensuring that things move along smoothly here as always. Thanks to all staff, students and parents who have been helpful and have made me feel welcome.*

*Mr. Digweed has called me to report that his recovery is going well and that he is already feeling much stronger. It is his hope to begin to return to work in a few weeks. We wish him well as continues to get well.*

*Early Progress reports will go home with students on Thursday, November 8 along with an invitation to make an appointment for Parent-Teacher meetings on Thursday, November 15. Please return the Interview Request Form with your child as soon as possible.*

*Mr. E Goerzen  
Acting Principal*

### Adopt a School Program

Congratulations to our school and community on a successful Indigo Adopt a School campaign! Thank you for joining the Indigo Love of Reading Foundation in their ambition to make Canadian children the best readers in the world. Together as a school and community we raised \$1070 for the Pine Grove Library. A special thank you to Mrs. Boyd for her help in running this campaign as always .

### Parent Council

Meeting—November 20th, 6 p.m. in Learning Commons

Please join us and provide input into the structure of the new subcommittees. Parent involvement is critical to the success of any school.



**Students of the Month**

Congratulations to all of our students of the Month for October. These students demonstrated excellence and/or leadership either as an individual, community member or a learner.

Teacher	Individual	Community	Learner
Dyck/Nevar/Israeli		Lincoln D-G. Aurora Y.	Sera L.
Penlington/Futino	Ruby M.	Jace M.	Cameron M.
Crane/McDougall	Abby B.	Aiden M.	Lucy L.
Halfyard	Jaydon M.	Calista V.	Noah D.
Delahunt	Tavis B.	Panut O.	Hudson M.
Quiquero	Gavin C.	Gavin V.	Nikolas P.
Dowds	Peyton N.	Emily F.	Maitland K.
Snider	Eugene O.	Karson T.	Gemma G.
Whitesell	Cole E.	Cece B.	Samantha C.
Kond	Keagan M.	Campbell H.	Alex G. Matt H.
Ferretti	Rachael L.	Luke B.	Jordan S.
Keeping		Anna H.	Kaitlin Cecilia N.
McNarry		Zack I. Andy Z.	Braedon M.

**DSBN Parent Involvement Committee**

Please join us for an evening of learning and **FREE** workshops.

Registration, Food & Child Care **FREE!**  
Wed. November 7, 2018  
4pm to 8:15pm at Eden High School  
535 Lake Street St. Catharines

Register online at [www.dsbn.org/pic](http://www.dsbn.org/pic) OR  
call the office for assistance.

**Grade 8 Students and Parents: Save the Date!**

Starting high school is a huge step in a student's life. While it's definitely an exciting time, it also brings many questions. A great way to have your questions answered is to attend High School Open Houses from November 26-29. Details about the open houses will be shared in mid-October.

**Governor Simcoe: Nov. 26th @ 6:00 p.m.**  
**Eden: Nov. 29th @ 6:30 p.m.**  
**Laura Secord: Nov. 28th @ 6:00 p.m.**  
**St. Cath. Collegiate: Nov. 27th @ 6:00 p.m.**

## School Spirit

Just a reminder that our PUMA spiritwear is available for order online. There is a direct hyperlink on the right side of our Pine Grove homepage (Spiritwear Orders) that takes customers to the Big Bear Spiritwear website. You can shop online and make all purchases directly on their site. All deliveries are made to the school.

## Remembrance Day Assembly

Please join us on November 9th, 2018 at 10:30 for the Remembrance Day Assembly. Poppies will be available in the office with a donation. We would be honoured to have students and members of our Pine Grove community who are members or veterans of the military join us in uniform.



## Me To We

We, the members of the Pine Grove Me to We Club, would like to thank members of the Pine Grove community who donated generously to our campaign for nonperishable goods for Community Care. We were once again overwhelmed by your generosity towards our WE SCARE Hunger campaign. Thank you!

## ■ The Scholastic Book Fair



The Scholastic Book Fair is coming once again to Pine Grove School! Not only is this a fabulous fundraiser, it is a great way to promote reading and literacy to our students. Last year our book fairs generated over \$6000 in resources for our library and classrooms!

The book fair will run from Tuesday November 20 until Thursday November 22.

We invite your entire family to visit our book fair and we will offer a wide variety of books. We will also offer the convenience of payment by debit and credit card as well.

Once again, we are asking for reliable volunteers to assist us with running the book fair. This support is key to its success. Please let Ms. MacCrimmon or Mrs. Brooks know if you would be able to volunteer. We hope to have our volunteer schedule completed by November 14. Thank you in advance for your assistance!

### Setting up the fair:

■ Monday, November 19 from 1pm -3pm

### Running the fair:

■ Tuesday, November 20 from 9am - 12pm, 12pm - 3:00 and 3:00 - 5:00

■ Wednesday, November 21 from 9am - 12pm and 12pm - 3:30

■ Thursday, November 22 from 9am - 11am

■ **Closing the fair:** Thursday November 24 from 11am - 1pm

■ We need at least 2 volunteers for each time slot. If you want to volunteer at the same time as a friend, let us know and we'll schedule you together!

## Pine Grove - TD Friends Of The Environment Grant Recipient

We are very excited to announce that Pine Grove has been awarded the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation Grant! This foundation supports a wide range of environmental initiatives, with a primary funding focus on revitalizing, animating and stewarding public green spaces. We look forward to using this grant to promote health and wellness through a community green space. A presentation of the cheque will take place during our November monthly assembly. Stay-tuned for details! Thank you!

Kristy Penlington.