



Gator Gazette

November 2024

Principal's Message

Hello Billy Green Families!

As we begin to prepare for a change in season and daylight savings, our hope is that families enjoyed the end to October by celebrating the season with Fall Festivals, Halloween and Diwali! With November upon us, we will continue to focus on the values through which we interact each day.

This month we will focus on **TRUST** and learn about how we can demonstrate trust each day.

Our next school council meeting will be held this **November 5th at 6:30 pm**. All are welcome.

Student progress reports are being prepared for our students and families. Please review your child's progress report and identify strengths and next steps for goal setting moving forward.

With the colder weather approaching and a change in season, please remind your child if there are lost & found items to claim they are welcome to do visit our lost & found bin on our main floor. For children in younger grades, please connect with your child's educator if there are lost items to be claimed for your child.

We hope our families have an enjoyable month of November, with our continued goal of supporting our student's well-being and achievement.

Sincerely,

Ms. S. Beatrice



Upcoming Dates November

CCAT for grade 4s – TBD

Nov 1 – PD Day

Nov 5 – Lock Down Drill

Nov 5 – School Council

Nov 6 – Gr9 Take your Kid to Work Day

Nov 6 – Gr7 Immunizations

Nov 7 – Junior Swim Team Meet

Nov 8 – Indigenous Veterans Day

Nov 11 – Remembrance Day

Nov 19 – Progress Reports Sent Home

Nov 21 – 22 – Parent/Guardian

Interviews

Nov 22 – PD Day

Nov 25 – Gr8 Saltfleet Info Night

Nov 27 – Junior Trip to Sound of Music

Ongoing throughout the month...

- Kernels
- Game on
- Big Brother & Sisters Mentorship

Indigenous Well-Being: Reconciling our roles as treaty partners

November 3rd-9th marks an important day in our journey towards reconciliation. It is Treaties Recognition week. This time is intended to honour the importance of our relationships with Indigenous Peoples. Treaties were agreements that existed before the arrival of settlers. The agreements, made sure that each nation understood the customs of others, their territories and their laws. Indigenous Peoples entered treaty negotiations with Settler Peoples. Indigenous Peoples used the treaties to communicate over the use of the land and its resources. The Settler view on land was that it could be owned and given to others. Many Canadians believe that treaties are a thing of the past, but treaties made in the past remain legally-binding agreements. At Billy Green, we consistently acknowledge the land and resources we share. As a community, it is imperative that we lead in understanding our relationships by listening to First Nations, Inuit and Métis through their own voices, by reading books, watching films or listening to music created by Indigenous People.

Building Community through JOY

Because students asked – we delivered! This week Billy the Gator made its first appearance at the Girls Volleyball Game! Billy cheered our girls on bringing spirit and pride to the bench! We thank our school council for making Billy possible!





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Guess Who?

In October, staff played Guess Who with the students. Some students are still wondering about who some of these faces are. Can you guess who the staff were on their picture day?



Congratulations to

In **September** we recognized students who demonstrated our values for Compassion, Trust, Dignity and Joy.

E Mans	C Dean
A Khan	S Pal
A Kouniak	B Hejazi
C Brown	E Daiken
R Page	E Macwan
A Dzsudzak	T Al Sarajbi
I Pedersen	K Glass
A Ho	I Kouniak
S Al Sarajbi	A Baxter-Hough
S Hernandez	H Lewis
C Smith	W Uens



Home Games at Billy Green

As our Gator Teams continue their seasons, we know there is excitement to watch and cheer for them at their afterschool games. Because these occur afterschool, there is no staff supervision available as staff-coaches are there to guide our teams. This becomes a safety issue. For this reason, students will only be permitted to watch a game if accompanied by an adult. As always, thank you for your cooperation.

Equity and Human Rights Corner

Billy Green continues its commitment to equity and human rights through curriculum and instruction. We recognize that the school is a microcosm of society whereby the incidences of bias, hate or prejudice that occur at school reflect a smaller proportion of the reality of these instances in the greater community. A common phrase we hear at school is "**snitches get stitches**". This phrase intimidates students from reporting instances that they feel and know are unjust. As the adults in the school, we model our responsibility to stop and address acts of bias, hate or prejudice by **interrupting** (ie That comment is not ok!), **identifying** (ie The word you said is racist, transphobic etc), **explaining** and **supporting**. It is important that we as a community work to stop the belief that telling someone about an incident will lead to harm to the individual who tells. Collective conversations at school and home is one approach to break the silence where "snitches" DO NOT get stitches. At home, consider talking to your child about what it means to report and how they can report to an adult in the school confidentially.

School Council Update

This month, our Krispy Kreme fundraiser is running! We are thankful to everyone for your support as we look to buy more technology for our students to assist in their learning. We look forward to handing out your donuts on November 14!



Swimming with a Splash!

Our Junior Swim Team (Grades 3-5) will be representing us with pride at the Swim Meet being held at Jimmy Thompson Pool on 7th November. After 5 weeks of practice, the team is ready to make a splash! Go Gators! Thank you to Mr Mace and Mrs Dawson for your support!

Gator Day Friday's!

We are excited to celebrate our Gator pride with Friday Gator Days. On this day students are invited to show their Gator pride through the colours of Green, White, Gold. Looking forward to splashing our school with Gator Pride!

