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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

October 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This school year is very busy and we are working at many projects. We continue to put the final touches on the Learning Commons to add furniture in school colours. We will be training student volunteers to tidy and shelve books and we are pleased to have Mrs. Champion help each Thursday in our Library. It is a great gift to have her library skills and expertise.

Outside, the playground has been seeded where contractors worked this summer.

On Picture Day, we also booked the photographer to take a whole school photo celebrating 93 years of education at Prince of Wales Thorold. The picture will hang in our main hall, outside the office, for all to enjoy Excellence In Education is alive and well !

Our Youth Counsellor J. Jones and Social Worker, J. Drury are working together to provide programs within the classroom. Ms Jones, our Youth Counsellor will be implementing alongside classroom teachers the Zones of Regulation and Roots of Empathy. Ms J. Drury, our Social Worker will be working more intensely with students requiring access to further area support programs. We look forward to working with both of them in our school. We are pleased that we will have each of them. Ms Jones will be at POW a day and a half each week.

A special thanks to Ms. K. Hentig and Mrs. J. Holtby for supporting students during our soccer one day tournament. Ms Hentig is the Soccer Conveyor and Mrs. Holtby is our Soccer Coach. Having teachers volunteer to supervise sporting events really adds to our school culture and school spirit! Having the experience of teamwork and fun makes us all feel proud!

I would like to thank all the families and staff who came out to our Meet and Greet BBQ. It was great to see so many of you at this event. We enjoyed meeting with you and chatting about your children and their classroom programs for the year. If you signed up to volunteer on our School Advisory Council, see you at our next meeting, Oct 16.

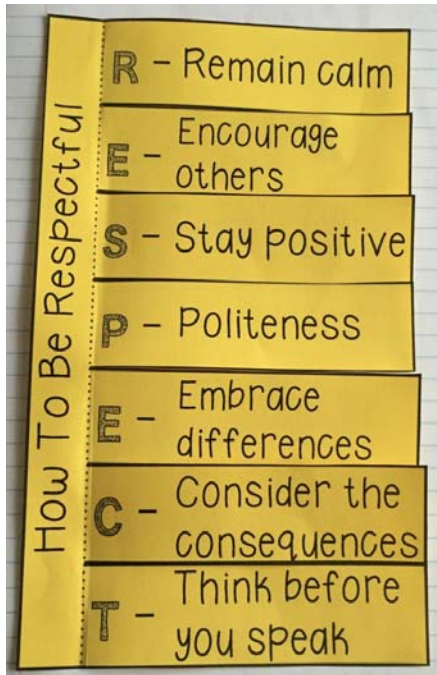
Over the last few weeks, it has been a pleasure to observe the students working together and playing together on the playground and particularly on the basket ball court. Our students have been focusing on playing safe and developing good sportsmanship. We have added playground equipment to our fitness breaks and the students love that!

If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know. We are here to help you.

Sincerely,
Mrs. S. Lawrence
Principal



Character Trait for October:



Safe Walk to School



School Travel Planning -- Walk-a-bout

Our School is looking for ways to make it easier for your children to walk to school. Join us after school on October 19 as we look at our traffic and transportation challenges



October 19 2:30—5:00 pm

What to expect? We will meet just inside the gym before the dismissal bell. Then we will go to the parking lot and look at after school traffic followed by a walk of routes our students use to get to school. We will discuss issues and possible solutions. Wear comfortable walking shoes and dress for what the weather may bring.

Be part of the action.
If interested , RSVP to Mrs. Lawrence



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!

School Yard Safety

Help us keep our school yard safe. If you notice any vandalism after school hours or on the weekend, please call the police. WE are working very hard to keep our school and school yard safe for our students . We sincerely appreciate your help!





School Advisory Council

At our first meeting on September 11, the following executive was chosen for this school year. Chair: Liz Brooker; Treasurer: Admin; Secretary: Jennifer Findlay; Community Rep: Debbie McEachern with the remaining members at large. It was decided that a chocolate bar campaign will begin on Oct 2 and for the next 3 weekends. It gives students time to sell over Thanksgiving to family and friends. The Dance-a-thon and Fun Fair are in the plans as annual popular events. Our meetings will be held usually on the second Monday of each month. The next meeting is October 16. Our meetings are held in the Staff Room.

Any questions please call our School Office @ 905-227-1321.



Prince Of Wales School Teams: Go KNIGHTS Go!

Our goal is to provide opportunities for students to participate on school level teams. However, they need support from home and school and everyone has a role.

