



The Greensville Grizzly



September 9, 2011

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Welcome Back! I trust that everyone has a plenitude of sunshine and family time and that returning to school is top of the list for exciting and happy events for the fall! I certainly always return to school with joy and look forward to a fresh start with a new pencil, a good attitude and 215 active brains to cherish and encourage in their educational pursuits.

Over the summer our staff has been hard at work getting the school clean and organized and ready to receive students. A big thank you to our caretakers, Mrs. McManamy and Mr. Winger for doing such a great job cleaning the school. It looks great! Thanks, too, to our teachers who have been working, studying and planning to provide a rich and engaging program for their classes. We truly have a dedicated and special staff.

Many of you will have noticed activity in our gardens over the summer and I'm sure will be impressed with how lovely they look. In an initiative spearheaded by one of our stellar parents, Jennifer Inrig, along with her family, Dave, Lauren and Ben and the French family, the gardens have been cleaned up, improved, expanded and beautified. Generous donations were made in support of the project by Millgrove Garden Supply, Paterno Nurseries, Greensville Gourmet and Bennett Contracting Millgrove, Ltd. Thank you all for your time and support. The Greensville School Community is very grateful for your ongoing efforts!

Mrs. K. Fischer

Our Staff for 2011-2012 is as follows:

C. Tyrosvoutis, JKB
C. Duggan, SKB and JSKA
C. Salciccioli, Gr. 1
C. Ketchen/L. Nyitrai, Gr. 1/2
D. Green, Gr. 2
C. Grantham, Gr. 3G
T. Kerr, Gr. 3K
C. Plunkett, Gr. 4 and 4/5 Math
T. Beaudoin, Gr 4/5 and Phys. Ed. (Gr. 1-3)
E. Kosempel, Gr. 5 and Phys. Ed. (Gr. 4-5 and Kindergarten)
R. Nicole, French
V. Atkinson, Junior Arts and Primary Music
B. Carle, Library, Computers and Enrichment
N. Johnson, Learning Resource Teacher
L. Fleming, Literacy Improvement Project Teacher
L. Lyn, Educational Assistant
L. Seldon, Educational Assistant
J. McManamy, Head Caretaker
D. Winger, Assistant Caretaker
S. Wannamaker, Secretary
K. Fischer, Principal

School Bell Times

8:35

Instructional time begins
(Students should arrive at school no earlier than 8:20)

10:15-10:55

First Nutrition Break

12:55-1:35

Second Nutrition Break

2:55

Dismissal

Reminders to help make the start of the year go smoothly:



Agendas: Remember to check your child's agenda for communication from school on a daily basis. Read through the front pages of the agenda with your children. Lots of useful school information and expectations are outlined there.



Dress Code: Students are encouraged to take pride in their physical appearance and to dress appropriately when attending school and school functions. Student clothing should be clean, neat and suited to the learning and playground environment. **Short shorts and skirts, bare midriffs, bare backs, spaghetti straps and clothing that allows underwear to show are not permitted**, as are obscene, inappropriate or potentially offensive pictures or writing on any clothing or hats. Hats, hoods or bandanas are not to be worn in school. **Shoes for inside use are required, not only for cleanliness, but for gym class, fire drills and/or emergencies. "Croc"-type shoes and flip flops are not suitable for school as they do not provide adequate protection or traction to the children's feet.** No jewelry during Phys. Ed. Please note that in order to go outside when there is snow on the ground, snowpants and boots must be worn in addition to regular winter outerwear.



Attendance: If a student in your household is ill or will not be attending school for some other reason, please let the school know. Our number is **(905) 628-6221**. Leave the date, name of the student, the class that they are in and the reason for absence in your message. Our school answering machine is available 24 hours a day and our secretary, Mrs. Wannamaker, is on duty from 7:45 until 12:35 and 1:35 until 3:45.

Meet the Teacher Our Welcome Back and Meet the Teacher Night will be on Wednesday, September 14 from 5:00 – 6:30. Please join us! The Greenville Optimists will be on hand with their chip wagon, serving hamburgers, hotdogs, french fries and drinks. Please remember that parking in the half circle in front of the school is not permitted as that is the fire lane.

Looking for a BABY

Our Roots of Empathy Program is looking for one or two babies to meet with a class approximately once a month as the class learns about stages of growth and development. If you have a 2-4 month old, or know of someone who does and is interested, please contact Ms. Laura Lyn at the school @ 905 628-6221.

Grizzly Snack Shack

Once again we will be offering snacks that meet the Nutrition Policy criteria at first nutrition break on Tuesdays. The snacks range in price from \$1 – \$2. Many companies are working hard to make food that meets the guidelines. We are happy to say that we will be offering Terra Cotta Cookies, Kernels Popcorn and TCBY Frozen Yogurt for sale, starting on September 13th.

Lunch Program We will be offering special lunches each Friday this year, starting on September 30th, alternating pitas from the Pita Pit with pizza. We will offer milk on a daily basis, starting October 3rd. Watch for the order forms to come home.

Terry Fox Run Come on Friday, September 30th, 2011 and join us for the Marathon of Hope. The whole school will be running/walking during periods 4, 5 and 6 to show their support and raise money for this worthy cause. Parents, Grandparents, siblings are all welcome to join us for the event. Students will be asked to bring in a "Toonie for Terry" on event day. All proceeds will go to the Terry Fox Foundation. If you would like to donate

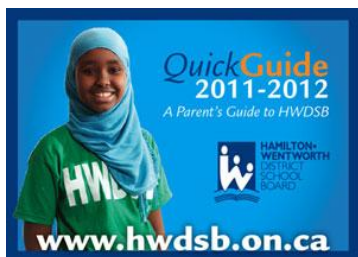
more visit www.terryfoxrun.org to make an online donation. More information will be given to students as the event approaches. See you at the Marathon of Hope. Mrs. Kosempel

Tip for Parents

Help your children grow and learn by listening to their descriptions of their day at school.

