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Principal

## OCTOBER 2009

Welcome to our second month of school. We continue to move into the school and I am very proud of the teachers and students. They have worked very hard to get the school to the point of a great physical building to teach and learn in. We have had some growing pains and we continue to resolve these glitches: some families have two children in each Kindergarten class, and they have been asked to hand deliver the students to each classroom, through the Kindergarten doors at the BACK of the school~ we are getting our routines in place considering rainy and snowy weather. Parents then exit up the stairs and out the front door. Parents are NOT in our halls downstairs and MUST wait outdoors as the hallway has 80 students getting organized to enter and exit classrooms! Thank you for your patience and support! The routines are coming every day!

Some DATA~ Did you know.....

- ✓ we have unpacked 1500 boxes?
- ✓ 7000 books are on our library shelves?
- ✓ \$1669 was spent on new library books? This is grant money from the Ministry of Education
- ✓ we have 3 sections of Kindergarten? Welcome Mrs. Bigford! We are glad you are on our team!
- ✓ 13 more primary chairs were needed in our classrooms?
- ✓ we have 4 new staff members? 8 are new to their teaching assignments this year!
- ✓ 175 students attend Applewood? This is 10 more than last year.

If you have any concerns or questions please call us at school and we will answer them. We are here to help~ drop by or give us a call.

Happy October!  
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## ✓WE LOVE our hot lunches!

The first lunch day went well on Sept. 18th. The children, teachers and volunteers enjoyed the pizza from Paesano's on Wembly Drive. We look forward to other lunch days in the future. I would like to remind you of information that is needed when filling out the lunch day form. Please make sure that your child's full name is on the form along with their grade. If your child is in JK/SK please state the AM or PM class, Mrs. Syri or Mrs. Bigford. All this info helps me make sure all those participating get their pizza. No late orders will be accepted. Hand in forms on or before due date given. Credit notes will not be issued. Volunteers are always needed. If you are interested in helping out, please call Melissa MacPherson at 688 5822. A special thanks to Melissa for organizing hot lunches for our students!

## Happy Thanksgiving!

As we head into the Thanksgiving weekend, I remind you that the teachers will have a Professional Development Day on Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. There will be no school for the students that day or Thanksgiving Monday. School will open on Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. We should take this time with family and the special people in our lives. We are especially fortunate to live in this community, enjoy the bounty of the harvest in the Niagara region, as well as share in the good and challenging times in each of our lives. Take this opportunity to express your thankfulness for things sometimes taken for granted. Have a great but safe, long weekend.



## Wanted: Outer Milk Bags for ME to WE!

How many milk bags does your family go through in a week? Did you know that the outer milk bag can be made into a mat that a person in Haiti can sleep on? As a school that enjoys helping those in need, this endeavour is an easy, no cost way to do that. I am asking that you bring your empty outer milk bag(s) into school, where they will be collected and kept in a large bin in the front foyer. As the bin fills, there will be milk bag quantity guessing contests. In March the bags will be given to an organization that creates mats by cutting the bags into 28 feet lengths and then crocheting them. It takes 250 milk bags to make an adult mat and 150 bags to make a child mat. I would like to set a goal of getting enough milk bags to make 3 adult mats and 3 child mats.

This is a great "ME TO WE" extension and does not require any extra work for you to participate.

If you would like further information on the milk bag organization please call Melissa MacPherson at 688 5822. Thank you for your support.



### Head Lice

At this time of year, head lice seems to become more active. Please notify the school if your child has a case of head lice. A child at school, who appears to be infected will be sent home for treatment. Before they may return to class, an adult must accompany the child to the school office and we will check to make sure that all eggs have been removed. We continue to plan for school-wide head checks. We need to continue to work together to keep this nuisance under control.

