



THE PUMA PINNACLE

PINE GROVE SCHOOL

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JUNE 2014 NEWSLETTER



FROM MR. GLAUSER

Exciting times as we head into the last weeks of school. I have really enjoyed my first year and would like to thank everyone for welcoming me into the Pine Grove community. We have lots going on during the last month including EQAO assessments, DSBNI Track and Field, 3 Pitch tournaments, Jump Rope for Heart, Talent Show and numerous Field Trips.

The staffing process for a new school year always continues through the summer. Similarly, class lists fall into the same time frame and are usually firmed up during the last week of August. When we organize classes, a great deal of consideration goes into the placement of pupils for next year. When there is more than one class per grade, the staff takes into account the needs of all children in order to provide the best academic and social environments for the students. Regarding class placement, if your child has any significant learning/educational factors that may impact on class placement, please contact Mr. Glauser in writing stating these by Friday, June 6th. Thanks for your attention to this matter.

As it stands at this point, we have the following class organization planned for September 2014:

Full day Kindergarten (3 classes)	Grade 3/4
Grade 1	Grade 4/5
Grade 1 / 2	Grade 6
Grade 2 / 3	Grade 7
Grade 3	Grade 7/8

Please note that the organization may very well change depending on new students coming to Pine Grove School and families moving over the summer.

We have lots to look forward to heading into next year. Next year will be the first one in which we offer full day kindergarten and grade 8. We are also going to be taking over the Michael J. Brennan side of the building and doing extensive renovations in order to create additional classrooms for our growing school. This will be taking place over the summer months, and will house our kindergarten classes next year. It will be great to have brand new learning environments for these students. Looking forward to an awesome final month of school.

Mr. Glauser, Principal

LIBRARY

As we head into the last month of school it is very important that all library books are returned to the Library by June 6th for inventory purposes. Please check at home for any books that may have been borrowed from the library and return them next week.

BELL TIMES

We will be adjusting our bell times next year. The structure of the day will now look like this:

Entry Bell	8:40 a.m.
Instruction Block 1	8:40 - 9:30 a.m.
Instruction Block 1	9:30 - 10:20 a.m.
Nutrition/Fitness Break	10:20 - 11:00 a.m.
Instruction Block 2	11:00 - 11:50 a.m.
Instruction Block 2	11:50 - 12:40 p.m.
Nutrition/Fitness Break	12:40 - 1:20 p.m. (home for lunch)
Instruction Block 3	1:20 - 2:10 p.m.
Instruction Block 3	2:10 - 3:00 p.m.
Dismissal	3:00 p.m.



NEW STUDENT/KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

If you haven't registered your child yet, or if you know of someone in your neighbourhood who has a school aged child, please come into the office to register as soon as possible.

REPORT CARDS



Term 2 report cards will be coming home on **Wednesday, June 25th**. Please complete the Parent Response form and return it to your child's teacher by **Friday, June 27th**.

FRIDAY, JUNE 13TH is a Professional Activity Day at the DSNB.

There will be NO classes for students on this day.

*******LAST DAY OF CLASSES FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR IS FRIDAY, JUNE 27
WITH A REGULAR 3:15 P.M. DISMISSAL *******

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH FOR MAY 2014

Congratulations go out to the Students of the Month who were chosen by their teacher for May. The students were excellent role models for their peers on our Character Education Trait this month, optimism.



TEACHER	ACADEMIC	EFFORT	CHARACTER TRAIT
Mrs. Halfyard	ROAN	CHARLIE	TAYO
Mrs. Dyck-AM	OLIVIA	KEIRAN	BEN
Mrs. Dyck-PM	GIOIA	MALAKHAI	GABRIEL
Ms. Dowds	SPENCER	JAYDEN	TENNY
Ms. Snider	LANDON JACKIE	EVAN	JULIA
Miss Delahunt	ERIC	CADEN	CARLIE
Mrs. Meleskie	JOHN	JAEDEN	JORDAN
Ms. Whitesell	GRIFFIN	MAYA	DYLAN
Ms. Kond	OWEN	EMMA	EMMA
Mr. Leighton	NIYA	QUINTON	DAAMIYA

CHARACTER EDUCATION TRAIT FOR JUNE

Our Character Education trait for June is **FAIRNESS**. Fairness means playing by the rules, taking turns and sharing, being open-minded and really listening to others. Students who practice fairness don't blame others carelessly, don't take advantage of others and treat all people fairly.

