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NOVEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Hard to believe we are into the month of November already. As we head into November, you can look forward to receiving your child's Progress Report on November 9th. As I have been discussing the student progress with the teachers, I continue to be impressed with the academic achievements of so many of our students. We have a Parent/Teacher interview night set up for November 16th. In some classes, teachers will be setting aside alternative dates as well. This is a great opportunity to be involved and to discuss what you can do to support your child's education.

Mr. Carl Glauser, Principal

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH FOR OCTOBER 2017

Congratulations go out to the Students of the Month who were chosen by their teacher for October. They will be recognized at our assembly on Thursday, November 2. The students were excellent role models for their peers on our Character Education Trait this month, **HONESTY**.



Teacher	Individual Award	Learner Award	Community Member Award
Ms. Snider	Hyllary B.	Kenna H.	Jakob H.
Mrs. Pennington	Isaac B.	Ardyn K.	Marie L.
Mrs. Halfyard	Chace V.	Gavin C.	Emma H.
Ms Delahunt	Alex C.	Reyce S.	Ryleigh W.;
Ms. Quiquero	Rabia M.	Olivia R.	Emily F.
Ms. Dowds	Tola A.	Veronica C.	-----
Mrs. Meleskie	Shyla B./Haroon A.	Stella R./Ben V.	-----
Ms. Snider	Jett M.	Charley G.	Abby H.
Mrs. Whitesell	Samantha C.	Ciera S.	Tayo A>
Ms. Clarke	Thomas T.	Brogan W.	Mackenzie H.
Mrs. Kond	Maja M.	Kaleb/Abby	Skye U.
Mr. Leighton	Luke H.	Bosten H.	Luke B.
Mrs. Convery	Coen L.	Cecilia N.	-----
Mrs. Mazzuca	Aidan Moore	McKayli V.	Lily L.
Mrs. Crane	Taylor B.	Damari S.	Colton M.

CHARACTER EDUCATION TRAIT

Our character education trait for November is **RESPONSIBILITY**. A responsible person knows that he or she has many jobs to do and often others are counting on him or her to get the job done. When you try your best and work hard to do what you are supposed to do, you show responsibility.

We demonstrate self-discipline, self-control, reliability and are accountable for our choices, words and actions. We take care of others and our environment.





CHANGES IN THE WEATHER

Please make sure that your child comes to school dressed appropriately for the upcoming weather with a warm coat, hat, mittens/gloves, boots, snow pants, etc.

REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY

On **Friday, November 10th**, at approximately 10:30 a.m., we will be having a Remembrance Day Service in the gym. Parents are welcome to attend. We encourage our students who belong to Cubs, Brownies, etc. to wear their uniforms on this day. All other students are reminded to wear red, white and black. Each student will be given a poppy provided by the Canadian Legion. Donations to the Legion poppy fund will be collected by your child's teacher prior to the service.

JUNIOR AND INTERMEDIATE SOCCER



Congratulations to the junior and intermediate soccer teams this term. Both tournaments were played on very warm days. The kids had a lot of fun and had a lot of sweat to show for it! The intermediates managed to capture a silver medal. Way to go Pumas!

LOST AND FOUND

It's not yet winter and already our lost and found is overflowing with hoodies, t-shirts, pants, shoes, lunch bags, etc. Please take the time to come in and have a look if your child is missing any clothing articles. Lost and found items will be donated to a local charity if not claimed.

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 almost \$3000 in resources for our library and classrooms!

We invite your entire family to visit our book fair. The book fair will run from Tuesday, November 21st to Friday the 24th. We are pleased to offer hundreds of quality children's books with a wide assortment of titles for all reading levels. Payment options include cash, debit and credit.

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. Thank you in advance for your assistance!

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DAY

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH IS A PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DAY FOR ALL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS. THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN ON THIS DAY DUE TO STAFF INVOLVEMENT IN WORKSHOPS AND MEETINGS.