## Our School Council News

**“Education is a partnership involving parents, students, teachers, principals, school boards, government, and the community.” Ontario Ministry of Education**

### 2009/10 Applewood School Council Executive:

- ~ Christianne Grover – Co-Chair
- ~ Michelle Riley – Treasurer
- ~ Gillian McWilliams – Co-Chair
- ~ TBD - Secretary

New members are always welcome at council meetings. Please join us and see how your participation can make a difference in your child's education.

Monday October 20, 2009  
Monday November 16, 2009  
Monday December 14, 2009  
Monday January 18, 2010  
Tuesday February 16, 2010  
Monday April 19, 2010  
Monday May 17, 2010  
Monday June 21, 2010

\*All meetings are scheduled at 6:30 pm in the school staff room.

## FUND RAISERS COMING

Our Council is having a fund raiser to raise money to up grade our creative playground. The perimeter is cracking and splitting and the ties are loosening so they need to be replaced by plastic ties. This is a very expensive replacement. The MacMillan Company was booked for November 7<sup>th</sup> to place our orders for Cookie Dough, Muffin Dough, Appetizers and Sausage Rolls. It was a popular sell two years ago and brought back by popular demand. The forms will arrive home in time for Thanksgiving and family visiting! It is a great way to help your family and friends plan for festivities in the next few months and help Applewood raise money for the playground! More details to follow.

Scholastic Book Fair will be visiting our school just in time for holiday giving and sharing in November.

## Hallowe'en Parade

Weather permitting, the students will participate in their traditional annual costume parade throughout the neighbourhood at 1:00 p.m on October 30<sup>th</sup>. The morning kindergarten students will parade through our classrooms. We will also be providing UNICEF boxes for our students if they are interested in collecting while going door to door. As well as making sure that your child's costume is bright, easily seen and safe, why not make this year's costume non-violent in nature? Violent and gory costumes are often too stimulating for our young children. We are encouraging our students to respect others and avoid violent behaviour. We look forward to this great event, but we also want our students to be safe! Please review Halloween Safety Rules with your child. Wearing reflective tape, taking a flashlight, going with a group, checking goodies once they are home are all good ideas. Please discourage costumes that involve weapons and violent characterizations.



Have a safe Halloween!

## Brock University Students At Applewood

We are pleased to have Brock students working under the supervision of our teachers to enhance their learning as we provide them with a great environment to learn. We really appreciate their help over the next 20 sessions. These placements will begin in October.

## Skinny 'N Kicks

I love to wear my skinny jeans, my skinnys are tight, and when I put them on, they make me shout, "All Right!" The cool kids use the phrase, Your skinny jeans are ballen," I'm just so glad, I have not yet fallen! I also have an awesome pair of kicken' high-top shoes, and when you put the two together, they make you scream, WOOO HOOOO! So watch out for that stylin' chick standin' in the playground yo! Wait Wait Wait! Don't be alarmed, I haven't turned EMO!

Poem by Madison Harkness

## Country Running Team

Congratulations to the team members:

Zaden A-L, Collin C, Jared P, Shaima A, Kayleigh G, Kayla I, Ilisa M, Travis D, Harley R, Ethan S, Macks W, John R, Brent F, Zack D.

They represented us in the Cross Country on Sept 30<sup>th</sup>;

Top results were...Kayleigh Grover - 8<sup>th</sup>, Kayla Lamothe - 9<sup>th</sup> Ilisa McPherson - 14<sup>th</sup>, Jared Pink - 13<sup>th</sup>, John Riley, Ethan Surman and Zack Demont were in the top 20 of their Peewee Boys Race. The next meet is October 7; raindate October 8. The DSBN meet is on October 14<sup>th</sup> for our finalists. Although the season is short, we are proud of these 14 runners and their enthusiasm to run in rain and shine during early morning practices around the Secord Woods Park and Applewood Public School grounds. Well Done!



## October Newsletter Draw

The winner of the September newsletter draw was Jessa and Ilisa MacPherson . Please fill out the form below and it will entered in a draw.

Names and Grades:

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Comments:

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