YEAR END SCHOOL TRIPS

Just a reminder of our upcoming year end trips. **Please ensure your child arrives at the time indicated on the trip permission form so our buses can depart promptly...**



- All JK/SK classes will be going Happy Rolph's on Tuesday, June 24th in the morning
- Ms. Dowd's, Ms. Snider, Miss Delahunt and Mrs. Meleskie's classes will be heading to the Toronto Zoo on June 26th.
- Ms. Whitesell's Grade 3 / 4 class will be bowling at the Fairview Bowling Lanes on Tuesday, June 24th
- Ms. Kond's Grade 5/6 will be going to Port Dalhousie for a day - date TBD
- Mr. Leighton's Grade 6/7 class are spending the night at Fort George on Wednesday, June 25th, returning Thursday, June 26th

For more information, please contact your child's teacher. **Please remember to contact the Lunch Lady if your child will be missing a Thursday lunch due to a school trip.**

FROM OUR PINE GROVE SCHOOL COUNCIL



On May 1st Pine Grove Pumas danced the day away at our Annual Spring Fling Dance-A-Thon! The Pine Grove community raised \$1700 for our school! Way to go Pumas! All money raised gets used at Pine Grove for items needed in and around the school. A special thank you to all the parent volunteers who took time out of their day to help with the dance-a-thon and to all the staff and students at Pine Grove for making the day so enjoyable. Thank you to The Water Super Store who was kind enough to donate water for the day for all of our thirsty kids! DJ services were provided Dan Doucet.

As school winds down and summer camps start, help out Pine Grove by purchasing Mabel's Label's - <http://www.pgps.mabelslabels.com> - for all your child's belongings! This fundraiser is continuous all year and you can purchase on-line and have the items sent directly to you! A portion of each sale is sent to Pine Grove!

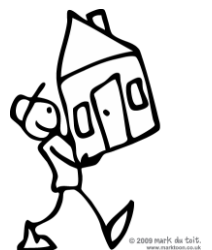
Yearbooks have been ordered and should be delivered the last week of school. If you missed the yearbook deadline and want to order one for your child you can go on-line to our store front and have one shipped directly to you at <http://pinegrove1314.picaboo.com/> Thanks to Jennie Neff for all her hard work in compiling the yearbook!

You are invited to join the Pine Grove School Council on **Friday June 20th** at 6:30 pm at Bugsy's for a Pine Grove Parent Social! We'll have a short wrap up council meeting and food will be provided! Please RSVP to Kylie Boyd (kylieboyd99@gmail.com) by June 18th so we can have proper numbers for food. Come out and see what's happening next year at Pine Grove and put a face to the names you hear all year! You don't need to be a member of Council to attend! All parents/guardians of Pine Grove school are welcome!! Hope to see you there!

Thank you again to all parents/grandparents/aunts/uncles/friends/staff and students who have helped out with School Council initiatives this year. It's hard to believe it's June already! December 2014 is the term end for Chair - Kylie Boyd, Treasurer - Lisa Jessome and Secretary - Sarah Lamont. If you think you'd like to be involved in School Council, please let one of us know (there can be co-chairs as well)! Alternatively you can attend any council meeting as a parent representative and provide your input! Meetings are generally held once a month at the school and last about an hour.

ARE YOU MOVING?

Are you planning on moving over the summer? If you are moving out of the Pine Grove Public School area, please notify Ms. Boyle in the office as soon as possible. This information is needed to accurately establish our numbers for the next year. We will also be happy to help you with any new school arrangements that need to be made too.



LOST AND FOUND ITEMS



Our lost and found is overflowing! Please take the time to stop in and check for any missing items. All items will be donated to a local charity at the end of the year.

