

# The Greenleaf Gazette

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## A Message from Our Principals...

Dear Families,

The month of April has come and gone very quickly here at Allan A. Greenleaf. The school and students have been involved in a wide variety of activities throughout the month. We have had a little taste of spring (along with lots of rain), and hopefully consistently nicer weather will be with us soon.

The months of May and June promise to be extremely busy at the school. There are many activities (Open House/Carnival, Jump Rope for Heart, Year-End Trips, Commencement, etc.) planned for our students that will focus on celebrating and recognizing their achievements from throughout the year. However, it is important to note that there is still a lot of work left to be done here at school and at home in order for students to have a successful conclusion to their academic year. Students should continue to give their very best effort and finish the school year strong!

We are looking forward to seeing students and families this week at our Open House and Fun Fair. Classrooms and the Book Fair will be open from 5:30-7:00 and our School Council have planned some fun activities and events for our students. Thanks to our School Council for all of their hard work - see you there!

Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Kind.  
Be You, Be Excellent

Mr. Yull & Mr. Reid



## Carnival Update

Wristbands are officially sold out and will not be available for purchase at the Carnival. Raffle Tickets will be available for purchase to enjoy the games (excluding Reptile and BeeBop the Clown shows and Soccer Darts)

Teachers will be handing out the purchased wristbands Thursday during school hours. Please check your child's bag for the envelope containing the wristband and raffle ticket.

Don't forget to bring in a food donation for the food bank!

This will earn you a free raffle ticket to use at any raffle station at the Carnival.

Reminder this is a **Cash Only** event. Food Truck and Ice Cream Truck will have tap. We are so excited!



## Dates to Remember...

End of May—June EQAO Grades 3 & 6

May 9—Carnival 5-8

Open House & Book Fair 5:30-7 pm

May 13—McMaster Art Museum visits GA

Week of May 13—Tech & Trades Trailer

May 15—Soccer Tournament

May 17—Grade 8s to Splitsville

May 20—Victoria Day—no school

May 23—Flag Football

School Council 6pm

May 24—Jump Rope 4 ♥

May 30—Kindergarten Orientation

June 7—P.A. Day

Tuesdays—Pizza

Thursdays—Pasta & Popcorn \$2.50

Fridays—Subs & Fro Yo \$4

Month of May —Jump Rope for Heart

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## Carnival Events

### Events

Face Painting  
Tatoos  
Photo Booth  
Inflatable Games  
Soccer Darts  
Tic Tac Toe  
Dunk Tank

### Food

BBQ - Optimist Club  
Ice Cream Truck  
Jumbo Freezies  
Popcorn  
Chips  
Candy  
Drinks

Beebop the Clown  
@ 5:50 pm  
Little Ray's Reptiles @  
6pm  
and more!!

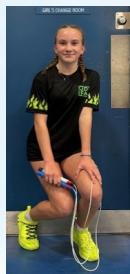


## JUMP ROPE FOR HEART



Jump Rope For Heart is on now! All donations are online this year. Families can sign up to donate and collect donations for the Heart and Stroke Foundation at [Allan A Greenleaf - Waterdown | Heart & Stroke Jump Rope for Heart \(crowdchange.ca\)](https://www.allanagreenleaf.com/heart-stroke-jump-rope-for-heart)

We were excited to see the athletics of the Jump Dance Fit Academy at our kickoff Assembly on Monday. Students showed us many skipping and athletic tricks to inspire our own jumping and healthy activity. They meet in Waterdown and would like to welcome other athletes and skippers to join the group! Our very own Caleigh F. is part of the team heading to Nationals soon and we were thrilled to see her and her teammates. Many thanks to Coach Isabelle and the Jump Dance Fit Academy skippers and best of luck at your upcoming competitions!



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## EQAO

EQAO testing for Grade 3&6 students will take place late May and into the beginning of June. This is a provincial assessment that tests Reading, Writing and Mathematics.

## Parking Lot Pickups and Drop Offs

Thank you for helping us put student safety first. We have a very congested parking lot area, and we can all do a few things to help keep everyone safe. This includes not stopping vehicles in the bus loading zone, not double parking in the parking lot, driving slowly and always being mindful of students crossing the street. Students can help too, by getting off and walking bicycles/ scooters, and by not playing games or using equipment in these areas at entry and dismissal time. Thank you so much!

## Emergency Response Drills

We will be practicing 3 Fire Drills and 1 Emergency Evacuation Drill prior to the end of the school year.

## Cell Phones and Vaping

There has been a lot of talk in the news about new measures coming in for September around Cell Phones & Vaping. As we hear and learn more, we will communicate with our community. However, now is a good opportunity to review current expectations.

Currently, cell phones should be off and away during instructional time, and are only to be used with educator permission for instructional purposes. Parents/guardians can always get through to students by contacting our main office.

Vaping is prohibited on HWDSB property. Any student caught vaping on school property will be faced with school discipline and a potential fine.

We thank parents and family members for working with their children, and supporting our staff in limiting distractions in the classroom and school. We appreciate you!

### SUBSCRIBE TO OUR WEBSITE!

Stay up to date! All school communications including newsletters will be blasted through our site

## Kindergarten Orientation Sessions

Kindergarten Information Sessions will be on Thursday, May 30th. There are two sessions and families who have registered with our school received an email on Tuesday, May 6th. This is an informal introduction to school which will allow you to visit one classroom and ask the educators questions you may have.

In September you will receive an email with information of your child's class and teacher, and a time for your first day visit on Wednesday, September 4th. The first full day of school will be on **Thursday, September 5th.**

## Greenleaf Yearbook 2023-2024

Order your full colour 2023-2024 Greenleaf Yearbook. All orders are due FRIDAY, May 17th! We will be ordering directly from [Lifetouch](https://www.lifetouch.com). The price per yearbook is \$16.00. Yearbooks MUST be pre-ordered. *Late orders will not be accepted.* [Please click here to take you to the Lifetouch Yearbook ordering site.](#)

## Sports Update

As always—sports at Greenleaf are in full swing! Our basketball season has just ended with great participation from all teams. Our Intermediate swim team swam their hearts out last Thursday at their annual meet—they had an awesome time and came home with many ribbons. Coming up we have a Grade 8 soccer tournament next week and flag football the week after. In June, our students will have another opportunity to showcase their athleticism at Track and Field. We are looking forward to all these opportunities that allow us to get healthy and have fun with our peers. Thank you to all educators and volunteers who invest their time to making these events possible!



## Tech Trades Trailer

AAG has been selected to participate in the Trades Trailer project during the week of May 13th! This is a joint venture between HWDSB Experiential Learning and teachers at the school to provide students with a hands-on opportunity to build various structures. Students have been working with Mrs. Harris, Mr.

Straatsma, and Mr. Hewitson to build concept designs, source materials from local vendors, and collaborate with the community. For example, students are looking at building a sandbox structure for a local day care centre. Stay tuned for updates on this project!