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School  
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Day: Sept  
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Every  
Thursday  
starting

Sept 14th



Early Release  
Day: Sept 15 PM  
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September 2017

Welcome to all our new- to –our-school and returning students!

The school has had quite a lot of work done and perhaps you have noticed the trench across our school yard that was dug this summer. The contractors will continue to work this week to close the trench with gravel. Further topping the tarmac will come at a later date. Inside the wooden floors in Rooms 201, 202 and 203 have had new varnish coats applied; new toilets and plumbing work has been completed; the gym floor refinished and the school is shiny and clean. We appreciate all the your hard work over the summer months, Mrs. Durish!

The school is organized and we are ready to being the new school year! Welcome to the following staff that have joined us: Ms Leahy, Mrs. Kraliz, Mrs. Holtby and Ms Jones. See the complete list of staff on page 2 of this newsletter.

*Breakfast club*



Open Daily: 8:35 am  
All students are welcome until 8:50 am



For each student in the **first** WHOLE class that returns their updated Student Verification Form. **NOTE:** We need to have a local emergency contact number for you at all times!

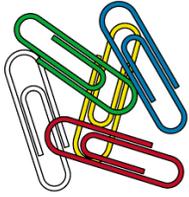
We are an **Nut Aware** School. As part of the ongoing safety awareness at POW. We adhere to a total nut aware policy throughout the entire school parents and children need to be mindful of any products containing nuts when preparing lunches or snacks. As well, staff and students are allergic to fragrances and animals, so our school is **fragrant and dog free!** If your child has allergies, please let your child’s classroom teacher know.

Any time you have a question, concern or need help with something, please contact your child’s teacher or the office. We are here to help and we are keen to make “every day matter”.

Let’s work together to make this an awesome school year!

Sincerely,  
*Mrs. S. Lawrence*  
Principal





# MEET OUR STAFF

**Mrs. D. Harwood**  
Office Manager

**Mrs. M. Durish**  
Head Custodian



Character Education Focus:

Grade	Teacher
K1 with DECE	Mrs. A. Gracey, Mrs. L. Kraliz
K2	Ms. A. Leahy
12	Mrs. J. Holtby
23	Ms K. Hentig
34	Mr. J. Davidson
56	Mr. C. Roepke
78	Mrs. P. Bishop
French	Mme N. Fenwick
Prep & The Arts PE Health	Mrs. L. Vander Vloet
Learning Resource	Mrs. M. Hilliker
Instructional Coach	Mrs. W. Smythe
Principal	Mrs. S. Lawrence
Youth Counsellor	Ms J. Jones
Social Worker	MS J. Drury
Educational Assistants	Mrs. R. Humphrys Ms K. Godin Mrs. S. Post Ms J. Tonn-Smith
Regional Health Nurse	Mrs. A. Yeo

Staff are on duty: 8:35 am daily. For safety sake, plan to have your child arrive at school for this time and not earlier please. Be on time : Classes begin at 8:50 am!

**Early Pick-up:** On occasion, it may be necessary for you to come to the school to pick up your child while our classes are in progress. Please take a moment to jot the information down in your child's agenda (or on a note) for the teacher to see. Upon arrival at the school, please come to the office and Mrs. Harwood will notify your son's or daughter's teacher and your child will be sent down to the office at this time. As to minimize missed time in the classroom, it is preferred that students are in class not waiting at the office. Thanks!



## School Advisory Council

We are looking forward to a great year. You are all invited to our meetings and our first meeting for School Council will be to elect our executive members: Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and members at large. Our meetings will be held on the second Monday of each month. **See you Monday, September 11 @ 6:30 pm.** Our meetings are held in the Staff Room. Any questions please call our School Office @ 905-227-1321.



In the interest of student safety, it is important that we account for each students' s absence at prince of Wales School. It is imperative to contact the school to report an absence before 8:50 am The phone number is 905-227-1321. For your convenience, we have a 24 hour answering service at all times.

### School Agenda: Supplied at no cost to you! Encourage your child and help set routines!

Not sure how to use it beyond writing down daily homework? You're not alone!

#### Agenda Basics: Students should:

- Bring it to school every day
- Bring it to every class
- Write down all assignments , homework
- Bring it home at night and have parents initial it
- Take it out of the book bag and consult it
- Repeat every day

#### Take agenda skills to the next level ! Students should:

Use the agenda to:

Prioritize workflow

Look at all homework and assignments on the page and determine what's most important/ needs to be completed first. Use A--B--Cs to assign importance. (If math is due tomorrow, but history isn't due for 2 days, assign math an A and history a B.)

Time themselves

Keep track of how long each assignment takes to complete. (This is a good way to practice estimating how long future tasks might take to complete.)

Countdown to tests

Not just mark a test date down on the actual day; use the pages leading up to that date to create a study countdown.

- Write the test day in the agenda on the day of the test.
- Turn to the previous date's page, and write something such as TEST IN 1 DAY.
- Repeat on every preceding day until today's date, counting up as you move backwards.
- Schedule study time every night between now and the test. (IF no test, read for 30 minutes, review notes.)

Move incomplete tasks forward

When an assignment is completed, check it off. If a task is unfinished, Agendas are not just for school. They're a great place to keep track of extra--curricular activities, chores, sports, even parties and get--togethers.

Use the month--at--a--glance page: Write down regular activities as well as upcoming deadlines and projects to get an idea of how busy the month is in a single glance.

Write down thoughts. Set weekly goals !

Keep track of questions to ask the teacher during the next class, ideas for essays, etc.

*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)



*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 will be thrilled on 19/Sep/2017 when Mad Science comes to the school to do a Spectacular Science show. The assembly will be 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.



### Lunches:

We are on a balanced school day. Our students eat twice, once at 10:30 and again at 12:50, before going outside. Many primary students are eating all of their lunch at first break and do not have enough food for second break. Please ensure that your child brings enough for both breaks. Healthy drinks need to be in re-sealable containers or juice boxes. Also, spoons

and forks are not provided, so please send these along too if your child requires them. Thanks!

### Students bring...School supplies...

Students need:

Indoor Shoes: running shoes are ideal for PE classes too!

To pack healthy snacks daily ; refillable water bottle

To be prepared for weather changes : pack a sweater, coat, hoodie

Home to supply medical forms when medicine is given during school time~ epi pens, medications, etc . Come to the office for the required forms

School supplies...

All the materials to complete an assignment, a task, a project



REMINDER:  
No Dogs on  
School Property



## Prince of Wales Parent Council

Please consider my name for membership on the Prince of Wales parent council.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in the following position:

Chair \_\_\_ Vice Chair \_\_\_ Treasurer \_\_\_ Secretary \_\_\_ Member \_\_\_

### Volunteering

Dear parents:

For several years Prince of Wales has benefited from a parent volunteer program. It is through this program that the learning opportunities for the children have been significantly enriched.

Once again, the staff invites all parents and guardians of the students to volunteer their time, skills and resources. If you wish to be a volunteer, please fill out the form below and return it ASAP. Please note that a police check is required to volunteer in the school. Your child's teacher will contact you to make further arrangements.

◇ YES, I would like to volunteer.

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◇ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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◇ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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◇ Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_

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◇ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

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