PIZZA & LUNCH LADY THANKS!

June's pizza lunch dates are **Friday, June 6th and June 20th**. A huge thank you to all of our Grade 6/7 students who have helped out with pizza and Lunch Lady lunches this year!



Our School Council would like to thank all parents for supporting our Thursday Lunch Lady program. Lunch Lady lunches will continue in June on **Thursday, June 5, 12, 19 and 26th**. **Please remember to contact the Lunch Lady if your child will be missing a Thursday lunch due to a school trip.**

TRACK AND FIELD

The following students represented Pine Grove at the Zone Track & Field Meet on May 21st:



Atom Girls - Ella, Jazlyn, Joanna, Leena, Lily, Maddy, Pauline, Shauntelle
Atom Boys - Aaron, Griffin, Jackson, John, Jordan, Matthew, Morgan
Pee Wee Girls - Niya, Sydney, Payton, Samantha, Emma, Amy, Rachael
Pee Wee Boys - Christian, Connor, Dylan, Ethan, Jordon, Quinton, Sam
Bantham Girls - Alicia, Cora-Lee, Daamiya, Danielle, Kayley, Taylor
Bantham Boys - Humza, Iain, Issa, NickE., Nick H., Nick L., Ryan

Congratulations and good luck Jordan, Matthew, John, Shauntelle, Ella, Humza, Nick, Ethan, Connor, Quinton, Jordan, Niya and Emma who will be representing Pine Grove at the DSBN Track and Field Meet on **Monday, June 16th**. Way to go Pumas!

RANKIN RUN

On May 24th Pine Grove entered a school team in this year's Rankin Run. Although small in number, we had great heart as we joined over 11,000 participants. All together the event raised \$750, 000, bringing the 9 year total to over \$4.6 million dollars. Thank you to all the participating families. Way to go Pumas! The message below was sent to each captain from Mary Ann Edwards and it puts our whole purpose into perspective for us:



"I stand back and watch all of you come towards me at the finish line and also when you wave and smile as you walk by me at the corner of Parnell and Bunting. I am so deeply filled with emotion that I can barely speak. You are endless white and orange shirts coming together for our own Niagara and the scene is truly overwhelming. Every single one of you make memories for me that you will never realize. Those memories are beyond precious. I wish you could see what I do when I look at the absolute masses of you out on the pavement ---- all together. I read your endless team names as you pass by, and I am so deeply moved that I will never be able to express clearly and precisely just how you make me feel. A team captain's job will never be easy -- whether your team is one of four special people or 400 special people. I know just how hard each of you work to put your team together and all for our run. It is extremely challenging, and involves so much of your free time ---- and it can be frustrating ----- and those are only a few reasons why what you do, means just so much to me.

Thank you all for sharing your hearts to help our own Niagara."

Mary Ann

Please consider joining our Pine Grove team next year to support this worthy cause.

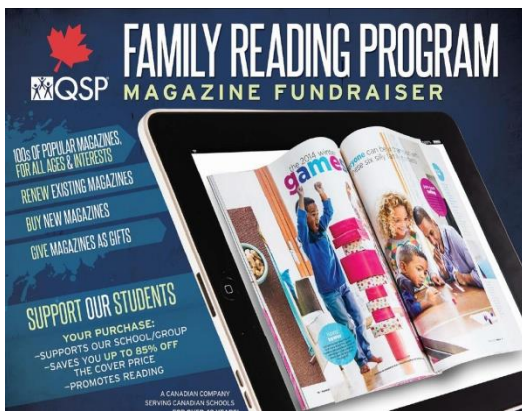
Miss Mazachowsky and Mrs. Halfyard

MAGAZINE SALES

With such a successful campaign and positive response last year, we are excited to announce that Pine Grove will once again be running a magazine subscription fund-raiser this fall. Please save your magazine business for our school. Simply renew your current magazine subscriptions, purchase new ones or send someone a gift through our campaign. The program is serviced by Canadian Community Reading Plan (www.ccrp.ca), a 100% Canadian owned and operated company. They have over 600 magazines to choose from and they guarantee lowest prices, product satisfaction and delivery. Not only will you be paying the lowest prices but our students benefit, since an average of \$10.00 per subscription stays with the school here in our community. Our campaign will start in September and more details will follow at that time. We would like to thank our community in advance for saving your subscriptions.



