



APPLEWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL

Achieving Success Together

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Month End Wrap Up - Sept. 2017

IMPORTANT DATES

- Oct. 6—Professional Development Day
- Oct. 9—Thanksgiving
- Nov. 3—Photo Re-take Day (gr. 3,4 & 5/6 class photos)



a cancer-free world lives on in the hearts and minds of this school community! Keep fighting like Terry and someday we'll get rid of cancer for good! Thank you again.

STUDENT of the MONTH

This year, we are going to focus our student of the month around the LEARNING SKILLS from the Report Card. These are the characteristics and behaviours that help promote success for students. We will be reviewing what these look like in classrooms and help students develop these skills. There are a few months, such as September, where teachers each choose their own goal for the month, based on their individual classroom dynamic and focus. Congratulations to this month's winners!

- Kindergarten 1-Tate C., Gabrielle O., Dylan L. & Melina M.
- Kindergarten 2—Hudson S., Zoe R., Jack G. & Liam M.
- Gr. 1—Abby L.
- Gr. 1/2—Peyton C. & Sophie F.
- Gr. 2/3—Gavyn M. & Aubrie F.
- Gr. 3/4—Jasmyn N. & Rayyan
- Gr. 4—John D. & Jake S.
- Gr. 5—Hafi, Garet & Brandon



SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION

Thank you to all of the parents who came out to our first School council meeting and election in September. If you missed the first meeting it is not too late to join us, our next meeting will take place on Oct. 24th at 6:30pm in the staff room. We are looking forward to working together for the Applewood student community! Thank you to the following people who have stepped forward/returned to assume executive positions:

- Chair - Cassidy Corby
- Treasurer - Jenn Czaban
- Secretary- Jennifer Finucane
- Community Rep.—Pam Stokes

Thank you to the many 'Parent Reps' who have also joined our Council. We are looking forward to another great year and always welcome volunteers to help out. Please watch for flyers in your child's backpack this year as Council will be looking for helpers during their:

- 1) Fall Magazine Campaign
- 2) Holiday Bake and Hot Chocolate Sale Campaign
- 3) February Family Movie Night
- 4) June Grade 6 Celebration

MEET THE STAFF

Thank you to the many families who came to join us on Sept. 20th for our Meet the Staff night. It was great to see you! Our book fair was our most successful ever, so we thank you for your patronage! The best part of the evening was the excited students showing off their classrooms! That and the free pizza—thank you for the pizza! What an awesome night!

TERRY FOX WALK!

On Thursday, Sept 28th our students turned in their sponsor sheets and the money their families helped them raise, then went on a great big walk to conclude this year's Terry Fox event for Applewood School. We are very happy to announce that the totals are in and we broke our own record by raising \$1,550.40. This is 335 more dollars than the amount we raised last year. Thank you to everyone who donated to this worthy cause and who asked others to help. Terry's dream of

DSBN PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (PIC) CONFERENCE

A gentle reminder that the DSBN PIC conference takes place on Wednesday, Nov. 1st at Eden Highschool from 4-8:15pm. Don't forget to register early so that you can get into your preferred workshops! FREE day care and dinner are provided for resistered families, so come and enjoy an informative night out!

Register at www.dsbns.org/pic

OUR PARKING LOT

Thanks in part to the beautiful weather, our parking lot has been relatively issue free! Thank you all for making the extra effort to pull into a parking space when dropping off or picking up students and leaving your vehicles to escort your children to our playgrounds. By not having cars parked illegally, all care-givers can see pedestrians clearly and ensure their safety. This also allows busses to move in and out of our parking lot in a safe and timely fashion which ensures that they are staying on schedule. THANK YOU!

BIKES & HELMETS

A reminder to our parents and caregivers that it is required by law for students on bikes, scooters and skateboards to wear helmets! Please keep your children safe by ensuring they wear the appropriate equipment when out riding! Students are also reminded to please walk their bikes when on school property! Thanks!



