



The Puma Pinnacle

SEPTEMBER 2018

Pine Grove Public School,
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<http://pinegrove.dsb.org>

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA

MR. BRAD DIGWEED— PRINCIPAL

Mark Your Calendar

September 14
Early Release Day &
Terry Fox event

September 19
Welcome Back BBQ
(5 p.m.—7p.m.)

September 24
First Cross Country
Meet

September 25
Parent Council Meeting
6 pm in Learning
Commons

September 26
Picture Day

September 26
Rowan's Law Day

September 28
Me to We Day

October 1
Orange T-Shirt Day

Message from the Office

Happy September to all of our Puma Students, Families and Staff!

The end of long summer days may be a time of melancholy for some but not for us here at Pine Grove. We are bursting with excitement to welcome our whole Puma community back to the action at Pine Grove. Over the summer, we had additional renovations to create two new classrooms. We are thrilled to embrace this new school year and are committed to spending our time building the Puma community, providing children with an engaging and fun learning atmosphere and enhancing the lives of everyone who walks through our doors and calls Pine Grove their home for the school year.

We especially welcome those new to our school this year. We will work hard to ensure that you feel a part of our family and celebrate the unique qualities you bring to our school! We also welcome many new staff to Pine Grove and know that the students and families will make them feel welcome.

This year our school will focus on, "Being Better by Working Together!" We learn and grow the best when we help each other out and respect our differences. Pine Grove has already established a culture of excellence that we will build upon by focusing on becoming an even closer caring community.

All of our teaching and office staff here at Pine Grove are focused on success for your child (ren). We want them to feel safe, happy, excited, and enthusiastic about their day at school. We want to feel connected to your child and to the whole family so please do not hesitate to drop by and say hello or set up a time to meet with at any point during the year. We are your school and your community—here for you whenever you need us!

A note will come home on Monday, September 10 on how to sign up to the Remind App for Pine Grove. This will be the primary communication tool the office will use to keep our families informed about everything that happens at Pine Grove. Please look for that next week.

Looking forward to a fantastic year at Pine Grove!

Sincerely,

Mr. B. Digweed



Parent Council
Meeting— September 25, 6 p.m. in Learning Commons

Looking to get involved in your child's school, consider coming to a parent council meeting. Joining the parent council provides you with the opportunity to meet other parents and discuss issues concerning your child and further developing your connection to the Pine Grove community.

Staff

We welcome many new staff to Pine Grove this year. We are excited about all the many talents they bring. The following is a list of your Pine Grove staff for 2018-2019 school year. Please note that staff does change throughout the year and we will keep you posted through our newsletters.

Kindergarten (KDG1)	Mrs. Dyck/Mrs. Esraelian	DECE Mrs. Nevar
Kindergarten (KDG2)	Mrs. Penlington	DECE Mrs. Futino
Kindergarten (KDG3)	Mrs. Crane	DECE Mrs. McDougall
Grade 1	Mrs. Halfyard	Ed. Assistant Mrs. Graham
Grade 1/2	Mrs. Delahunt	Ed. Assistant Ms. Ciaraldi
Grade 2	Mrs. Quiquero	Instructional Support Mrs. Schell
Grade 3	Mrs. Meleskie	Youth Counsellor Mrs. Mestek
Grade 3	Ms. Dowds	Custodian Ms. Stephen
Grade 4	Mrs. Snider	Night Custodian Hick
Grade 4/5	Mrs. Whitesell	Lunch Supervisor Mrs. Martin
Grade 5/6	Ms. Kond	Lunch Supervisor Mr. Curry
Grade 6	Mr. Leighton	Lunch Supervisor Mrs. Wright
Grade 7/8	Mrs. Ferretti	Lunch Supervisor Mrs. Nicol
Grade 7/8	Mrs. Keeping	Lunch Supervisor Ms. Neff
Grade 7/8	Mrs. McNarry	LRT Mrs. Brooks
French	Madame Buck	Secretary Mrs. Klassen
Prep	Mrs. Doiron	Principal Mr. Digweed
Library/Prep	Mrs. MacCrimmon	

The Terry Fox Walk will be taking place on Friday, September 14th on the morning of the Early Release Day. We hope that the students can support the event by wearing red & white for Terry Fox! An optional donation of a loonie or twoonie would be very appreciated.

Plan of Care for School Medical Concerns & Students with Prevalent Medical Conditions

It is essential that any medical conditions or concerns are brought to the attention of the Principal or office. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to inform the Principal, in writing, that his/her child has a special medical problem. An **Emergency Action Plan/Plan of Care** is to be created for students with medical problems such as: **Severe Allergies (Anaphylaxis), Epilepsy, Asthma, or Diabetes.** Please contact the office if you have any questions or need to request the forms.