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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As Thanksgiving approaches I would to thank the many wonderful parents and guardians who have helped to get this school year off to a super start. Thanks for your partnership in preparing your children for a 'different-look' September, with health and safety at the forefront.

In October we usually celebrate Halloween. We are currently working with the DSBN and Public Health to see what kind of Halloween festivities, if any, we can have this year. Please stay tuned for more information.

The fall usually brings rain and cold temperatures. **Please dress your children appropriately for the weather!** We will attempt to allow students outside during as many breaks as possible. In the mornings

before school, even if it is raining, we hope to keep students outdoors until brought in by their teachers. If the rain is significantly heavy during fitness break times, students will remain in their classrooms and will be involved in suitable quiet activities.

During our first month of school, you have all been wonderful in helping to keep everyone who is coming to our school each day safe and healthy. You have been doing your best to ensure your children are practicing physical distancing, maintaining hand hygiene, and wearing their face masks as needed. We greatly appreciate you and your child's efforts.

WALKTOBER

October is Walktober. We encourage students to use forms of Active School Travel, walking, biking, and scootering, where it is safe to do so. There are many benefits to Active School Travel some are listed below.

Active school travel helps to meet the goal for school-aged children of at least 60 minutes per day of moderate to vigorous physical activity, which is linked with lower body mass index and improved cardiovascular health. Physical activity also supports healthy brain development, which can lead to improved learning and academic outcomes. Mental health benefits include reduced stress, depression, and anxiety, and increased happiness.

Reducing the number of children being driven to school improves air quality and reduces associated risks of lung and cardiovascular diseases. Air pollution can also impact cognitive development: children are particularly vulnerable, experiencing negative impacts at lower levels of exposure than adults. See: Air Quality Information sheet, and Every Breath We Take: The Lifelong Impact of Air Pollution.

Reducing traffic volumes at bell times creates safer school zones for all students and improving walking and cycling routes to school enhances the safety, connectivity, and quality of life for the community as a whole.



ABSENCES, LATES, SIGN-IN & SIGN-OUT...

ABSENCES: Your child's safety and whereabouts are very important to us, because of this, it is essential for us to know when your child is absent from school. Please use the Safe Arrival system to report your child's absence. Information about the system and links to the apps can be found at:

<https://www.dsb.org/earlylearners/safe-arrival-program>

If you used the Safe Arrival App last year. Please log out and sign-in again to ensure that it updates appropriately.

LATES : To ensure the health and safety of students, staff and parents, students who arrive late will buzz the office and wait for an admin assistant to let the student into the building. Parents/guardians will not be permitted to enter the building with the student(s). Please be aware that entry may take some time depending on the number of students who require entry. We appreciate your patience as we work through this new process.

SIGN-INS and SIGN-OUTS: Students who may need to leave the school during school hours must be signed out by a parent or guardian. Parents are asked to please buzz the office and wait as we collect your child and greet you at the door to complete the sign-out process. Notifying the school in advance of the pick-up will help us prepare for your child's sign-out.

DAILY FAMILY COVID-19 SCREENING TOOL

As you know, you were required to sign the DSBN Parental Agreement for Daily New Screening, making the commitment to screen your child daily for symptoms of COVID-19 before they come to school.

To make this part of your morning routine easier, the school has shared the province's Daily COVID-19 Screening Tool with you. It's an effective, quick questionnaire that will help you know whether your child should or should not be going to school. A key feature of this tool is that it walks you through what to do if your child does not pass the screening. This is helpful information that is there to support you with your next steps.

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

It is also available at www.dsb.org or <http://glynnagreen.dsb.org/>. Using this tool is optional, but we are encouraging families to use it so we can continue working together to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The tool is updated to reflect the provincial changes that occurred on October 1st.



As of October 1, we've made a few updates to our testing guidelines for children.

The main update is adjusting the type and number of symptoms needed for a child to stay home for a period of time and seek medical advice.

Our guidelines continue to evolve as we learn more about COVID-19, how it spreads, and how it affects children and adults in different ways.

Thank you for everything you're doing to keep our school community safe and healthy.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

A quick reminder that our first School Council Meeting will be held virtually on **October 6 at 6:30 pm.**

The Agenda and TEAMS meeting instructions were emailed to families. If you are interested in attending please email me directly to receive the invitation link.

To begin the year many of the School Council Activities will be restricted but it will continue to play an important advisory role at our school.

Don't hesitate to contact me or the co-chairs if you have questions about the School Council or its role.

We hope that you will attend.

GAG School Council co-chairs

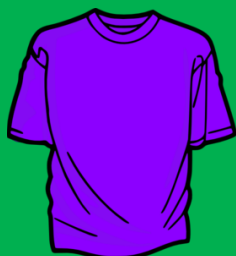
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ROWAN'S LAW DAY

Each year the DSBN recognizes Rowan's Law across all schools on the 4th Wednesday of September. This year the DSBN is recognizing Rowan's Law Day on Friday, October 2. We chose to move the day from September 30 to October 2 to support both Orange Shirt Day and Rowan's Law Day to have their own significant day of recognition. On **October 2, Rowan's Law Day** will be observed by our school.

By observing Rowan's Law Day each year and educating our school community about concussions, we hope to promote a culture of safety at our school. Purple was Rowan's favourite colour, so we are asking students to **wear purple to school on Friday, October 2** – it could be a purple shirt, socks, a ribbon – something to represent Rowan.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Please mark these dates on your calendar and plan accordingly.

Thanksgiving Day

October 12, 2020

Winter Break

December 21, 2020 to

January 1, 2021

March Break

March 15th to 19th, 2021

The complete 2020-2021 Elementary School Calendar is available online: <https://www.dsbns.org/calendars>

Daily Health Assessment

- Parent completing daily self-assessment of their child
- Mandatory self-assessment of staff

COVID-19 Symptoms Protocol

- Prevention and response in partnership with Niagara Public Health should a student or staff member have a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19

Masks and PPE

- Using when mandatory and appropriate for the activity

Classroom Communities

- Students learning in same classroom with same teacher
- Option for Voluntary Learning at Home

Minimizing Contact

- Not sharing instructional supplies
- Personal water bottles
- Restricting visitors into the school
- No assemblies
- Changing classroom layout

Keeping our Elementary Schools Safe Together

Mental Health and Well-being Supports

- Together learning from research-based strategies to be strong and resilient.
- Mindfulness strategies to support students with their self-regulation and confidence

Hygiene Practices

- Training of and teaching proper skills
- Signage to teach and prompt proper handwashing, coughing and sneezing etiquette

Enhanced Cleaning

- High touch surfaces disinfecting after use
- Removing upholstered and soft items

Physical Distancing

- Putting as much space between people as possible
- Directional flow in hallways
- Revising entry and exits

Signage








- For access, education, and reminders

Training, Teaching & Coaching

- Students learning new skills in class to stay safe
- All DSBN staff trained before school year on COVID-19 specific health and safety

October 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Day 8	2 Day 9 Rowan's Day 	3
4	5 Day 10 World Teachers' Day 	6 Day 1 School Council Mtg 6:30 	7 Day 2	8 Day 3	9 Day 4	10
11	12 Happy Thanksgiving 	13 Day 5	14 Day 6	15 Day 7	16 Day 8	17
18	19 Day 9	20 Day 10	21 Day 1	22 Day 2	23 Day 3	24
25	26 Day 4	27 Day 5	28 Day 6	29 Day 7 Student of the Month Recognition in Class- rooms 	30 Day 8 To Be Announced 	31 Halloween 

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