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Greenleaf Gazette

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

We are very proud of the work that our students are doing! Each day we see new skills develop and students gaining confidence and pride in their work!

The report card is one component of the communication between teachers and parents regarding student progress. We hope that many of you will be able to attend Parent/Teacher Interviews that will take place on the evening of Thursday Nov. 2 and Friday November 3rd. This year once again, we have created an online booking system to book interviews. This went live on Wednesday Oct. 25 and closes Thursday Nov. 2. Families can schedule interviews that best fit with their schedules on a first-come, first-served basis. Instructions on how to book appointments were sent home last week. They are also on our website calendar and on page 3 of this newsletter.

As we enter the month of November, we are amazed at all of the things happening around the school. Our extra-curriculars are in full swing with the addition of an Art Club for our Intermediate Division, initiated by our Student Council and led by students! Student Council will also be leading our Remembrance Day Assembly on Friday Nov. 10 at 10:00 am. This very solemn event can evoke many emotions with our students. Although we aim to be protective of our students, we can never be aware of all of the experiences that each of our children have nor how they will interpret the sharing of information about Remembrance Day and all that it means to Canadians. Please prepare your child ahead of time, as needed. Children that are Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Sparks, Brownies or Guides are welcome to wear their uniforms on this day. Although we would love to welcome all parents, because this is a whole school assembly, we invite only parents of students that are participating in the assembly in order to adhere to the Fire Code.

November 20 to the 24 is Anti-Bullying Awareness Week. At Allan A. Greenleaf we continually strive to create and maintain a safe learning environment for all of our students. However, there are occasions where unfortunate events do happen. Through various programs at school, including our Virtues Program, Community Circles, Restorative Justice, Minds Up, Super Flex, Go Girls Group, announcements and daily in class teachings etc., staff are teaming with students to better understand what bullying is, and what to do about it if they are being bullied.

Our sincere thanks to all parents and guardians for your ongoing support as we continue the work we do at Allan A. Greenleaf School. *Mrs. S. Costa-Popovich & Mrs. R. Coomber*

STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Thank you to all the grade 7 and 8 students that put their



names forward to run for Student Council. It takes a great deal of courage to prepare a speech and get up and say it in front of your peers and your teachers.

Congratulations to all of you! Below are the results.

Co-Prime Ministers Ethan H/David C
Treasurer Charlize C
Social Convenor Maddy T
Secretary Michael Ng

Non-elected members are Auxiliary Members that support Council and committees at large.

Students will attend School Council Meeting as needed.

GRADE 7 & 8 INFORMATION NIGHTS-WDHS

Learn about all of Waterdown District High School's *exciting secondary school options*, while getting to know your future school and teachers, at our **Grade 7 & 8 Information Nights:**



Wednesday, November 22, 2017 6:00-7:30pm.

FREE FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT DATES

Please mark these dates on your calendar. You don't want to miss out on a fun filled evening!

December 8 January 9 April 13 June 15



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DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov. 1-6-Book Fair

Nov. 2-Parent Teacher Interviews 6:00-8:00pm

Nov. 3-PA Day/Parent Teacher Interviews

Nov. 10-Remembrance Day Assembly 10:00am

Nov. 20-24-Antibullying Week

Nov. 13-Primary/Junior Swim Meet

Nov. 16-School Council Meeting

Nov. 20-Buster Bus Presentation

JK, SK & Gr. 2 Dental Screening

Nov. 21-Picture Re-take Day



Lost e Found

LOST & FOUND

Our Lost and Found pile seems to grow tremendously on a daily basis. We try to encourage the students to go through the lost and found when they come into the office and notify us of lost articles. At the end of every month we will be donating our lost and found

to a needy community organization. Please encourage your child(ren) to go through this bin if they have lost something. All articles will be folded and put on tables during parent/teacher interviews. Please take a moment to go through the tables.

GREENLEAF CARES

Each and everyday, children need a healthy lunch to do their best at school. Lunches that include fruits, veggies, whole grain products and healthy snacks are essential to school success. At



times, some students do not bring enough food to sustain them throughout the day. They may not have a lunch, have forgotten their lunch, or simply did not bring enough. Thank you to our very own Ms. Frasson who has recognized this need. She has connected with Food With Grace and they kindly donated some non perishable healthy food items that children can access when needed at the office in our "Kids Cupboard". Our sincere gratitude to Food with Grace community partners that have donated food thus far.

SPEAKING OF LUNCH...



The main office at Greenleaf is a very busy place. Our office administrators work very hard and really care about your children. In addition to their many office responsibilities, frequently throughout the day, you will see them administering medical attention to a variety of bumps and boo boos.

