

**GLYNN A. GREEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
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## GATOR GAB

**December, 2016**



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### Message from the Office

We wish all our Glynn A. Green Community a wonderful Christmas and Holiday season. December will still be very busy! We will continue to focus on our learning as well as all the amazing activities that are going on. We thank our staff for their tireless dedication to our students. Our Book Fair runs from Nov. 29 to December 1 in the Learning Commons. Our junior volleyball games, primary intramurals, hour of code, art gallery, walk to school day, choir caroling downtown, Primary concert, trip to Shrek production, recognition assembly for Caring and so much more are planned for this month. We especially hope to see you out at our Primary Concert on December 14th!



Thanks also for supporting our pink shirt Marvelous Mondays-the first Monday of each month. We continue to work on increasing the peace by being respectful to each other, accepting differences, and keeping our hands to ourselves. This year we have a core of dedicated teachers and students running our Future Aces program and you will see our creed posted throughout the school.

Our magazine fundraiser was a great success due to all of your support. Thank-you to all! Please remember that you can order online all year round. Stay tuned for a great January fundraiser that also supports the businesses in our community.

Thanks to all parents who continue to support us in our reading programs, fundraising events, driving our students to various events, supporting our School Advisory council lead by Mrs. Gaetanne Barton, & Mrs. Jennifer McGregor and supervising trips and special events. We truly appreciate your support and involvement.

Our December Character Trait is Caring: We show Kindness, Compassion, Empathy and Friendship towards others.

On behalf of the Glynn A. Green staff, we wish you a healthy and happy holiday! See you on Jan. 9, 2017!

### Grade 8 Graduates

EL Crossley held it's Open House on Monday November 28. All Grade 8 students have made draft selections for their high school courses with their class room teachers. After the open houses, parents are encouraged to review their child's course outlines and make any changes necessary. Please print a copy of the finalized course selections, sign it and return to your child's homeroom teacher. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

## Walk To School



This December, don't be an elf who sits on a shelf, get outside and walk to school! Children who walk to school have higher academic performance (alertness, verbal, numeric, and reasoning abilities) and lower levels of stress during the school day. They have higher levels of happiness, excitement and relaxation on the journey to school.

(Source: [www.utoronto.ca/news/why-walking-school-better-driving-your-kids](http://www.utoronto.ca/news/why-walking-school-better-driving-your-kids))

Our school will continue to work on ways to make it easier and safer for your children to walk or bike to school. If you want to join our school travel planning efforts let your teacher know.

Join the movement.

Our next walk to school day is Thursday December 22, 2016. Come snow or shine!

## Integrity Award Recipients

Aliyah T., Sophie L., Ruby J., Theah B., William M., Natalija B., Florence G., Noella M., Maggie M., Katie D., Felicity G., Emily F., Violet Z., Morgan C., Jade S., Rachel J., Lydia J., William C., Mya S., Charlie S., Nolan B., Lexi L., Sarah E., Zachary M., Kaleb C., Nasma R., Tommy C., Lucas H., Cecilia E., Jacob M., Max S., Ella B., Jinja S., Aryana G., Ryan B., Samuel J., Hailey B., Carly E., Emma L., Noah S., Maiya B., Tayah C., Patrick F., Alaina R., Wes K., Sandra F., Aalijah K.

## Education Foundation of Niagara

Spread **joy** this holiday season.

Thank your child's teacher this holiday with a tribute gift to the Foundation.



All proceeds provide basic necessities for DSBN students!

An acknowledgement holiday card will be sent to your teacher in your child's name!



Visit [efnniagara.ca](http://efnniagara.ca) to donate! Or call 905-641-2929 x 37712 or email [efn@dsbn.org](mailto:efn@dsbn.org)

## Hour of Code

**December 5-11, 2016!**

We live in a world surrounded by technology. And we know that whatever field our students choose to go into as adults, their ability to succeed will increasingly hinge on understanding how technology works. But only a tiny fraction of us are learning computer science, and less students are studying it than a decade ago.

That's why our school is joining in on the largest learning event in history: The Hour of Code, during Computer Science Education Week (Dec. 5-11). More than 100 million students worldwide have already tried an Hour of Code.


This year, Glynn A. Green is definitely ready to teach these foundational 21st century skills to our own students. On December 10, 2015, Mrs. Rigg and 50 junior and intermediate students will be participating in this year's Star Wars & Minecraft themed- HOUR of CODE. The students will be learning to program their computers to execute certain commands and complete an activity based in code.

For the past few months, Mrs. Rigg has been working with the junior girls Wonder Club to learn Coding and computer programming. You can research programs including SCRATCH, CODE.ORG and MADEWITHCODE.COM which have helped teach the 21st century skills needed as we believe all students should have access to high quality computer science education. This is a chance to change the future of education in the DSBN. Thanks to Mrs. Rigg for leading us in learning to code.