A NEW Magazine Sale is Coming Fall 2014! MAGAZINES AND MEMORIES!



Coming Fall 2014, we will have our annual **Magazine Subscription Program** (including more digital magazines!) and also an opportunity to purchase **Personalized Photo Memory Products** including; Photo Books, Labels, Cards, Calendars, Posters, Notepads and more!



Please help us by saving your Magazine orders and your personalized Photo purchases for our QSP Magazines and Memories Fundraising Program.

- **QSP** offers us great prices and product selection.
- **Our School** earns a profit, and the money raised goes towards programs and events that help to enrich our children's lives at our school.
- **Our Children** - Magazines - Help improve literacy skills; any reading material, including magazines, encourages children to read, or they model your reading behavior. Photo Products - Capture memorable moments of your children with the personalized photo products available.

Thank you in advance for your support of our children and our school!

If you have an inquiry please contact QSP Customer Service, 1-800-667-2536



SUN SAFETY



On sunny days, students are encouraged to take precautions against sunburn and sunstroke. Children are encouraged to limit their physical activity and remain in shady areas. They are encouraged to wear clothing that covers most of their body, wear a hat and sunscreen. We also encourage children to have a water bottle available at school. ***Please remember to ensure that your child comes to school dressed in appropriate clothing on warm days.***

DRESS CODE

All Pine Grove School members are expected to dress appropriately for an academic setting and contribute to an overall positive image of our school. Short shorts, miniskirts, cut-offs, or t-shirts with inappropriate messages are not acceptable. **Straps on student tops must be at least three fingers wide with no undergarments showing.** Students will be asked to change if clothing is inappropriate.

2014/15 SCHOOL YEAR IMPORTANT DATES

September 2, 2014	First Day of School
September 12, 2014	Early Release Day
October 10, 2014	Professional Activity Day
October 13, 2014	Thanksgiving Day
November 5, 2014	PIC Conference
November 14, 2014	Professional Activity Day
December 22, 2014 to January 2, 2015 (inclusive)	Winter Break
January 5, 2015	First Day of School after Winter Break
January 16, 2015	Professional Activity Day
February 5, 2015	Kindergarten Open Houses
February 13, 2015	Early Release Day
February 16, 2015	Family Day
March 16, 2015 - March 20, 2015	March Break
April 3, 2015	Good Friday
April 6, 2015	Easter Monday
May 15, 2015	Professional Activity Day
May 18, 2015	Victoria Day
June 12, 2015	Professional Activity Day
June 25, 2015	Last Day of School for Students

FROM THE NIAGARA REGION...IMMUNIZATIONS

Do you have a child between the ages of 4 and 6?

If so, please take a moment to ensure that your child's immunizations are up-to-date and that he/she has received a:

- booster dose of diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus and polio (DPTP/Quadracel) between the ages of 4 and 6; **and**,
- second dose of the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine.

If your child has not yet received these vaccines, he/she can be immunized free of charge at:

- One of our regular immunization clinics. Please call 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7425 for more information and/or to schedule an appointment. OR
- Special 'catch-up' immunization clinics are also held across the Niagara region in late August, specifically for children and teens (4 to 18 years of age) that need to get caught up on their immunizations prior to school starting. Visit www.niagararegion.ca for a copy of this schedule.

You can also call your child's doctor to make an immunization appointment or visit a local walk-in clinic. Once your child has received his/her immunization(s), please report this information to Niagara Region Public Health using ONE of the following:

INTERNET: www.niagararegion.ca

TELEPHONE (Immunization Report Line): 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7459

FAX (a copy of your child's Immunization Record): 905-688-8225

If you are a parent/guardian not wishing to immunize your child, you will need to provide Niagara Region Public Health with a legal exemption document (i.e., a statement of medical exemption, or a statement of conscience or religious belief affidavit).