PIZZA PROGRAM

Our pizza program began in mid-September. As our healthy pizza provider is very busy, they need their orders early to prep their pizza for the many schools they serve. So please understand that orders **must** be received by **WEDNESDAY MORNING!** Students may purchase a sheet of 20 pizza/treat tickets for \$20 dollars. This pre-order process allows our staff time to tally our orders, order the pizza, and voila— Pizza lunch during **2nd Nutrition** break on Friday!

NOTE: There may be pizza slices available for sale the day of a pizza lunch, but there are no guarantees that extras will be available, so ordering in advance is your safest option for your children not to end up without a lunch

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Please note that our breakfast program re-opened on Sept. 18th. Students in grades 1-6 may enter the school as of 8:25 through the junior doors. Students then wait by the staff room at the Breakfast Club tables to choose their breakfast options. The program will serve breakfast each day unless a change is needed. If there is a change, students will be informed about the plan in advance via morning announcements.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

A request to our friends and neighbours... Please help to look after our school! If you need to report incidents, please call the Niagara Regional Police. Should you observe unusual activity at the school call the following emergency number 905-682-8065. Your help in taking care of our school is greatly appreciated.



HALLOWE'EN

Our Halloween activities will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 31st.

As it is difficult to help dress so many younger friends, students are asked to arrive at school in their costumes. The school will then hold their annual Hallowe'en parade first thing in the morning. Students will then change and resume regular classes. Teachers will communicate specific in class activities directly to you via agendas or their classroom newsletters or web-sites. **PLEASE** send street clothes for students in costumes to change into, with a large bag to store their costumes. A reminder that weapons or accessories that could be lost or cause injury are best left at home. Lastly, please ensure that your child can walk in their costume without tripping over its length. With stairs throughout our school this is a significant safety concern! If you wish to send treats to your child's classroom, due to food sensitivities, please pre-arrange this with your child's teacher. Please remember that **DUE TO A SERIOUS PUMPKIN ALLERGY, we are a PUMPKIN FREE SCHOOL!**



PROPER FOOTWEAR FOR SAFETY!

A gentle reminder to parents that students must have running shoes to participate in physical education classes. It is not considered safe for children to be running in the gym wearing any other footwear, so if students do not have running shoes on, they are unable to participate in their physical education class, as their personal safety is at risk. As all students receive physical education & health instruction five times in a ten day cycle, it is important to have running shoes at school— ideally as a student's indoor shoes. Proper footwear is also required on the climbers, so when making shoe choices in the morning... Running shoes are a good idea!

HALLOWE'EN SAFETY

Some pointers to keep the trick or treaters safe.

Children under nine years of age should go out with an adult or responsible older child.

Be sure your child stops at all curbs, looks left, right and left again to check for traffic. Remind children to cross at crosswalks, street corners or intersections. It is important they walk on the sidewalk, or walk facing the traffic if there is no sidewalk.

Bright coloured costumes make your child easier to see. You can use reflective tape on a costume to make your child more visible. Face paint instead of a mask helps them to see well. Have your child carry a flashlight.

When they get home, check all of their treats carefully.

Throw out any treats that aren't wrapped, if the wrapping is torn or loose, or if the wrapper has a hole. Remember that small treats can cause your child to choke. You might want to offer an alternative to sugar based treats. Stickers or multicoloured pencils can be a nice surprise in place of, or in addition to, traditional treats.

Calling all parents & caregivers

IT'S TIME TO REGISTER!

Join us for an evening of learning & FREE workshops!

Wed. November 1, 2017
4pm to 8:15pm at Eden High School
535 Lake Street, St. Catharines

Registration,
Food & Child Care
are FREE!

Register online at www.dsbm.org/pic
OR speak to someone in your
school office for assistance



Early Bird Draw!

Register before October 4, 2017
and you could WIN \$500 of support
for your School and School Council!



Parenting
Matters
At DSBM

The DSBM Parent Involvement Committee invites you to join us for an evening of learning, sharing and networking with a focus on ideas for all DSBM parents, caregivers and School Councils.

