

# Wing Tips

Green Acres School 45 Randall Avenue Stoney Creek, ON L8G 2K8 (905) 662-7021 Ms. T. Gasparik, Principal

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<u>Arrival Check Program</u> Please call the school to let us know that your child(ren) will **not** be attending school for the day or will be arriving late. For your convenience, the answering machine is available 24hrs/day & 7days/week.

# Principal's Message:

### **Welcomes and Good-Byes**

In January we had some staff changes in the Primary Division. In Grade 2/3 we said goodbye to Mrs. Addis who was in for Mrs. Workman. We welcomed Mrs. Workman to Green Acres School on January 29th. In FDK we said goodbye to Mrs. Spencer as she went off on Maternity Leave. We welcomed Mrs. Huber to Green Acres school on February 5th. Thank you to both Mrs. Addis and Mrs. Spencer for their work with our students over the last 5 months. We wish both of them all the best in the future!

### **Report Cards**

Report Cards go home with students in Kindergarten-Grade 8 on February 13th. It is important to work with your child's teacher throughout the year to help them succeed and achieve success.

When going over the report cards it is important to celebrate your child's successes and if there are improvements to be made, set some goals with your child to help them achieve success. If you have any questions about your child's report card, please connect with your child's teacher.

### Pancake Tuesday

Many thanks to our School Council for helping Green Acres celebrate Pancake Tuesday! Members of the School Council will be here Tuesday, February 13th, in the morning serving up pancakes for our students and staff!

### **Grade 8 Grad Pictures:**

Creative School Images will be here in the morning on Friday, February 16, to take Grade 8 Graduation Pictures. To our Grade 8's bring your smiles that day!

### Kindergarten Registration

HWDSB schools are exciting, enriching places for young learners to receive an education. They learn to explore the world around them, solve problems, and make new friends. Our Kindergarten Program helps students get off to the best possible start. Your child will be challenged and encouraged to do his or her very best. Our caring educators are with them every step of the way!

Registration started on February 5th, 2018 at your home school.

### To register your child for Kindergarten:

Find your home school using our online School Locator tool at <a href="https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/find">www.hwdsb.on.ca/find</a> or call 905-527-5092, ext. 2391.

# What to bring to registration?

- Proof of status in Canada i.e. Canadian Citizen, Permanent Resident, Refugee, etc.
- Proof of age i.e. Birth Certificate, Passport, etc.
- Proof of address i.e. utility bill, lease, etc.
- Guardianship/Custodianship documents (if applicable)

### **Student Leadership Group:**

Once again Green Acres' Student Leadership Group started selling Candy Grams on February 7. Proceeds from the sale of Candy Grams will be going to WE Charity (formerly Free the Children) to help children in developing countries.

WE Charity is an international charity and educational partner. Their organization is unique among Canadian charities in that it operates collaborative programs both domestically and internationally.

Green Acres Students are proud to continue supporting this global organization and help children across the world.

## School Council Update

The School Council continues to meet each month to discuss what is happening at Green Acres and coordinate events and fundraising all designed to bring our school community closer together.

We would like to thank everyone that came out to our Indigo Fundraiser at the end of November. Together we were able to raise just over \$550 that will help to contribute to new school uniforms for our sports teams. Our next fundraiser is planned for March when we will be selling school spirit wear. Stay tuned for more details.

We will continue to offer Pizza Day as well once a month. We have heard the feedback from parents and are in the process of looking for an alternative vendor.

Other upcoming events include the ever popular Pancake Day on Tuesday, February 13, 2018. There will be a host of volunteers baking in the staff room that day ensuring that every child gets their fill of pancakes. This is an annual Green Acres tradition and we are so happy that we are able to keep this tradition alive. If anyone else would like to volunteer that day please do not hesitate to contact us through our e-mail at greenacrespublicschool@gmail.com.

Last but not least we are extremely excited about our upcoming event in April celebrating our diverse community. We are planning the Green Acres Cultural Festival: Many Faces of Green Acres. All of the families of Green Acres as well as the rest of our community will be invited to a night of music, food, arts, activities, and dance from around the world.

As always we welcome everyone to attend our next School Council Meeting scheduled for Monday, February 26, 2018 at 6p.m. in the staff room. Child care is available upon request. Past minutes can be found on the school website under the School Council tab.