SUMMER SKILLS

One of the most exciting things about summer is all the time children have to pursue their interests, such as sports, summer camps and time with friends. Even though they're on break, the summer offers many opportunities for students to practice their reading skills and work on math concepts. For instance, have the whole family read together each day. Take turns reading out loud, and talk about what you read. Ask children questions about the characters, why might they be acting in a certain manner, or how might they solve a problem or a dilemma they are facing. Questions like "why" and "how" encourage children to think about what they are reading and help them to answer questions about the text, and provide their rationale and evidence for those answers.

You could also find ways to make hobbies educational. A child who loves to collect baseball cards, for instance, could practice penmanship and literacy skills by writing fan letters to players. He/she could also work on math skills by tracking players' statistics or by visiting educational websites such as coolmath.com.

SUMMER SURVIVAL FOR PARENTS

As the school year ends and kids are gearing up for the summer break, parents/caregivers often find themselves wondering how they will keep their kids busy and keep their own sanity.

Planning short periods of "fun" time together each day helps kids feel connected to their family and they will be less likely to get bored. Bored kids will often act up or make poor decisions with their time. Kids love to see their parents/caregivers "play". Take some time and run through the sprinkler, chalk on the side walk or go down the slide at the park. Your kids won't often ask you to do this but they will love it, and you, if you just do it.

Here are some other helpful tips that I got from "Triple P", a positive parenting program offered here in the Niagara Region.

TOP 10 TIPS FOR PARENTS

When your child wants to show you something, stop what you are doing and pay attention to your child.

Give your child lots of hugs, cuddles and holding hands...smile warmly at your child.

Talk with your child about things THEY are interested in and share parts of your day with them.

Give them lots of clear praise when they do something you want to see more of. Ex. "Thank you for doing what I asked right away".

Give them healthy ideas as to what they can do with their time.

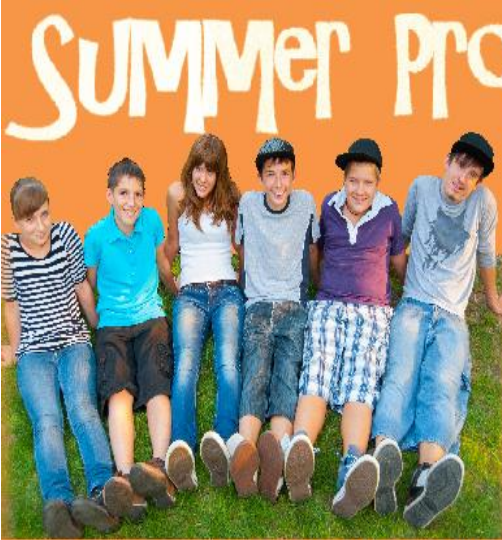
Teach your child new skills by first showing the skill yourself. Give them chances and opportunities to learn the skill in a positive way.

Set clear limits on their behaviour. Teach them the rules and consequences of not following the rules through a positive conversation as a family.

1. If your child misbehaves, stay calm and give clear instruction to stop and tell them what you want them to do instead. Praise them if they stop, follow through with the determined consequence if they don't.
2. Have realistic expectations. All kids misbehave at times and it is expected that you will have some discipline problems. Trying to be the perfect parent can set you up for frustration and disappointment.
3. Look after yourself. It is hard to be a calm, relaxed parent if you are stressed, anxious or depressed. Take a little time for yourself on a regular basis.

For more information on this program you can call the Parent Talk Information Line at 905-688-8248 or log on to www.tripleontario.ca or www.beagreatparent.com

Remember; in all you do be calm, clear and consistent.



SUMMER Programs

**REACH
AHEAD
HIGH SCHOOL
CREDITS
DESIGNED FOR
GR.7 & GR.8
STUDENTS**

*Learn more about this exciting opportunity
designed to increase your teen's success
in secondary school!*

**VISIT WWW.DSBN.ORG/SUMMER
LOOK FOR THE LINK TO REACH AHEAD CREDITS**

Summer Reach Ahead Programs provide students with the opportunity to earn a high school credit in just 4 weeks.

