



# November 2017



D I S T R I C T S C H O O L B O A R D O F N I A G A R A

**Students need:**

To dress for the weather: layers of clothing, a warm coat, mitts or gloves, winter boots, indoor shoes/running shoes.

To remember the No Body Contact rule

Character Trait :



Dear Parents and Guardians,

November will prove to be a very packed month of Grade 8 visits and Open House at Thorold Secondary School, Progress Reports, Remembrance Day Assembly, bus safety, Recess Project, Volleyball Games and continuing our academic programs. Our School Improvement Process will continue to focus on the mathematics classroom. Our EQAO scores for 2017-2018 showed these results:

Subject	Grade 3	Grade 6
Reading	65	77
Writing	65	92
Mathematics	65	54

We will be continuing our best practices in all classrooms and working hard to improve student scores in Mathematics using a variety of teaching strategies. We have workshops monthly and this provides an opportunity to learn together as a staff!



Prince of Wales has been chosen again this year to have the Recess Project at our school every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at fitness break. Students from Brock University volunteer their time to train Junior Leaders (POW students grades 5 to 8) ; plan then provide activities for every age group. The idea is that students need to build friendships

first so they can develop skills to play in organized and creative games during an unstructured time like fitness break. Our first meeting to recruit junior leaders will be held on Monday, Nov 6 and we will have the program up and running this month.

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We are looking forward to our author visit next Friday. She will be working with all grades and the focus for her visit is writing to communicate to others. Please see the attached form. Susan Agulio has written books and if you are interested in purchasing a book and having it signed please return the form attached by Monday, Nov 6. This is an optional opportunity. We will be purchasing a set of her books for our school library.

As always, any questions please let us know in your child's agenda or giving us a call. Yours in Education, Mrs. S. Lawrence, Principal

**Remembrance Day Assembly Nov 9th, 10:30 am in our Gymnasium**



Our assembly focuses on the reason for Remembrance Day. We honour our servicemen and women. Our assembly will also include slides with music, choral readings, a roll call of our relatives' names (from any branch of service) while classes lay wreaths on our cross, Last Post followed by a moment of silence and Reveille. It will be about 45 minutes and we ask that there is no applause during this assembly. If you would like your family members mentioned in the Roll Call please complete the form sent home earlier. As well, the Thorold Legion will provide each student with a poppy. A donation would be appreciated.





### Safe Walk to School

After school on October 19, a group of people met at POW from 2:30 pm-5:00 pm to observe traffic and transportation challenges. We looked at the parking lot and after school traffic and routes to school that our students take. We then discussed the observations and possible solutions. This was a great meeting and we are thankful to the parents and grandparents that shared their thoughts and ideas during this time. Our next step is to review the report that will be made available to us.

### 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.

Thorold Secondary: Tuesday, November 28 @ 6:30 p.m.  
St. Catharines Collegiate: Monday, November 27 @ 6:00 p.m.  
Eden High: Wednesday, November 29 @ 6:30 pm

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#### Mark Your Calendars!



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**Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
6:30 p.m.**

**Find out everything you need to know about  
being a Golden Eagle!**



### Reporting Absences

In the interest of student safety, it is important that we account for each student's absence at Prince of Wales School. It is imperative to contact the school to report an absence before 8:50 am at 905-227-1321. We have answering service 24/7! Please call us as soon as you know that students will not be at school. This helps our records to be accurate. Thank you!





**School Advisory Council**

Our second meeting was held on Mon. Oct. 16 @ 6:30 p.m. in our School Staff Room. We discussed the upcoming Safe Walk to School; Lice; Meet & Greet; Fundraisers: Chocolate Bar Campaign; Dance-a-thon and Fun Fair to be decided.

**Chocolate Bar Sales Results:**

This was a very successful event and we are very pleased with the support and response by all our school community families. The unofficial total raised was \$4000. This is to apply to transportation for class/school trips and sports equipment for fitness breaks!

Due to personal commitments, the Council members are unable to attend the DSNB Parent Council Conference this year on November 3rd. We are glad that we have booked our next scheduled meeting Monday, November 20 @ 6:30 pm and look forward to that meeting.

We welcome interested parents/guardians to any of our meetings. Meeting agendas and minutes are filed on our school website for you to review. Please call the school if you would like further information.

Thank you for your continuous support for our students.



**Wanted: Outer Plastic Milk Bags**

Debbie our Community Member on SAC is collecting milk bags. Please bring them in to her daily. She is also our Breakfast Club Supervisor. She forwards them to groups of people making mats for others.



**STOP the spread of Infection**

- ✓ Stay home if you are sick and return when you are well
- ✓ Wash your hands with soap and water or use a hand sanitizer
- ✓ Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue or in your sleeve
- ✓ Keep your distance
- ✓ Get a flu shot



For more information, talk to your school nurse or go to [www.niagararegion.ca/health](http://www.niagararegion.ca/health)

## T H E E L E M E N T A R Y P R O G R E S S R E P O R T

On November 10th, your child will bring home their Elementary Progress Report. The format was created after years of consultation with parents, teachers, principals, and students across the province. Although it looks much like the Report Card, this report has a very different intent. The purpose of the Progress Report is to share early and specific feedback on your child's development of work habits and learning skills as well as his/her progress towards achieving the curriculum standards by the end of the school year.

Traditionally, when reporting to parents about their child's progress, teachers have prepared by *looking back* over the work done. The teacher evaluated your child's progress from the beginning of the school term to the current point in time, and reported on the highlights of achievement as they compare to overall curricular expectations. Teachers continue to report on Provincial Term One and Term Two Report Cards in this manner.

Reporting on the Progress Report is about *looking forward*. The purpose is to set the course for the learning journey ahead. Based on the evidence teachers see, as well as what teachers know about learning at this grade level, the report communicates the path your child is on towards achieving the grade level expectations by the end of the year. For students who are on a modified Individual Education Program, the teacher uses those modified goals when determining whether a child is progressing well, progressing very well, or progressing with difficulty.

All subjects that are part of your child's program in the first weeks of school will be assessed according to the following indicators:

**Progressing Very Well:** In the first weeks of school, evidence shows that the student is demonstrating consistent progress and is on track to meet and/or surpass the provincial standard set for the end of the year.

**Progressing Well:** In the first weeks of school, evidence shows that the student is demonstrating consistent progress and is on track to meet the provincial standard set for the end of the year.

**Progressing with Difficulty:** In the first weeks of school, evidence shows that the student is experiencing difficulty towards meeting the provincial standard set for the end of the year.

For subjects in which your child is Progressing with Difficulty, the teacher will discuss specific next steps plans needed for success. We look forward to partnering with you and your child for a year of great learning and growth.

**Reports Home on Nov 9th!**

**Parent, Student, Teacher Conferences: Nov 14th, 2017**

