

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA

# GATOR GAB

September, 2016

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## A Message from the Office

Welcome back returning Gators and a big huge Gator welcome to new students, families and staff! We encourage you to become involved in our school as attentive parents, as parent volunteers, as student leaders, athletes, club members and as active supporters and members of our wonderful school and community.

We would like to thank our cleaning staff , teachers and support staff for all of their hard work to get the school ready for opening day.

We look forward to a continued focus on building a positive, peaceful, respectful school culture at Glynn A. Green. We will be introducing a program called Future Aces that supports this philosophy.

A warm welcome back to Mrs. Corey from her maternity leave. She will be teaching Kindergarten this year. We also welcome Mrs. Vaughn who will be teaching Kindergarten while Mrs. Chrastina is off on her maternity leave. Welcome as well to her DECE partner Mrs. Belvedere. Welcome to Mrs. Romanin who will be teaching Grade 2 in the afternoons. We also welcome 2 new Educational Assistants to our school, Ms. Anderson and Mrs. Helin. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.

Come and enjoy a BBQ and meet your child's teacher on September 21 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Please note that on September 27 we will have a meeting for the School Advisory Committee (SAC)- (known less formally as Parent Council!!) . Parents are integral to the growth and development of our culture, traditions and success. We need energetic, committed, creative parents to come out monthly. Some may be executive members, others might just come out and support the council, its' events and initiatives. Without the School Advisory Committee, it is difficult to plan, raise funds and meet our goals...so come out and be part of the GAG team!

The Glynn A. Green Staff is committed to ensuring that all students have the best educational experience possible . With your continued support, communication and cooperation, together we will have a fabulous year!

Gator Proud in Gator Nation!

## School Organization

If numbers continue to rise, re-organization will happen on the early release day or earlier.

Principal: Mrs. M. Mussari

Vice Principal: Mrs. L. Lehne

Secretary: Mrs. S. Csikos , Mrs. W. Munro

Head Custodian: Mr. D. Beck

Lunch Supervisors: Mrs. Sommer, Mrs. Jeffery

Learning Resource Teacher: Mr. T. Rigg, Mr. S. Haining

Educational Assistants: Mrs. Helin, Ms. Anderson

JK/SK: Mrs. M. Teather, Mrs. G. Rossi (DECE), Mrs. S. Vaughn,

Mrs. M. Belvedere (DECE), Mrs. H. Corey

Grade 1/2: Mr. L'Ecuyer

Grade 1: Mrs. C. Fabiano

Grade 2: Mr. S, Haining; Mrs. A. Romanin

Grade 2/3: Mrs. M. Perri-Tornabuono

Grade 3: Mrs. T. Wood

Grade 3/4: Mrs. J. Rice

Grade 4: Mrs. J. Irwin

Grade 5: Mr. B. Mako

Grade 5/6: Mr. A. Baldwin

Grade 6: Ms. K. Downs

Grade 7: Mrs. M. Verwey

Grade 7/8: Mr. J. Campbell

Grade 8: Mrs. A. Rigg

FSL: Mme. A. Duncan

Teacher Librarian: Mrs A. Rigg

Primary Music: Mrs. S. St.Pierre

Primary Prep: Mrs. M. Chamberlain

Instructional coach: Mrs. K. Higgins

Youth Counsellor: Ms. T. Rossi

Social Worker: Ms. T. Sartor-Fry



## Health Alert Reminders



### Anaphylaxis

We have a number of students in our school who have a severe allergy to nuts and nut products. Anaphylaxis is a severe life threatening form of an allergic reaction. Foods such as peanuts, other nuts, shellfish as well as insect stings may cause an anaphylactic reaction.

Peanut butter, as well as other products made from peanuts and other nuts are the most common triggers for these severe reactions. Those who are severely allergic do not have to eat the product to have a reaction. For example, a reaction could be caused by touching a surface where peanut products were sitting, or by playing with play-doh that was used by someone who had not washed their hands after eating peanut butter. In our effort to keep all of our students safe at our school, we ask for your cooperation in not sending peanut products or other items containing nut products to school with your child.



