

## PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

With the bulk of snow and ice behind us, students and staff are looking forward to March Break. February was indeed a very busy month with many academic and sports activities and trips planned for students. The Niagara Art Gallery worked with our primary grades to create amazing sculptures. Grade 5 students eagerly participated in the Director's Cut. Students in Grades 7 and 8 participated in Entrepreneurial Adventure which includes visits from local business mentors from the TD Bank in Waterdown and The Learning Partnership. A visit to Eco House by Grade 6's taught students about sustainable sources of electricity. Students have enjoyed skating and skiing trips. The Robotics Club is starting up soon and has received a \$2300.00 grant for start-up.

Our Senior Girls Basketball team is congratulated on their continued success in the play-off rounds. Thumbs up to our Boys Team also on a great season! We are just beginning tryouts for our Junior Teams. Gryphons also excitedly announce that our newly formed Dance Team will travel to a competition on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

Our French Department is also busy planning a visit and presentation by Duffle Bag Theatre for students, along with many more exciting activities to follow. Big thanks to our energetic and caring staff who continue to explore and provide extensions and enhancement to students! We also recognize the tremendous help and support by our many parent volunteers. The strong partnership between the school and our community has created a strong, culture which benefits all students in every grade!

Student safety and parent parking zones continue to be a concern. As a result we are working with our school site supervisor to update signage for designated drop off and pick up zones. We are committed to ensuring safe arrival and dismissal of our students.

Just a reminder to parents that September Organization is underway. We recognize that there are occasions where class placement for some students must be carefully considered. Parental requests must be submitted to the Principal in writing outlining the criteria for specific class/ teacher placement. Only requests that are made for "sound educational reasons" will be accepted no later than **FRIDAY, MAY 11, 2018**. Class building requires extensive planning to create positive and

productive learning environments for all students.

It is my great pleasure on behalf of staff and students to welcome Ms. Susan Fox to Allan A. Greenleaf as Principal in Ms. Costa-Popovich's absence. She is familiar with our community in her previous role as Principal. Along with Mr. Barry Morlog, AAG continues to be a great place to teach and to learn! Thanks once again for the support you have shown me as Principal of an amazing school community.

*Mrs. L. Wigood & Mr. B. Morlog*

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Registration for Kindergarten, for September 2018, will begin Monday Feb. 5th. Parents are welcome to register anytime on



or after this date. We currently have 4 classes of JK/SK students that attend school every day. All of our classes include a teacher and a Registered Early Childhood Educator and can have a maximum of 30 children. The Ministry of Education defines

the parameters for enrolment in these classes and our enrolment predicts how many classes we have.

Students registering for Junior Kindergarten must have their 4th birthday prior to December 31, 2018. All schools in the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board offer Full day Kindergarten. If you have neighbours or friends in our catchment area, please invite them to come into the school any day between 9:30-3:30 p.m. to register. Kindergarten Orientation session will be held on Wednesday, May 2nd between 4:00-5:00pm in the library. This session is for parents/guardians only. On May 10th, please bring your children between 5:00-5:30pm to visit our kindergarten classrooms before Allan Greenleaf School's Open House. We look forward to meeting you and your little ones.

## VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: RESPONSIBILITY

You are practicing **responsibility** when you agree to do something, like homework, watching a younger child, or a job around the house, you take it as your responsibility. You don't agree to do things which are too hard, or that you don't really have time for. When you make a mistake, you don't get defensive. You learn from it and you fix it. You are ready and willing to clear up misunderstandings.



*I am responsible. I give my best to all that I do and keep my agreements. I learn from my mistakes. I am willing to make amends..*

## MISSED GRADUATION PHOTOS

# Lifetouch Missed Graduation Photos

Lifetouch is having a Studio Day on:

**Saturday, March 24, 2018**

If you missed your school photo day, please call Cindy at our Hamilton office to schedule an appointment no later than Wednesday, March 21st. The number is:

**905-573-1402 or 1-866-233-3308**

Please be advised that composite production begins 4 weeks after photo day. Don't miss the opportunity to be on your class composite!

*-Boys:* please bring a white collared shirt, tie or bowtie

*-Girls:* please bring a white shirt or blouse

If your student does not have these items, they will be provided

If you would like to purchase a vinyl folder with your class composite and have not ordered one at the school, please bring a completed order form and payment to your studio appointment.



## USED EYE GLASSES

Imagine if you could help a child read, an adult succeed in his job, or a senior maintain his/her independence... and provide a community with more opportunities to grow and thrive. Donate glasses and change someone's life. Lions Clubs around the world collect used eye glasses and recycle them for people in need. Please drop off your used eyeglasses to Ms. Posavad in the office no later than April 10th.



## DATES TO REMEMBER

March 2-PA Day—No School  
March 7—Oral Communications Festival  
March 9— Bake Sales (Entrepreneurial Groups)  
March 12-16 Inclusive—March Break  
March 23—Gr. 3-8 Duffle Bag Theatre French Presentation  
March 26—Robotics Competition  
March 28— Hamilton's Best Dance Competition  
March 29—Skating Trip  
March 29—Spring Cake Raffle  
March 30—Good Friday—No School



## SPEECH COMPETITION

Students in grades 4-8 are gearing up for our annual Oral Communications Festival! We are looking forward to hearing students present their well researched and expertly written speeches for us on Wednesday, March 7th. Good luck to all our speech finalists! Winners will move forward to our cluster level competition and then possibly, the Board level contest.

## ENTREPRENEURIAL VENTURE

Our grade 7 & 8 students are continuing with their entrepreneurial venture! Please look for ways to support our students. All proceeds from these ventures will be donated to charity. Students have already raised \$350 for Habitat for Humanity and the Hamilton-Burlington SPCA. Groups will be having a bake sale next week (March 9).

*Wishing our school community a safe and happy March Break!*

