

Greenleaf Gazette

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PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

On **Thursday May 16th**, our school will be hosting Open House and Kindergarten Orientation.

Here is the timing for these events. Please note that Open House for Kindergarten will begin at 6:00pm, in order to accommodate our Kindergarten Orientation.

Open House- Grades 1-8- 5:30-7:00pm
Open House- Kindergarten- 6:00-7:00pm
Kindergarten Orientation- 5:00-6:00pm

Open House is an opportunity for students and families to visit the school, explore learning spaces, and connect with staff. We hope that you are able to come and join us!

Kindergarten Orientation is an opportunity for us to welcome new families who will be joining our school community in September to visit the school, explore Kindergarten classrooms and meet our Kindergarten team.

The following will also be available during this event:

- book fair in the library
- popcorn sale in the foyer
- community partners in the Gymnasium
- plant sale outside weather permitting or in the foyer

We look forward to seeing you on the 16th,

Ms. L. Snell & Mrs. D. Barlow

REGISTRATIONS NEW TO OUR COMMUNITY



New Student Registration

If you have friends or relatives that are moving into the Greenleaf community for the 2019-2020 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 16, 2019 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 16th. This information session for parents new to Kindergarten will be 5:00-6:00 p.m

STUDENT COUNCIL

We have just taken a great stride towards Greenleaf's goal to eliminate single use plastics! Over the years, student groups at Greenleaf have been looking for ways

**PLASTIC
BAG GRAB
challenge**



to reduce plastic use in our schools, and lives. One of our campaigns has been the installation of hydration stations in the school to reduce the use of single use plastic bottles. Two years ago we had a hydration station with a water bottle refilling option installed on our ground floor and now we are able to have one on our second level too!! Student Council has been actively fundraising for this initiative and have raised \$1000 towards the project. Last week, Michael N and Josh P appealed to Flamborough Rotary and School Council to help us with our project. Flamborough Rotary has approved a \$1000 donation to help us and our very own School Council will pay the difference. Thank you to all!

"VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: EXCELLENCE"

You are practicing **excellence** when you are not content to give less than your best—to big things and little things. You give careful attention to every job, and to the people you care for. You learn from your mistakes, so you can do better next time. Day by day, you strive to improve. We can't excel at everything. Discover your own talents and give them your best..



I give my best to the work I do. I give my best to others. I dare to set noble goals. I choose excellence in all things.

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>

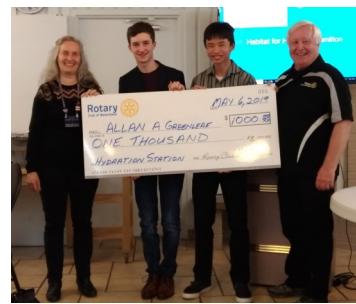
Health Canada
<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ewh-semt/climat/index-eng.php>

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 1-Gr.5-8 Theatre Aquarius
 May 2-Senior Swim Meet
 May 2-Gr. 2's Artist in the Classroom
 May 2-Volunteer Appreciation Lunch
 May 3-4A Artist in the Classroom
 May 9-Gr. 3-6 Duffle Bag Theatre
 May 14-Gr. 6's McMaster Planetarium
 May 16-Kindergarten Orientation
 May 16-Open House
 May 17-Jump Rope for Heart
 May 20-Victoria Day-No School
 May 23-Gr. 7&8 Blue Jays Game
 May 24-1A Scientist in the Classroom
 May 28-Gr.5's Crawford Lake



SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT



Happy to report that The Rotary Club of Waterdown has approved a \$1000 donation to Allan A Greenleaf student council to assist with their initiative of installing a Water Hydration Station in the upstairs hall of our school. Thank you to Michael N and Joshua P for their fan-

tastic presentation and to Gary Flood from Rotary for attending our meeting and taking their proposal to the club for consideration.

The boys, myself and their families have been invited to attend their meeting on Monday, May 6 to present their proposal again (for entertainment purposes I'm sure :) and to receive a giant cheque.

In addition to this donation, Gary (Rotary) has offered to pay for one of our weeks of our pizza fundraiser. This will increase our fundraising profits by approx. \$465.00.

The Rotary Club of Waterdown has always been a great support to us.

Most of their profits are generated through Waterdown Ribfest (June 28th-July 1st), so please consider paying it back by volunteering AND attending. I volunteer every year and I welcome anyone to join me!

Thank you for all your support.

Alyson Johnson-Co Chair-School Council

PLASTIC BAG GRAB CHALLENGE

Thank you to our school community, who brought in **2504** bags for recycling! These bags will be taken directly to manufacturers who will use them in plastic lumber, plastic plant pots and garbage bags, reducing plastic in our landfill and as garbage pollution in our natural environments. We hope to encourage families to rethink their use of plastic bags and remember to take reusable totes with them into many stores, not just the grocery store! Thank you to the Grade 4 bin busters, as well as volunteers in grades 1 and 2 who helped collect and count the bags.



GREENLEAF IS GREEN-APRIL



We enjoyed assemblies by Greenpeace this month, helping students to rethink the amount of plastic we use and the effect of plastics in our environment. Students were encouraged to think about how small actions by many people can have a big effect! Our bin busters have been

checking our school's recycling bins to help us recycle better, and our intermediate students are encouraging us to rethink how we use single use plastics like water bottles, straws, cutlery and plastic bags. Student council is spearheading fundraising initiatives for a second water bottle filling station and fountain in the upstairs hallway. Look for our displays about purposefulness and commitment relating to the environment when you are in school!

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Supporting kids' health for 37 years, Jump Rope for Heart encourages kids to be active and help others by raising funds for life-saving heart and stroke research. Thank you to all families who have begun collecting donations for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Donations can be made online (see donation envelope for registration details) or by using the donation envelope. Donations are due by Friday, May 17, which is also our skip day! Please send in any envelopes to your child's teacher, with your child's name and class clearly labelled. School prizes can be found on the display board in the front foyer.



ALLAN GREENLEAF SCHOOL YEARBOOKS

We will be selling our annual yearbooks once again. Pre orders at a cost of \$18.00 per book. The yearbook contains approximately 48 full colour pages of Allan Greenleaf School's class pictures, teams, and all other activities that your children participated in.

Keep your child's memories at Allan Greenleaf School alive. You must pre order to guarantee a copy of this wonderful keepsake. Very limited quantities will be available after this date. All orders will be due May 16th. Please use our cash online system to make your purchase. Receipts will be issued for all cash and cheque purchases. Please keep your receipt as proof of purchase.



Happy
Mother's
Day