HOUR  
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# December 2016

| MONDAY  | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY  |
|---|--|---|--|---|
|    |  |   | 1 Day 10<br><br>Last Day of Book Fair<br>Gr.8 Woodend Trip<br>PIZZA DAY            | 2 Day 1<br>Choir Downtown pm                      |
| 5 Day 2<br>Marvelous Monday-<br>pink shirt day<br>Hour of Code Week<br>Shrek Musical<br><br> | 6 Day 3  | 7 Day 4<br><br>Gr 3 Balls Falls am<br>Fire Prevention As-<br>semblies pm    | 8 Day 5<br>LUNCH LADY DAY  | 9 Day 6   |
| 12 Day 7<br>Primary Dress<br>Rehearsal  | 13 Day 8<br><br><i>EL Crossley –Gr. 7<br/>                     A Christmas Carol</i> | 14 Day 9<br>Primary Winter<br>Concert 2pm & 6pm                             | 15 Day 10<br>PIZZA<br>FOOD orders due<br><br>EL Crossley—Gr.8 A<br>Christmas Carol | 16 Day 1<br>MILK orders due<br><br>Sk art gallery |
| 19 Day 2<br>Christmas Hat Day!  | 20 Day 3<br>Decorating Day!  | 21 Day 4<br>Ugly Christmas<br>Sweater Day!<br>Caring Assembly<br>11:20 a.m. | 22 Day 5<br>Red & Green Day!<br>LUNCH LADY DAY<br>WALK TO SCHOOL<br>DAY            | 23 Day 6<br>Ornament Day!                         |
| 26  | 27   | 28  | 29   | 30  |


  
**SCHOOL RESUMES JANUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>**

## Parking Lot Safety

Safety of your children is of paramount concern to all of us. Please abide by the following expectations at ALL times:

1. Children who are in Grade 1-8, need to be dropped off and picked up at the fence of the parking lot. Please park your car and then walk your younger children to the opening of the fence to the parking lot. JK/SK students need to be walked over to their teacher at the fence or classroom.
2. When you enter a parking space, please turn off the ignition and park. No idling.
3. Speed limit on school property is 15 km.

Those students who walk to school are to cross with the crossing guard and to walk directly toward the crosswalk (stop light) to ensure safety. It is extremely important that students ONLY cross at the crosswalk. All students that are being dropped off, by parent/caregiver must enter driveway and park to drop their child off at the school. Please remember that students should not be dropped off at school before 8:45 am unless they are part of our daycare services. Teacher supervision doesn't start until 8:45 am. Thank you for your co-operation. Please note that there is not a crossing guard posted at fitness/nutrition breaks.

## Anaphylaxis Reminder



Christmas poses extra dangers for our students with Nut allergies. Many of the treats we take for granted are life threatening for some Glynn A. Green students. Please be extra vigilant to make sure any Christmas treats included in your child's lunch are nut free. Thanks for your help in keeping Glynn A. Green a safe place for our students with these allergies.

## Holiday Musical

For the past few weeks, primary students (K-3) have been practising for the school's upcoming Holiday musical "December in our Town". This musical will be presented on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm and again at 6:00 pm in the school gym. Looking forward to seeing you there!!



## Boys' Intermediate Volleyball

The 2016 Intermediate boys volleyball season has recently come to an end. After having a strong regular season, where they only lost one game and finished tied for first place, the team went on to defeat Princess Elizabeth in the semifinals. They did come up a bit short in the championship game though, and lost to a very good Richmond Street team. The boys then went on to compete in the annual DSBN tournament. Despite a slow start to their day (an eventual win over Smith), they put together some great rallies and defeated Grapeview, Central, and the DSBN Academy, while only losing to Peace Bridge in a close game. This record gave the boys a first round bye and spot in the semi-finals. Here the boys played Grapeview again, and lost the first set but stayed composed and easily won the second set forcing a third and deciding set. The game was a see-saw affair, with no team pulling ahead by much. When it was all said and done the boys came up just a bit short losing by a final score of 25-23 in what can only be described as a thrilling and well played game by both teams. All team members should be commended for their continual improvement throughout the year, as well as for their positivity, effort and hustle. Thanks for making games competitive, exciting and memorable. Great season boys! Team members include: Riley B, Ben B, Tanner B, Cole B, Owen D, Jack H, Evan H, Wesley K, Matthew L, JacobM, Owen N, Jacob S . THANKS to Mr. Campbell for coaching the team!

## Girls Intermediate Volleyball

Congratulations to the Intermediate Girls' Volleyball Team for their successful season of improved skills and game play. A commendable effort was made at the DSBN Tournament where the team finished in the top three schools of their pool, allowing them to continue on to some semi-final play. Well done Maiya B., Payton V., Carly F., Sandra F., Norah B., Shayla J., Grace W., Tessa J., Katherine B., Jenna D., Jayna P. and Patricia C.! THANKS to Mme. Duncan, Mrs. Rice and Ms. Karr for coaching the team this year and to all the parents who helped to drive our players to away games and to cheer us on!

## From Your Public Health Nurse

With so much contact with so many people over the holidays, our school's health nurse Mrs. Germano says:

**"Clean Your Hands!"**

Cleaning your hands is the most effective way to prevent the spread of germs. Regular hand cleaning with soap and water, or an alcohol based hand sanitizer will reduce the risk of getting sick.

