

# Greenleaf Gazette

## PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Welcome to the month of May and to the much anticipated spring weather!

Thank you to all our community for your continued support throughout the many administration changes at AAG. Monday, April 30th is the completion of my time at AAG. This is my second time at this wonderful school and I enjoyed my short time here with such wonderful staff to work with, engaged students and supportive families. Mr. Barry Morlog is staying for the months of May and June as the acting principal.

Please welcome Mr. Gould to Allan Greenleaf School for the month of May as Vice Principal. I am sure his transition will be seamless.

On April 19th, we celebrated the volunteers with a wonderful lunch in the gymnasium. Thank you to the "volunteer day committee" for organizing a delicious luncheon complete with wonderful student artwork and outstanding desserts. Thank you parent/guardian volunteers for all your support and help with our students. We appreciate all you do!!

Happy Mother's Day on Sunday, May 13th to all the mothers in our school community! We wish you a happy and wonderful day!

All the best to the students, staff and families throughout the very busy months of May and June at school!

*Ms. S. Fox & Mr. B. Morlog*



## REGISTRATIONS NEW TO OUR COMMUNITY

If you have friends or relatives that are moving into the Greenleaf community for the 2018-2019 school year, please invite them to come into the school and register their children as soon as possible. We are currently working on our school organization and class assignments for next year. This task is best done when we have the most current information. Thank you for your help in getting this message out.



## OPEN HOUSE

Our Annual Open House is being held on Thursday, May 10, 2018 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. All of our classes will be open and we invite our students to share their work and inquiries with their parents. Our students are very proud of their school and their accomplishments and I know they are looking forward to showcasing their classrooms for their parents.



## KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

For our students who are new to kindergarten, we will be hosting our annual Kindergarten Orientation event on May 2nd. This information session for parents new to Kindergarten will begin at 4:00 p.m. We will meet in the library on the second floor and will provide in-sight into what you can expect for your child in September in one of our FDK classes. Parents will be invited to tour the classes at the end of the presentation.



## EARTH DAY

At Greenleaf's Earth Day Assembly on April 23, some of the grade 3 and 4 students in Ecoteam talked about plastic bag use- over a billion are handed out in Canada each year! Scarlett M in 6B read her speech about plastic in our oceans, and 6B shared work they have done in class about plastic straws. Their goal is to eliminate plastic straws in our community and in Canada, to help eliminate unnecessary plastic waste. Families can support Greenleaf's Earth Day and environmental initiatives by using reusable lunch bags and tote bags, using a reusable drinking bottle instead of drink boxes with straws or plastic water bottles, and trying to reduce plastic by refusing straws and plastic bags when they are out and about, and at home



## "VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: HELPFULNESS



You are practicing **helpfulness** when you are doing useful things for people, such as things they cannot do for themselves, something they do not have time to do, or just little things that make life easier. It is important to be helpful to ourselves too, by taking care of our bodies. There are times when we need help from others. That is a good time to ask for help.

*I am helpful. I look for ways to be of service. I care for others and myself. I look for helpful ways to make a difference.*

## HWDSB HEAT EVENT

With the warmer weather now approaching, Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) would like to make you aware of our procedures during a heat event.



The City of Hamilton Public Health department monitors weather forecasts closely and notifies the media and community partners of a heat event. A heat event occurs when the forecast calls for one or more days with a 40 or higher humidex reading.

Once HWDSB has been notified of a heat event, information will be posted on our website and the following precautionary steps will be taken for students:

- limit physical outdoor activities
- ensure access to water
- close drapes and blinds
- move students through cooler areas of the school
- monitor students for symptoms of heat stress

For more information, or steps you can take to reduce risks during heat events, please visit the following websites:

City of Hamilton  
<http://www.hamilton.ca/HealthandSocialServices/PublicHealth/TipsToBeatTheHeat>

<http://bit.ly/nB4ZQp>

Health Canada  
<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ewh-semt/climat/index-eng.php>

## DATES TO REMEMBER

May 2-Kindergarten Orientation  
 May 3-5A & 5B Scientists in the School  
 May 4-Jump Rope for Heart  
 May 9-Gr. 6 Trip Mac Planetarium  
 May 9-14—Scholastic Book Fair  
 May 10-Hockey Tournament  
 May 10-Open House  
 May 14-Boys Soccer Tournament  
 May 16-Girls Soccer Tournament  
 May 17-2A Scientists in the School  
 May 21-Victoria Day-No School  
 May 22-EQAO begins



## AUTHOR KENNETH OPPEL

Kenneth Oppel came to Greenleaf in April to talk about his books and the writing process. Students and staff from Grades 1-8

all enjoyed his presentations that provided in depth information about books Kenneth Oppel has written, his inspirations, research and writing process. His talks were informative, entertaining and inspiring. Kenneth Oppel also autographed books for older students. A big thank you to Parent Council for supporting this event and providing this literary opportunity for Greenleaf's students.

## PLASTIC BAG GRAB CHALLENGE

Plastic Bag Grab Challenge (April 16-20) was a great success. Students in our Ecoteam, which included students from grades 1-4, collected approximately 2000 plastic carry out bags for recycling. Plastic bags can be recycled in our blue bins for street collection, but many end up in garbage or as litter, caught in fences, in trees and in bodies of water. Animals can be harmed when they mistake the plastic for food, or are injured by plastic items. With plastic bag decomposition estimates ranging from 50 to 1000 years, we are happy to help coordinate recycling of these bags with Walmart and the Recycling Council of Ontario. These bags will be recycled within North America to make plastic planter pots, garbage bags and plastic lumber. Of course, it's better to refuse plastic bags entirely, and reduce the amount of plastic bags we use by using reusable tote bags instead of plastic bags in the first place.