Student Role:

- Attends school on-time and daily
- Completes all class assignments
- Fulfills the responsibilities as a team member as outlined by the coach
- Is a positive ambassador of Prince of Wales
- Wins with grace; Loses with grace

Staff Role:

- Volunteers to be a coach of an event/club
- Follows the Rules of Play outlined
- Focuses on sportsmanship by all
- Fulfills all the requirements of a coach including the distributing and collecting letters and forms, planning practices and arriving at games/events ready to receive the team
- Transports first aid and equipment not team members
- Travels to and from the sporting event to help with the event (convener and paying referees)
- Ensures all players arrive and leave the event safely
- Communicates with schools and guardians of players

Parent/Guardian Role:

- Supports and encourages your child to fulfill the student role on our team
- Completes and returns the player and volunteer driver forms quickly
- Volunteers to transport players to and from games safely
- Communicates with the coach as needed
- Encourages sportsmanship
- Models to players using positive words and actions



Calling all parents & caregivers

IT'S TIME TO SAVE THE DATE!

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

Join us for an evening of learning & FREE workshops!

Mark your calendar for the 2017 DSBN Parent Involvement Conference, at Eden High School in St. Catharines. Join us for an evening of free workshops for parents and caregivers of DSBN students of all ages.

[For more information about the event visit www.dsbn.org/pic](http://www.dsbn.org/pic)



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

Mad Science Club



Mad Science, the world's leading provider of educational and entertaining science programs for children is coming to Prince of Wales Thorold! They will be getting kids excited about science with fun, entertaining and exciting activities and demonstrations. Students and teachers were thrilled on 19/Sep/2017 when Mad Science came to the school to do a Spectacular Science show. The assembly was educational, entertaining and also the kick off to the Mad Science Club. The Club is a 4-week science enrichment program offered to the students. Students who join the Science Club will go on a voyage of discovery designed to support the Ontario Science and Technology curriculum. The topics will be different this year than when Mad Science was last at the school. The Club will take place on Thursday, Oct 5, 12, 19, 26 from 10:30 AM - 11:10 AM at Prince of Wales Public School.



Prince of Wales FAMILY EVENTS

For the past 4 years, the POW families have been invited and attended family dinners and events throughout the year. Terence from Village Church, Thorold rents our school gym once a month to host the event for our school community families.

Dinner and the activities are free to all!

Goal of the Family Events? To build relationships and a strong community

You will see the "logo" on our calendar as a reminder of the events.

If interested the POW Event Dates are:

Sunday, Oct 1 @ 5-6:30 pm

Sunday, Oct 29 @ 5-6:30 pm (a popular event to carve a pumpkin for Hallowe'en)

Sunday, Nov 26 @ 5-6:30 pm

Sunday, Dec 17 @ 5-6:30 pm (a popular Christmas event)

Junior Co-ed Soccer Team

We are please to have a school soccer team. The coach is Mrs. Holtby.

The following students have been practicing hard and they are looking forward to their

Junior Co-ed Tournament on Friday, Sept 29:

Kai; Trey; Wyatt; Koen; Brandon; Julius; Aidan; Lacey; Lilly; Emma; Daniela; Destiny.

GO KNIGHTS GO!



Halloween Safety Rules

- 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.
- 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 multi-coloured pencils can be a nice surprise in place of , or in addition to, traditional treats.



What does Positive Halloween look like at Prince of Wales (Thorold) ?

12:55 pm Nutrition Break and Fitness Break

Students may bring their costumes in a bag and change at second nutrition break.

Costumes are to be school friendly~ Gruesome or violent costumes should be worn during the evening. Any costume extras (weapons, walking sticks etc. are left home)

1:45 pm Annual Halloween Parade : down Front Street and back

You are welcome to walk with us! Rain? Parade in our gymnasium

Remainder of Afternoon: Individual classrooms will be enjoying a variety of activities that are grade- appropriate. Alternate activities will also be available.

Flu Season is here!

Washing your hands prevents the spread of germs and reduces your risk of getting sick.
Wash your hands after:

- Coughing and sneezing
- Blowing your nose
- Using the washroom
- Playing with pets
- Playing outdoors
- Before preparing meals and eating



Use warm water and soap, lather and scrub for at least 15 seconds. Alcohol-based hand sanitizers are safe for children and can be used when you don't see any dirt.

How Long Must my Child Stay Home When Sick?

Please keep your child at home and away from others if he or she has any of these symptoms:

- Fever
- Diarrhea
- Vomiting
- Rash
- Frequent coughing or sneezing
- Yellow or green discharge from the nose, ears, or eyes
- Sore throat

Contact your family doctor for a diagnosis. Your doctor will advise you about care and treatment if a communicable disease is diagnosed.