Cleaning your hands should occur:

- Before preparing meals
- Before eating
- After using the washroom
- After coughing or sneezing
- After blowing your nose
- After playing with pets
- After playing outdoors

Use warm water and soap and lather and scrub for at least 15 seconds if your hands are visibly dirty.

For more information, talk to your school nurse or go to [www.niagararegion.ca/health](http://www.niagararegion.ca/health).

We thank Mrs. Germano for all the workshops she conducts at our school to keep us all healthy and happy!



## 'Tis the season to play hockey

Our primary ball hockey season has started ! Many of the primary students are involved. The enthusiasm, sportsmanship and team play has been commendable. We would like to thank the older students who are involved as refs, coaches and score keepers. Students are welcome to act as spectators if they bring along a non-perishable food item which we will donate to Pelham Cares. We also would like to thank our 3 teachers, Mr. L'Ecuyer, Mr. Haining and Mr. Baldwin for organizing and supervising these entertaining and energizing intramurals.



## An Important Message About Inclement Weather Procedures

There may be times during the school year where inclement weather or other situations could cause transportation cancellations or school closures. At times when student transportation has been cancelled and schools remain open, the decision of whether or not to have children in school on that day rests with the parent or guardian. Should you decide not to send your child to school in the event that transportation is cancelled but schools remain open, or if your child is ill or late, please ensure that you call your child's school to inform them of your child's absence. A key resource in any emergency is the DSBN Emergency Information form that you filled out at the beginning of the school year. Please let the school know of any changes in contact information or procedures you wish to be followed throughout the school year. Information about transportation cancellations and school closures will be available as soon as it is available through the following channels:

Websites:

<http://www.dsbns.org/inclementweather/>

[www.nsts.ca](http://www.nsts.ca)

Subscription Features:

DSBN Facebook or Twitter

NSTS Transportation Delay or Cancellation Alerts

Phone:

Niagara Student Transportation Services 905-346-0290 Voice Auto Attendant

Radio Stations:

CKTB (610 AM) St. Catharines , CHRE (105.7 FM) St. Catharines, WAVE (94.7 FM) Hamilton, CHTZ-FM (97.7 FM) St. Catharines,

CKOC (1150 AM) Hamilton, 2DayFM (105.1 FM) Niagara Falls/Fort Erie, CHML (900 AM) Hamilton, K-LITE-FM (102.9 FM) Hamilton

CHAM (820 AM) Hamilton, GIANT FM (91.7 FM) Welland, Y-108(107.9) Hamilton

Television Stations:

CHCH – Hamilton, CTV Toronto, CityTV Breakfast Television, Cogeco Channel 10



## *Kids Helping Kids Club - 2016/2017*

As a staff and club, we truly appreciate the outstanding support that our community consistently provides. Our club continues to grow every year with many new members from all three divisions in our school. It is amazing to listen to the ideas, leadership, compassion and empathy our members have for others. We are beginning to meet as a club to choose all of **our projects for 2016/2017.**

Our first fundraiser will support **Rose City Kids** and/or **Pelham Cares**, as students submitted many ballots for these two organizations. Therefore, kid's items submitted for stockings will go to Rose City Kids, and non-perishable food items will be dropped off at Pelham Cares. Pelham Cares provides many services within our community. With the Holidays just around the corner, the students suggested supporting the organization by providing food for Holiday food hampers, for seasonal special occasions and to supplement regular food hampers.

Rose City Kids is an organization that strives to make a difference for families in Welland. Rose City Kids provides programs that not only teach positive values, but also create fun learning environments for the children. In addition to the Saturday afternoon program that serves more than 500 children, many of whom live in a single-parent family, Rose City Kids offers a Junior Leadership program for children who display leadership potential. They have also begun Rose City Parents, a program to encourage and equip parents who find themselves raising their children in a challenging environment.

This Holiday season, we can support Rose City Kids by supplying items to fill a stocking that will be given to a child this Christmas season. **We are looking for the following items for children between the ages of 5 and 16:**

- new school supplies (pencils, pens, markers, note pads, stickers, etc.)
- hygiene items (hair accessories, bubble bath, body wash, etc.)
- new clothing (shirts, scarves, mittens, socks, hats/toques, etc.)
- new toys (puzzles, bubbles, stuffed animals, jewelry, candy, latest crazes like pokemon cards or shopkins)
- please avoid used items, glass or anything that can scare/hurt a child – such as a toy gun, etc.

*Any item or items that you can provide would be very much appreciated.* Please send them in with your child or drop them off at our school.

**Items/food must be sent into the school by Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>** so that we can organize them and send them to the two organizations.

Our hope is to have a positive impact on as many children's lives this Holiday season as we can. Thank you for making a difference in a local child's life and for your continued support of our club. If you have any further questions please contact Mr. Haining, Mrs. Fabiano, Mrs. Teather, Mrs. Rossi, Mrs. Perri-Tornabouno, Mrs. Wood, Mr. L'Ecuyer or Mr. Baldwin



Happy Holidays  
from



the staff at  
Glynn A. Green  
School