Session Topics Include:

Mental Health, Special Education, Mathematics, Kindergarten, Transitions to Secondary & Post Secondary... and so much MORE!

- 4:00 - 5:15 Light Dinner and Educational & Community Agency Showcase
Cafeteria and Gym AB
- 5:15 - 5:25 Opening Remarks
Cafeteria
- 5:45 - 6:45 1st Session
- 6:45 - 7:15 Showcase and Refreshments
Gym AB and Cafeteria
- 7:15 - 8:15 2nd Session

Information about Child Care:

PRESCHOOL CHILDREN: Certified Early Childhood Educators will be available at Sven H. Dohnberg Centre. Enter the Eden High School parking lot (facing Lake St.), the child care centre is on the right.

SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN: Children will be supervised by qualified teachers in the Eden Gymnasium.

CHILD CARE IS AVAILABLE BY PRE-REGISTRATION ONLY AND WILL BE PROVIDED FROM 4PM TO 8:15PM. IT INCLUDES A LIGHT DINNER.



REGISTER ONLINE AT
www.dsbm.org/pic

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CAR SEATS SAVE LIVES

CHILD RESTRAINTS AND BOOSTER SEATS

What You Need to Know

Driver responsibility

To be safely protected in a vehicle, children must be properly secured in a child car seat, booster seat or seatbelt, depending on their height, weight and/or age. Research shows that a correctly used child car seat can reduce the likelihood of injury or death by 75 per cent.

As a driver, you are responsible for ensuring that all passengers under 16 years of age are properly buckled into a seatbelt, child car seat or booster seat. The fine for not using a child car seat or booster seat as required by law is up to \$1,000 plus two demerit points on conviction. In Ontario, all drivers are required to use proper child car seats and booster seats when transporting young children.

Booster seats

Booster seats raise children so adult seat belts protect them better. Booster seats protect children from serious injury 3-½ times better than seat belts alone.

Ontario's *Highway Traffic Act* requires children weighing 18 kg to 36 kg (40 to 80 lb.), standing less than 145 cm (4 ft. 9 in.) tall and who are under the age of 8 to use a booster seat or allows the continued use of a forward-facing seat as long as the car seat manufacturer recommends its use. It's best to keep your child in a booster seat until they reach the manufacturer's recommended maximum weight and height limits.

Seatbelts

Seatbelts are designed for adults and older children. Children may be ready to move from a booster seat to a vehicle's seatbelt once:

- they can sit all the way against the back of the vehicle seat with legs bent comfortably over the edge and maintain this position for the entire trip
- they can have the shoulder belt flat across the shoulder and chest
- the lap belt crosses over the hips, not the stomach



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 with it many questions, such as "What's life in high school really like? What programs and options are available to help me achieve my goals?"

A great way to have your questions answered is to attend an open house. Grade 8 students and their families are invited to attend High School Open Houses from November 27-30.

Details about open houses will be shared with parents/guardians mid-October.

High School Open House Dates and Times:

Eden High: November 30 - 6:30

Governor Simcoe Secondary: November 29 - 6:00 p.m.

Laura Secord Secondary: November 29

St. Catharines Collegiate: November 28 - 6:00 p.m.

Sir Winston Churchill Secondary: November 27 - 6:30 p.m.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS - PRIMARY READING

We are always looking for volunteers to help students read. Our school reading program is designed to increase confidence in primary children through the teaching and guided practice of reading strategies. Volunteers read with the children on a weekly basis. Training is brief and will be provided for all volunteers. Hours are very flexible. Parents can come any morning or afternoon they choose and the time of day can vary if that is more convenient. Please contact the office, Mrs. Huibers or your child's classroom teacher if you are interested. Thanks!! (Please note that a 'Volunteer form' must be completed and filed at the office before volunteers are able to work with students)



Please sign and return to be eligible for the draw.

Our Family has read this month's newsletter.

Parent's Signature _____

Students' Name(s) _____