### Medication, Prescription Drugs

If for some reason your child requires medication during the school day, you are asked to contact the office. The policy for our School Board requires that parents/guardians obtain a medication administration form from the office. This will be kept on file during the school year. The form must be complete, renewed annually and signed by your child's physician. Medications should be provided in the original pharmacy container.

### *"Insure Your Child" or "Accidents Can Happen"*

*Is your child insured for medical or dental costs in case of an accidental injury? The District School Board of Niagara does not provide medical payments coverage for students. If you have no other coverage, it is important that parents/guardians purchase this coverage to ensure that medical or dental costs are covered in case of accident. Reliable Life Student Accident Insurance forms have been sent home with each student to assist you in getting coverage. Or you can visit [www.insuremykids.com](http://www.insuremykids.com) to apply online. It costs as little as \$8 per student for one year of basic school day/school activity coverage.*

## EARLY RELEASE DAY– SEPTEMBER 16th

Please note that the District School Board of Niagara has designated Friday, September 16th as an **Early Release Day**. Students will be dismissed for the day at 12:30 p.m.. A crossing guard will be on duty at Port Robinson Road and South Pelham for students who walk home. Busses will arrive by 12:25 p.m. to transport students home (Grades K to 8).

## CODE OF CONDUCT AND STUDENT AGENDAS

Our Code of Conduct has been updated once again and is posted in our agendas and on our school website. Please read over the code of conduct with your child/children. The agenda provides a way for students to keep organized and provides a place for parents and teachers to communicate. The cost for agendas is \$5.00 this year. We ask that payment be made online through SchoolCash.

## PARENTS PICKING UP STUDENTS

Parents who pick up their children (Grades 1 to 8) after school will find they are dismissed out of the back doors of the school (on our beautiful new tarmac!!) We ask that parents wait outside of the school by their child's exit door. If you wish to see a teacher, deliver something to your child, or pick up your child early for an appointment, please enter the school at the front door and come to the office. Our secretaries will be there to assist you. This policy is designed to assist us in monitoring who is entering the building, keeping classroom interruptions to a minimum, and keeping all students safe. Your co-operation with this policy will assist in protecting the educational environment of our students.

## PARKING LOT

Parents of young children are encouraged to escort them onto and off the playground during busy traffic times. Students who walk home are to use the marked walkway around the edge of the parking lot rather than taking chances dashing through moving vehicles. Kindergarten families are encouraged to use the parking lot on the south end .

## VOLUNTEER FORMS

The role of volunteering with the District School Board of Niagara generally involves interaction with students to varying degrees, and as well, places volunteers in a position of trust and confidence with regard to information they may receive. The Board's "Duty of Care" for our students requires that we take reasonable steps to determine the suitability of prospective volunteers. If you wish to volunteer in any capacity (eg. Driving to events, in the classroom, school trips, special events, etc.) at GAG we thank you in advance for filling out the volunteer form provided in your package.

## ABSENTEES (905-892-3821)

When your child is going to be absent or late, please call the school with this information. An answering machine is available for your convenience when the office is unattended. Calling the school promptly is very helpful to Mrs. Csikos and Mrs. Munro as they must contact parents when there is an unexplained absence. It is also very important for us to have an emergency contact name and telephone number for each student. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

## STUDENT INFORMATION PACKAGES

Please return the student information verification form and other forms in your child's information package. We need to update this information each year in case of emergency. Please include an updated email address on the form. Please notify the school if your child has any special custody arrangements. Also, please keep the office updated if the information changes throughout the school year. Thanks so much for your help!

## GATOR SPIRIT WEAR

Glynn A. Green will be offering Spirit wear again from Front Row Marketing. The spirit wear will be offered online at our school website starting mid September. GRADUATES we recommend that you order your grad hoodies or grad t-shirts soon so you can enjoy wearing your "grad wear" all year long!

## SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

If you are interested in sitting on the Glynn A. Green School Advisory Council (SAC) or wish to nominate another parent (after confirming their agreement to participate) please complete the appropriate form and deliver it to the school office no later than September 21st. If an election is needed, it will be held at the first SAC meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 27 at 6:30 pm .

### SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL PARENT CANDIDATE NOMINATION FORM

- I wish to nominate for an elected position as a parent/guardian representative on the school council.

Name:

Address:

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business: \_\_\_\_\_

I am the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ who is currently registered at this school.

(Student Name)

\_\_\_\_\_ is the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ who is registered at this school.

(Name of Nominated)

(Student Name)

The person I have nominated is an employee of the board.  Yes  No

Nominator's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL SELF- NOMINATION FORM

- I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent/guardian representative on the school advisory council.

Name:

Address:

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business: \_\_\_\_\_

I am the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ who is currently registered at this school.

(Student Name)

I am an employee of the board.  Yes  No

Candidate's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*You will be notified when your nomination has been received.*

## GYM SHOES

As all of our students take part in a physical education program, students need proper athletic footwear for use in the gym. It is recommended that students keep a pair of running shoes at school for gym class. It would be helpful if these shoes were reserved for indoor use only. This helps to keep our gym floor clean and ready for use by all classes.



## PLEASE NOTE NEW BELL TIMES

Yard supervision begins at 8:45 a.m. **We ask that children arrive after this time to ensure supervision is in place for them. Students should be part of the daycare program if they arrive earlier than 8:45.**

**Morning Warning Bell 8:57 a.m.**

**Bell: 9:00 a.m.**



**1st Nutrition/Fitness break: 10:40—11:20 am**

**2nd Nutrition/Fitness break: 1:00 to 1:40 p.m.**

**Dismissal 3:20 p.m.**

Staff members are on duty after school to supervise students as they board our school buses. Students who walk to school are expected to leave the school grounds at dismissal as the playground is not supervised after school hours.

## OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our secretary, Mrs. Csikos is seeking parent volunteers for our emergency fan-out. This involves being available to call from your own home to other parents in the case of an emergency (i.e, school closure during the day due to weather) Parents who could come in to occasionally help with counting money for special events/ trips would also be appreciated. If you are interested in helping, please contact Mrs. Csikos at (905) 892-3821



## FOOD DAYS AND MILK PROGRAM

Food Days are back at Glynn A. Green! Order forms will be distributed this month. Money raised will be used to enhance our extra-curricular program through subsidizing field trips, our arts programmes, activity days and special events. Milk order forms will also go out this week! Please pay for all orders on SchoolCash online.



## TERRY FOX RUN - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH

We hope to run our annual Terry Fox Walk on Friday, September 16th. Our goal this year is to have each student bring in a "Toonie for Terry" and all monies raised will be forwarded to the Terry Fox Foundation to further the cause of cancer research. Our walk will follow the same route as in previous years. The students will walk/run around the track and parents and family members are encouraged to join us on the walk. Each division will walk separately for a period of about forty five minutes.

Primary students– Period One	- 9:00a.m. to 9:50 a.m.
Junior students - Period Two	- 9:50 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.
Intermediate students - Period Three	- 11:20 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.

Please see that your child dresses appropriately and brings a water bottle that day.

Friday, September 16th is also an Early Release Day. There are no classes for students in the afternoon. Students will be dismissed at 12:30 p.m.



## SCHOOL PHOTOS– , RE-TAKES

Individual and class photos grades Kindergarten to Grade Eight will take place on **Thursday, September 22nd**. Reminder notices will be sent home closer to the date. Re-takes are scheduled for Thursday, October 27.

## ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND WALK TO SCHOOL DAYS

### Active Transportation to School – WALKING & BIKING:

- Improves physical and mental health
- Improves traffic and safety around our school
- Improves air quality and helps the environment
- Students arrive at school alert and ready to learn
- Families feel more connected to their community

Join the movement!



Join us on September 29th for our Walk to School event!!

An update from Public Works and some of the efforts we are making towards improving safety in the school zone at G.A. Green –

1. Problem: Turning buses mounting the curb while turning east onto Port Robinson from Pelham: Road paint work is complete with the Port Robinson turning lane shifted north, and the stop bar moved back, to give bus drivers a wider area for turning.
2. Problem: Crossing safety: Crossing guards may be equipped with at least one cone/pylon, to place as they cross students, to increase visibility of the crossing
3. Problem: Speed: Public Works has purchased flexible delineators, and install on edge and centre lines in strategic locations in the school zone. Some may require removal during the winter months for snow plowing. It is hoped they will be installed before school begins. Public Works is also testing a new road paint.



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## ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Each month we will feature a local artist in our Learning Commons. Please feel free when visiting to admire the beautiful work of our community artists.

## MAGAZINE FUNDRAISER

Our upcoming fundraiser kicks off on Tuesday, September 27th! Many of our efforts this year will be going towards our gym rejuvenation-new mats for the walls, logo, hydraulic basketball lift, new banners. As well we are always in need of technology such as Smart Boards and tablets! We appreciate all the support and effort parents make in helping us reach our goals.

## FUTURE ACES

**Future** means always striving for improvement.

**Aces** means being the best you can be and stands for:

**A** Attitude, Ability, Action, Achieve

**C** Co operation, Courage, Confidence

**E** Empathy, Example, Education

**S** Service, Sportsmanship

We are working with the Future Aces Initiative this year to support a healthy, positive climate for all of our community.

**The Future Aces Creed means building Character by living the creed.**

I will develop a positive **Attitude** toward all people and toward my work.

I will develop my talents and **Ability** in order that I may be helpful to society.

I will take **Action** with integrity.

I will **Co operate** with and respect others by seeking understanding with all people regardless of race, gender or beliefs.

I will demonstrate **Courage**, standing up for what is right and speaking out against what is wrong.

I will display **Confidence** in all my actions without being arrogant.

I will show **Empathy** and consideration by advancing the values that are important to me and others.

I will set a good **Example** to others taking responsibility for my actions.

I will acquire the best **Education** within my capability.

I will be of **Service** to others.

I will practice good **Sportsmanship** in all my decisions, demonstrating fair play to all.

The mission is to inspire youth and adults to become the best they can be as responsible, respectful, peaceful, confident and caring citizens.

We will continue to communicate with you regarding our initiatives this year.

**RESPECT** is this month's character trait: *" We show positive regard for, and acceptance of, others' thoughts, opinions and feelings. We are inclusive and fair in our treatment of others."*

# September 2016

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	6 Day 1 Welcome Back! Instrumental Music will be held on Tues- days	7 Day 2	8 Day 3 Welcome Assembly period 3 11:20 a.m.	9 Day 4
12 Day 5	13 Day 6	14 Day 7	15 Day 8 Lunch lady	16 Day 9 Terry Fox Run Early Release Day Students released at 12:30 p.m.
19 Day 10	20 Day 1	21 Day 2 Welcome Family BBQ 5:30-7:00 p.m.	22 Day 3 Lunch Lady Picture Day	23 Day 4
26 Day 5	27 Day 6 Magazine Fundraiser begins School Advisory Com- mittee Meeting 6:30 p.m. All Welcome!	28 Day 7	29 Day 8 Walk to School Day Respect Assembly Period 3 11:20 a.m. Pizza day	30 Day 9 Spirit Day ORANGE SHIRT DAY—Every child matters
Please note there is a PA day in October on October 7 and in November on November 18. Christmas Break runs from December 26-Jan. 6 and March Break from March 13–March 17 for those planning holidays!				