

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA
Glynn A. Green School



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Cinderella Meets the Frog Prince

. On Monday, February 13th in the morning we will have a live performance of “Cinderella Meets the Frog Prince” in our gym. This play will promote the concepts of acceptance and diversity. There is no charge to students as the school will cover the cost of the performance.

Inclement Weather Procedures

Please remember that announcements for school closings will be made by 7:00 a.m. on local radio stations and on the Board website at DSBN.org. An emergency fan out system will be used to contact parents if an early dismissal is necessary during the school day. Please do not call the school, as our lines will be reserved for emergency use. **Please be aware that on days when buses are not running, but the school is open, our secretary will not be making attendance calls to homes for bus students.**

Kindergarten Registration

If you live within the **Glynn A. Green School** area and have a child who will be 4 years of age by December 31, 2011, he/she is eligible to attend Junior Kindergarten beginning September, 2012. *It is not necessary to register children who are **currently** in Junior Kindergarten and who will be attending Senior Kindergarten next fall.* Please note that copies of proof of age by **Birth Certificate** or **Birth Registration**, proof of **Immunization** and **Health Card** are all required to complete registration. *Any legal documents regarding custody arrangements are requested as well.*



Making Good Choices –Throw No Snow

The arrival of snow brings much fun to our playground for the children. We do want to make sure everyone plays safely and we expect that no snow or ice will be thrown at any time. Injuries to eyes in particular can be very serious. Please discuss and reinforce this rule with your child(ren).

Also, for children to play comfortably, it is important that each child on the playground is properly dressed with a warm coat, boots, scarf, gloves, etc. As it is difficult to provide indoor supervision for a few students at fitness break, we encourage you to keep your child at home if he or she is too ill to go outside for the fit-



Dogs on the yard

We have had concerns expressed about dogs that are brought onto the blacktop at the rear of the school at dismissal time. Should you walk your dog when you are coming to pick up your child, please wait behind the fence and have your child meet you there. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Travel Plan Meeting

During the last school year we were involved in working toward developing a travel plan for our school to encourage families to walk to school. The process was interrupted, but we would like pick up where we left off and hold a meeting to discuss this on Wednesday February 15th at 9:10 a.m. in the library. All interested parents are encouraged to attend. We hope to see you there.

ECO NEWS

Waste Strategies Presentation

Representatives from Niagara Region Waste Management will be visiting our school on Friday February 3rd, 2012. They will deliver two presentations to students addressing

some waste management strategies. The first presentation for Grades 1-4 will be at 11:15 am and the second presentation for Grades 5-8 will be at 12:05 pm.

All parents are welcome to join us in the gym to learn more about this important issue.

Water Bottle Filling Station

The Eco Team is happy to announce that an initiative to reduce the number of single use water bottles has succeeded! Glynn A. Green will be installing a water bottle filling station near the office. This unit dispenses chilled filtered water using a sanitary touchless sensor system. It also has a 'Green-ticker' on the front that calculates and displays the number of single use water bottles that have been diverted from landfill based on the volume of water dispensed. Students are encouraged to bring reusable water bottles to school and use this new green addition to our school!

Eco Initiatives

During the month of February, the Eco Team's focus will be **Energy Conservation**. All staff and students are challenged to help reduce energy use by simply turning off lights when they are not required and computer monitors when they are not in use.

Also, **Sweater Day** is back! On February 9th, all staff and students are challenged to put on a sweater and lower the thermostat to take action on climate change. Remember to show your support by wearing the brightest one you own!

REPORT CARD TERM 1

The provincial report cards for grades 1-8 will be arriving home on February, 9th. On this report card, students in grades 1-6 will receive letter grades (e.g., A, B, C, D) and students in grades 7 and 8 will receive percentage grades (e.g., 84%, 72%, 67%) to indicate how well they are achieving the curriculum in each of their subjects.

The Learning Skills and Work Habits are the same as the ones that were on the Progress Reports. These are essential skills that will help students to be successful in both school and also as an active member of their community. These Learning Skills and Work Habits are:

Responsibility;

Organization;

Independent Work;

Collaboration;

Initiative; and,

Self-regulation.

If a particular subject or strand is not part of a student's program this term, then the NA box will be checked. This subject or strand will be reported on in June. Finally, we hope that you are also pleased to see the excellent work that our teachers are doing to ensure that the comments are written in parent-friendly language. Each comment will identify strengths that your daughter or son is demonstrating and some next steps that will help their learning during the next term

On February 9th please expect to see the following:

Junior Kindergarten Progress Report and Senior Kindergarten Term 1 Report Card

Grades 1 to 8 Term 1 Report Card

Parent Teacher Interviews are available for those who would like to discuss their child's report.

Please feel free to contact your child's teacher to request an interview.


School Advisory Council

The next meeting is **Tuesday, March 6th at 6:30 p.m.** in the library. All parents are welcome to attend SAC meetings. Meetings will also take place on April 24th and June 5th

FEBRUARY 17th is an EARLY RELEASE DAY. Students will be dismissed at 12:25 p.m.

PLEASE MARK THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR.

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1 Day 4	2 Day 5 Lunch Lady	3 Day 6 SCIENCE FAIR
6 Day 7	7 Day 8	8 Day 9	9 Day 10 Pizza Day	10 Day 1
13 Day 2 Cinderella and the Frog Prince Performance -a.m. GRADE 8 Grad Photos -a.m. in	14 Day 3 Valentine's Day	15 Day 4 Travel Planning Meeting—9:10 a.m. in the library Junior Division Public Speaking	16 Day 5 Intermediate Division Public Speaking	17 Day 6 EARLY RELEASE DAY
20 FAMILY DAY NO SCHOOL	21 Day 7	22 Day 8	23 Day 9 Crazy Hair Day Pita Day	24 Day 10
27 Day 1	28 Day 2	29 Day 3		