

# Greenleaf Gazette

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## PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

It's hard to believe that March is already here!

Thank you to all of our families for your ongoing support as we navigate the winter months. Every day we strive to ensure that all students, staff and community members are safe while on school property. With the amount of snow and ice this winter, we have had to be extremely vigilant to ensure everyone's safety. Each morning our school administration and custodial team assess the property. The custodian team has worked very hard this winter, and we cannot thank them enough for all of their hard work.

Here are some of the strategies that we have implemented to support safety this winter:

- Using orange pylons to identify patches of ice, asking that people avoid these areas.
- Using the front doors for early entry and dismissal if the blacktop has significant ice.
- Indoor recess if both the blacktop and the back field have significant ice.

Another important message to support safety at school is with regards to student drop off in the morning. We ask that parents, guardians and caregivers please use the parking lot to safely park their vehicle in order to drop off students at school. All traffic signs in the parking lot must be followed to ensure safety for all. Vehicles cannot be stopped or parked where buses drop off and pick up students. Vehicles also cannot be stopped or parked in designated fire safety lanes, in case of an emergency. By-law officers will be supporting the enforcement of traffic signs in the parking lot to ensure safety for all. For those families who have students in grade 8, we have set the date and time for our Graduation. Grade 8 Graduation will take place on Thursday June 20th at 6:00pm. This event takes place in our school Gymnasium. More details to follow. In preparation for spring, we have begun planning two important events that take place at our school: Open House and Kindergarten Orientation. Both events will take place on Thursday May 16th. Open House for students in grades 1-8 will take place from 5:30-7:00pm. Open House for current Kindergarten students will take place from 6:00-7:00pm. This slight difference in timing is to accommodate for Kindergarten Orientation, which will take place from 5:00-6:00pm.

We are looking forward to an exciting event taking place later this month: Jump2Math! Our fabulous School Council has organized an evening of Math fun for all of our families to participate in. This event will take place on Tuesday March 26th from 6:00 to 8:00pm in our school Gymnasium. Please stay tuned for more information. Flyers will be going home to all families this week, and the information will also be shared on our School and School Council websites. We hope to see everyone there!

We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable March Break next week!

*Ms. Snell and Ms. Barlow*

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Registration for Kindergarten, for September 2019, will begin

**Monday Feb. 4th.** Parents are welcome to register anytime on or after this date. We currently have 5 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, 2019. 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.



## “VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: PURPOSEFULNESS

You are practicing **purposefulness** when you begin with setting a vision or a goal for what you want to accomplish. Knowing why it is important is your purpose. With your goal in mind, do things one at a time, with as much care and concentration as you can. Don't let yourself get scattered in many directions, trying to do everything at once. Stay focused on your purpose.



***I am purposeful. I am clear about what I am doing and why. I stay focused on my goals. I know I can accomplish great things.***

## JUNIOR CO-ED SOCCER

A huge congratulation goes out to the Junior Co-ed Soccer Team for an incredible showing at the Falcons' Invitational Cup on Tuesday, February 26. The team went undefeated in the 4 round robin games. We had the lowest goals against average in the tournament, only allowing 1 goal in 4 games. We finished the round robin games in 1<sup>st</sup> place and moved onto the semi-finals where we advanced again. Unfortunately, we lost in the championship game to Bennetto Elementary. The team showed so much heart, strength and determination throughout the entire day. AA Greenleaf took home a plaque for this amazing achievement. Congratulations!!



## PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE: NEW RULES FOR SMOKING CANNABIS AND TOBACCO, AND VAPING ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

Smoking cannabis or tobacco and vaping any substance is prohibited anywhere on school property and in public areas within 20 metres of the perimeter of the school grounds. If you are caught smoking or vaping in school or on school property, you may be ticketed and fined. Fines start at \$305.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

March 1-PA Day—No School  
 March 4-Gr. K-3 Earth, Seas & Air Prologue  
 March 4-Gr. 7-8 Speeches  
 March 5-Gr. 4-6 Speeches  
 March 11-15 Inclusive—March Break  
 March 19—“Green Day” - we will be selling Lemonade and Rice Krispie Squares (all proceeds will be donated to *Cystic Fibrosis Canada*) \$1 for Rice Krispies and \$1 for a glass of lemonade  
 March 21-Gr. 4-8 People of the Pacific Prologue  
 March 26-Jump2Math  
 March 29—Twin Day  
 March 21-Gr. 3-Kanata Village Trip



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