One way that you can support us in the office is by ensuring that your child(ren) have all they need to support them at school before they leave in the morning, lunch, musical instruments, gym clothes, etc.

NUTRITION EXEMPTION DATES 2017-2018

October - Halloween

November - Diwali

December - Hanukkah, Christmas

January - Hot Chocolate and cookies

February - Valentine's Day, Beaver Tails (we are hoping to book

when we go skating

March - St Patrick's

April - Easter

May -

June - Eid/ Grad

VIRTUES AT ALLAN A. GREENLEAF SCHOOL

Virtue of the month for the 2017-2018 school are as follows:

September-Unity
October-Honesty
November-Self Discipline
December-Kindness
January-Excellence
February-Friendliness
March-Responsibility
April-Acceptance
May-Helpfulness

June-Co-operation

"VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: SELF-DISCIPLINE

You are practicing **SELF-DISCIPLINE** when you get yourself to do what you really want to do, rather than being tossed around by your feelings like a leaf in the wind. You don't lose control of yourself when you feel hurt or angry, but decide

how you are going to talk and what you are going to do. With self-discipline, you take charge of yourself.



I have self-discipline. I use my time well and get things done. I choose my actions with detachment.

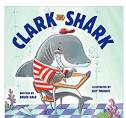
SELF-DISCIPLINE PICTURE STORY BOOKS

Bang, Molly-When Sophie Gets Angry—Really, Really Angry dePaola, Tomie-The Legend of the Indian Paintbrush Hale, Bruce-Clark the Shark Henkes Kevin-Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse Lee Milly. Nim and the War Effort Potter, Beatrix-The Tale of Peter Rabbit

Soto, Gary-Too Many Tamales Yolen, Jane-Owl Moon







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HALLOWEEN DANCE "FUN" RAISER

Greenleaf's 2nd Halloween Dance
"FUN"-raiser was a huge success. The children had a blast dancing away to Halloween tunes in the gym from our DJ for the day, lan MacLeod. Thanks lan for providing awesome music and lighting and Christie McKay-



The office Social Butterflies

Ms. Frasson "Facebook", Mrs. Coomber
"Instagram", Mrs. C.P. "Twitter" &

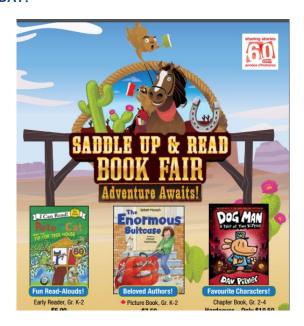
Ms. Posavad "Snapchat"

Hofland from Dancemakerz for teaching us cool dances. The school raised just over \$2400 which will go towards student experiences. School Council would like to thank everyone that raised money and to all the volunteers that helped during the day. Without volunteers, the day would not of gone so smoothly.

Scholastic Book Fair

Our annual Fall Scholastic Book Fair will be in the library from Wednesday Nov 1- Monday Nov 6. We will be open Thursday evening and Friday morning during Parent – Teacher Conferences.

COME CHECKOUT THE HOTTEST, NEW TITLES IN BOOKS TODAY!



Parent Teacher Conference – Thursday Nov. 2 and Friday Nov.3

- 1. Go to our school appointments web site: http://greenleaf.schoolappointments.com/
- Register for an account by clicking the "REGISTER" menu tab and filling in the on-line form. Choose a user id and password for yourself and then click the "Register Now" button.
- 3. Add your children into the system by clicking the "Add a Student" button. Click "Insert New" button to add more children.
- 4. Click the "date" icon beside each child's name to schedule appointments. Select the staff you wish to book appointments with and the "View Calendars" button. Use the "Ctrl" or "Command" key to select multiple staff to view at the same time.
- 5. Click on available time slots to book your appointments and then click the "Book Appointments" button to save your bookings.

Booking @: http://greenleaf.schoolappointments.com/ opens Wednesday, October 25^h, and closes at **noon on Thursday November 2**nd. Please make sure that you book before this time.



Student Council is very proud to be up and running! We have used the leadership skills of our many talented Auxiliary Council members to launch our many initiatives this year. Students are responsible for organizing weekly sub and pita orders, as well as special events. Our Diwali celebration with samosas was a great success! We had over 200 samosa orders! If you have come into to the school recently, you will have noticed that our Halloween for Hunger campaign has drawn great attention to those in our community who would benefit from a little extra help. We are very pleased with the generosity of our students.

We are prepping for our Remembrance Day assembly on November 10th before a very busy holiday season coming up in December.

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