SUMMER REACH AHEAD PROGRAMS

Summer Reach Ahead Programs provide Gr. 7 & Gr. 8 students the opportunity to earn a high school credit by successfully completing 4 weeks of instruction during the summer. Classes begin first week of July. This is an exciting opportunity designed to increase your teen's success in secondary school.

Registration Information can be found at www.dsbnschools.org/Summer ...Look for the link to Reach Ahead Credits (Registration Forms also available at your home school)

SUMMER 2014 PROGRAM DETAILS

Locations:

AN Meyer Secondary School (Niagara Falls)

Eastdale Secondary School (Welland)

Sir Winston Churchill Sec. (St.Catharines)

Start Date: July 2, 2014 **End Date:** July 29, 2014

Times: 8:30am – 1:30pm

Registration Deadline: June 20, 2014

Question: *What is a Summer Reach Ahead Credit?*

Answer: A Summer Reach Ahead credit is a Grade 10 credit offered to Gr. 7 & Gr. 8 students during the month of July. Students must complete all 4 weeks of the class to earn the full credit.

Question: *Is a Reach Ahead Credit the same as a regular high school credit?*

Answer: YES! A Reach Ahead Credit carries the same weight and value as a high school credit. Some of the course codes may vary from the courses offered by your local high school. You would still be eligible to take other Health & Phys.Ed credits offered at your high school.

Question: *Why should a student take a Summer Reach Ahead Credit?*

Answer: The Reach Ahead Credit satisfies one compulsory high school credit. It means the student will be one credit closer to graduation. It may also open the timetable for more elective courses.

Question: *Who teaches the Reach Ahead Credit?*

Answer: Reach Ahead Credits are taught by Ontario Certified Teachers from the DSBN specializing in the course material/subject area selected.

Question: *What grade can I start taking Reach Ahead Credits?*

Answer: This opportunity is available to Grade 7 & Grade 8 students interested in completing a high school credit before September.

Question: *How many days can a student miss?*

Answer: A student who misses more than 3 days may not be eligible to earn the credit.

Question: *How do you enrol in the Summer Reach Ahead Credit, and how is enrolment confirmed?*

Answer: Complete the Registration Form available from the home school or visit the Summer site, www.dsbnschools.org/summer and look for the link to Reach Ahead Credits. The completed form must be handed in to the home elementary school for the Principal's signature. The school will forward forms to Adult & Community Education for processing. You will be contacted ONLY IF the class chosen is under-enrolled.

STUDENT SUPPLIES FOR SCHOOL



Most essentials are supplied by the District School Board of Niagara. It would be greatly appreciated if parents would encourage their children to handle texts carefully and to use notebooks and supplies wisely. In cases when school texts or library books are lost or damaged by a student, a nominal charge will be levied for its replacement.

One of our most frequently asked questions asked by parents in the first week of school is "What school supplies will my child need in his/her classroom?" Here is a suggested list of supplies from our staff...

Junior and Senior Kindergarten

Backpack

Earphones for computer use
in a labelled ziplock bag

Box of kleenex

Grades 1 to 3

Backpack

Pencils

Crayons

Scissors

Glue sticks

Markers

Earphones for computer use
in a labelled ziplock bag

Box of kleenex

Erasers

Pencil case or box

Pencil crayons (sharpened)

Small pencil sharpener

Ruler with mm and cm (Gr. 2 & 3))

Indoor running shoes

Calculator (Gr. 3 - Dollar Store brand)

Grades 4 to 8

Backpack

Pencils

Erasers

Math set (compass and protractor)

Pencil case

Calculator

Pencil sharpener

Glue sticks

Earphones for computer use
in a labeled ziplock bag

Box of kleenex

Scissors

Ruler with mm and cm

Markers

One 2" binder

Binder dividers

USB for computer projects (Gr. 7 & 8)

Indoor running shoes