Road Safety/School Bus Safety

- **Get Ready**
Practice your route to school and point out any dangers to your children.
- **Get Set**
Teach your children the Five Steps to safely cross the street.
 1. Stop
 2. Look both ways
 3. Listen for traffic
 4. Wait until the street is clear and all traffic has stopped
 5. Make eye contact with drivers to make sure they have seen you
- **And Remember**
 1. Always walk on the sidewalk
 2. Children under 9 need supervision when they cross the street
 3. Children should walk to school with a parent, a sibling or a responsible friend
- **School Bus Safety**
 1. Talk to your children about the school bus rules
 2. Don't let your children arrive too early – they may wander. Tell them to come straight home when they get off the bus.
 3. Have a plan if your child misses the bus
 4. Remind your children to find a seat and stay seated until the driver says they can get off
 5. When getting off the bus, remind your children to take all their belongings. One backpack is easy to remember
 6. Teach your children to walk out away from the front of the bus when the red lights are flashing; that way the driver can see them



QuickGuide 2011-2012

Watch your child's backpack for this year's **QuickGuide 2011-2012**, a guide to HWDSB's services for parents and guardians. This handy pocket guide will help parents navigate our system. Find what you are looking for in a snapshot. Each section has a weblink.

HWDSB Strategic Directions
Get Involved!
Focus 4 Family
Programs of Choice / Specialist High Skills Major
Healthy Eating/Nutrition
Concern
Equity
Parent Assist
Kindergarten
Partnership & Community Engagement

How to Contact Us
School Year Calendar
Cancellations
Safe & Caring Schools
How to Get Help with a

Public Consultation
Stay Connected
My School's Information
Community Use of Schools

Parent Groups

- **School Council**

Well here it is...Back to School! The Greensville School Council would like to welcome all new and returning students, with the hopes that all had a great, fun-filled summer, and are refreshed for all the days of new learning ahead.

That being said, the School Council is also preparing for the 2011-2012 School year. We are actively seeking new members to join us on school council! Being involved is a great way to show your kids that you take an interest in their education, and it sends a positive message that you consider school a worthwhile cause.

We know that being a parent is a busy job in itself. That's why it's important to note that being a member of school council will not require a huge time commitment on your part. Our meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm in the library. During this time a principal's report as well as a teachers' report are given. After being updated on the happenings around the school, our council then discusses our individual agenda topics for the evening.

It is a very friendly environment and all are welcome, and encouraged, to attend. So, come on out, give your input, and become more aware of what's going on in your child's school life. Whether your child(ren) are in JK or Grade 5, being a part of School Council is extremely worthwhile. Our first meeting will be held Tuesday September 20 @ 6:30 pm in the Library. We will be holding the School Council elections at this meeting. Nomination forms will be posted on the Home page under "News" and the School Council portion of the Greensville School website. The form is also available in the office. Stop by to pick one up, or call the office to have one sent home with your child. Please have the nomination forms in to the office by Friday, September 16th. **Attention: School Council.** We look forward to seeing you at our first meeting in September!

School Council 2010-11

Sasha Spycher-Sulentic	Co-Chair
Steven Hadcock	Co-Chair
David Arbuckle	Vice Chair
Chris Duggan	Teacher Rep
Kate Fischer	Principal
Sara Mann	Communications Rep
Marc Brittain	Parent Member
Sarah Galoni	Community Rep - Umbrella Day Care
Susan Hill	Community Rep - Home and School Rep
Brian Csermak	Parent Member

- **Home and School**

Home and School evolved from the Parent-Teacher Organization and is the main fund raising body for the school. Our school association is accountable to the Ontario Federation of Home and School Association Inc. (OFHSA).

Regular meetings are held once per month and planning Fun Fair usually means another 4 meetings. Members and other volunteers put in additional hours on the other fundraisers: planning, gathering orders and distributing items. We welcome new members! First meeting will be September 20th at 6:30. See you there!

Home and School Fundraising

Watch for Entertainment Books coming home soon!



Our ongoing **Mabel's Label's** fundraiser is always running. If you are interested in purchasing these great labels for your children's clothing, shoes and belongings, please go to their great website www.greenville.mabel.ca. All purchases through that website send fundraising dollars to our school.

Community Announcements

Registration for Greenville Sparks, Brownies, and Guides will take place at our first meeting on Monday September 12, 2011 (and on subsequent Mondays) from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at Christ Church, 92 Hwy #8, Greenville (across the street from Bullock's Corners park). All girls from SK through to Gr 6 are welcome to join. For more information please contact Ramona Jerome at 905-627-8654.

Christ Church Play Group for Moms, Caregivers and Children up to age 6 years:

Free play, crafts snack, story time and games.

Start date is Wednesday, September 21, 2011 @ 9:30 – 11:30 am.

Christ Church is at 92 Highway 8, Dundas, L9H 4V5

Contact: Barb Coomber 905-628-8223

Christ Church Youth Group

Grade 5 – 8! Come join us for some fun.

Starts Thursday, September 15, 2011 @ 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Christ Church is at 92 Highway 8, Dundas, L9H 4V5

Contact Barb Coomber 905-628-8223