



Gator Gazette

December 2024

Principal's Message

Hello Billy Green Families!

I am not quite sure how, but we have already arrived at the end of November and Winter Break seems to be right around the corner. In December we will focus on **DIGNITY** and learn about how we show dignity by:

- O Being Welcoming and accepting
- O Listening to Understand
- O Celebrating the uniqueness of myself and others
- O Being an Ally with the words we use and the actions we take

A huge thank you to Naomi in Mrs Lubertino's class for leading our Values Announcements every week!

Our next school council meeting will be held **January 7th at 6:30 pm**. All are welcome.

With the colder weather approaching it is important to dress according to the weather. Students are outside each day at both nutrition breaks unless there is inclement weather.

The month of December is marked by a number of days of significance including Christmas, Kwanzaa and Hannukah. These days are a time for family, reflection and celebration. For all of our families who will be celebrating, we wish you a season of peace, joy and laughter.

Sincerely,

Ms. S. Beatrice



Upcoming Dates December

December 9th: Grade 8 Saltfleet Trip

December 18th: Winter Concert – details to follow soon!

December 20th: Last Day of School

December 20th: Cozy winter day – wear your comfy cozy pjs or winter favorites

Coming in January....

January 31st, 2025: Picture retake day
AND Grade 8 Graduation Photos!

Ongoing throughout the month...

- Kernels
- Game on
- Big Brother & Sisters Mentorship



Because you asked: What was your first job?

Because students asked...we delivered. Students wanted to get to know staff on a more personal level and a team of staff helped to respond. We asked students what questions they wanted to ask staff. This month's question came from Mrs. Begley's class who asked: What was your first job? Here were our answers:





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October Celebrating

The month of October was one of excitement with spirit days and pumpkin carving days and even a visit from Billy the Gator!



And the Winner is...Pumpkins!

We had creativity happening in our classrooms as each class collaborated to design their own unique pumpkin. Congrats to all of our classes!



Equity and Human Rights Corner

Billy Green continues its commitment to equity and human rights through curriculum and instruction. We recognize the importance of every single member of our community regardless of beliefs, culture and gender. Through our values of Compassion, Trust, Dignity and Joy we recognize that diversity offers opportunities for us to learn and grow from one another. During Anti-Bullying Week our Positive School Climate team (**Keira R, Brook W, Katrina C, Emma L and Katie B**) led our school announcements while spreading the message of kindness and anti-bullying actions. They visited our k to grade 3 classes teaching our students about the importance of kind words and leading activities with them. Kindness always starts in the **words we use** and at the heart of kindness is an understanding that **we all have something positive to give and show the world.**

Congratulations to

In **October** we recognized students who demonstrated our values for Compassion. Congratulations to:

T Costa	T Abraham
B Ricottone	A Salim
S Khan	F Misic
S Sidhu	J Meas
H Ahmed	E Merklinger
R Sherif	S Zywine
K Carruthers	E Radinovic
L Badiru	J Ramoukkhalifani
A Stokes	E Ricottone
F Campbell	M Young
J Groves	
A Williams	



School Council Update

Thank you to our community who supported our Krispy Cream Fundraiser! We SOLD out! Stay tuned for our December Subway fundraiser. This will be a trial run and if successful we will look at more subway days for January! **Orders can be made through school cash online until December 3rd!**



Dogs on School Premises

Just a reminder that our school playground is Dog free 15 minutes before and after the bell. We have a number of students with allergies and others who are afraid. We understand that our furry friends mean the world to us, but we ask that if they are with you – to please remain off the playground (outside of the gates).



Nutrition Policy

A reminder that we follow Nutrition Guidelines to keep students with severe allergies safe. HWDSB's policy is to support a peanut-free and allergen-free learning space. We ask that you do not send in food items to share for celebrations. We cannot distribute these items. If you wish to send items, please consider stickers, pencils or non-food items. Thank you for your cooperation.