INDIGO ADOPT A SCHOOL

A giant thank you to members of the Pine Grove community for donating online and sharing stories to help us raise **\$920** for the Pine Grove Learning Commons! We are looking forward to putting that money to good use in purchasing new and exciting books for the students. Thank you to Mrs. Boyd for help in organizing the campaign.

TRICK OR EAT!!



On Halloween, members of the "Me to We" Club participated in "We Scare Hunger" putting a new spin on the annual night of giving! We Scare Hunger is a national day of action, for young people to come together and actively show that they want to make a difference on the issue of hunger in their communities.

This year the Me to We Club will be working hard to raise money to build a school in a third world country. Over the next two years, our goal is to raise over \$10,000 towards this initiative! One of our first major fundraisers will be a book fair that will take place at the vendor fair on Saturday, November 18th, 2017 in the Learning Commons. Donations of gently loved books would be greatly appreciated towards the fair!

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The next School Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday, November 28th**. We hope to see you there! Poinsettia Fundraiser Information will be sent home soon.



FREE DENTAL SCREENING COMING TO YOUR SCHOOL

A Public Health registered dental hygienist is scheduled to visit Pine Grove School on November 21st & 22nd to provide dental screening to students in JK, SK, Grades 2, 4, 6 & 8 as required under the Health Protection and Promotion Act.

During this time, the registered dental hygienist will perform a quick visual inspection of each child's teeth to determine his/her dental needs. Parents will be contacted if their child requires immediate dental care. The Healthy Smiles Ontario program may financially assist children who do not have access to required dental care. Please contact the Public Health dental program if:

- You wish to exclude your child from dental screening
- Your child is not in one of the targeted grades and you would like him/her to participate

In addition to dental screening, JK/SK students have an opportunity to receive an optional free fluoride varnish application if they have returned a signed consent form. Call the Dental Health Line at 905-688-8248 or 1-800-505-6074 or email dental@niagararegion.ca.

LATE STUDENTS



We have a number of students who seem to be late quite frequently. Please remember that our morning bell rings at **8:40 a.m.** this year. It is very important for your child to enter the school with his/her classmates every morning. Remember that we are encouraging our students to become responsible citizens in our community.

If your child does arrive after the 8:40 a.m. bell and enters through the front doors of the school, please remind him/her to stop at the school office to let us know they have arrived. Class attendance is taken promptly both morning and afternoon. If the office does not know your child has arrived, a phone call will be made home indicating your child is absent.



CROSS COUNTRY

Our cross country team has had an excellent season so far. Over the past few weeks, we have seen our runners training hard and improving every practice. On Wednesday, September 27th, our team competed in their first Area 4 Meet at Burgoyne Woods and had great results and again on Wednesday, October 4



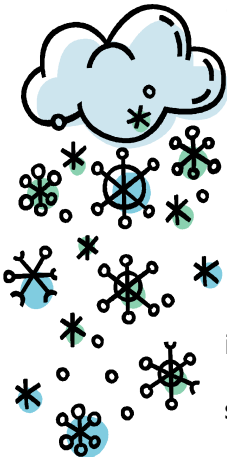
Three of our runners (Pauline R., Miya F. & Luke B.) qualified for the DSNB meet at Fireman's Park in Niagara Falls on Monday, October 16h and all did a great job!

HOMEWORK REQUESTS FOR ABSENT CHILDREN

When your child is absent from school, we are more than happy to collect their homework should you wish to pick it up. However, we ask that you request your child's homework when you call in his/her absence in the morning. The office needs to get the request to the child's homeroom teacher before the 8:40 a.m. bell. Please keep in mind that our teachers are in the classroom all day and it is very difficult for them to gather homework with short notice. We are able to meet these requests more effectively when given sufficient time. All requested homework can be picked up at the office at 3:00 p.m.

In the event that you do plan a family vacation during the school calendar year, please do not expect your child's teacher to provide detailed homework assignments. Parents are encouraged to plan activities such as daily journals, travel logs and reading activities.

INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES FROM THE DSNB



There may be times during the school year where inclement weather or other situations could cause transportation cancellations or school closures. At times when student transportation has been cancelled and schools remain open, the decision of whether or not to have children in school on that day rests with the parent or guardian. **Should you decide not to send your child to school in the event that transportation is cancelled but schools remain open, or if your child is ill or late, please ensure that you call your child's school to inform them of your child's absence.**

A key resource in any emergency is the DSNB Emergency Information form that you filled out at the beginning of the school year. Please let the school know of any changes in contact information or procedures you wish to be followed throughout the school year. Information about transportation cancellations and school closures will be available as soon as possible through the following channels:

Websites:

www.dsnb.org
www.nsts.ca

Subscription Features:

DSNB Facebook or Twitter

Phone:

Niagara Student Transportation Services
950-346-0290

Radio Stations:

CKTB (610 AM) St. Catharines
WAVE (94.7 FM) Hamilton
CKOC (1150 AM) Hamilton
CHML (900 AM) Hamilton
CHAM (820 AM) Hamilton

CHRE (105.7 FM) St. Catharines
CHTZ-FM (97.7 FM) St. Catharines
CKEY (105.1 FM) Niagara Falls/Fort Erie
K-LITE-FM (102.9 FM) Hamilton
GIANT FM (91.7 FM) Welland

Television Stations:

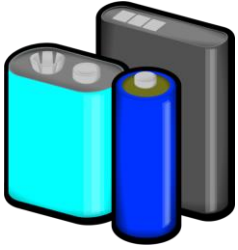
CH - Hamilton
CityTV Breakfast Television

CTV Toronto
Cogeco Channel 10

The final decision as to whether or not to send your children to school during severe weather conditions is ultimately yours!



ONTARIO SCHOOLS BATTERY RECYCLING



Pine Grove School in St. Catharines has signed up to participate in the Ontario Schools Battery Recycling Challenge (OSBRC) developed by Raw Materials Company of Port Colborne, Ontario. The Challenge begins on October 16th and runs until April 22nd, 2018.

The OSBRC is a recycling competition between elementary and secondary schools across Ontario, each vying for a share of a provincial prize pool funded by Raw Materials Company. Last year the OSBRC reached 57,000 students in 100 schools. Together, they recycled 25,628 kilograms of single-use household batteries, diverting hazardous chemicals and reusable materials from Ontario's landfills.

“The Challenge is meant to teach children and their families about the proper ways to handle and store batteries in the home, and how to prepare them for recycling,” explained Sarah Lacharity of Raw Materials Company. “Last year, we awarded cash prizes to the top three schools and the first place school walked away with \$4,498.”

Single-use household batteries make up 80% of all the batteries sold on the market and are more commonly recognized as “non-rechargeable”. Household varieties include AA, AAA, C, D, 6-volt, 9-volt and various button-cell sizes used in watches, musical greeting cards and hearing aids.

The OSBRC encourages fair play and schools are not permitted to receive “previously recycled” batteries from recycling bins throughout the community. “It’s important that we’re recycling batteries that would end up in the landfill otherwise,” added Sarah Lacharity of Raw Materials Company. “The average Canadian household accumulates 1.36 kilograms each year, so there’s more than enough to go around.”

This year, 10% of the OSBRC prize pool will be donated to SickKids Children’s Hospital Foundation in Toronto, Ontario.

To support **Pine Grove School** bid to be the province’s top recycler, please stop by **Pine Grove School at 690 Lake Street** between **8:30 a.m.** and **3:30 p.m.** and recycle your household batteries!



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KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE

DURING YOUR VISIT YOU WILL:

See a
Kindergarten
classroom

Meet the
Kindergarten
Team

Register for
school

Get a fun
goodie bag
with learning
resources



KINDERGARTEN
KICKSTART

Thursday, February 1, 2018

10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

