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# GATOR GAB

## June, 2017



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### Message from the Office

Well Gator Nation...did you notice anything new at the top of the page!? Our new Gator logo is ready to go! Our gym mats will be installed in July! Thanks to School Council for pledging money towards the mats. We also have brand new Coats of Arms to install in our gym. On the back of each Coat of Arms is a Canada 150 signed class list! Plus, we have beautiful vinyl banners to hang that display all of our sports achievements since 2000! The final touch will be to complete our gym floor.!

This last month of school sees our Grade 3's and 6's finishing up EQAO. We are so proud of their efforts! Also, our Grade 4, 5, 7 and 8 are writing their year end math assessment! We have 3 pitch tournaments, Track and Field finals, Golf, Bike Rodeo, Hairy Challenge, Book Fair, Year end trips, Kindergarten Orientation Day and Grade 8 graduation plans. Amongst these activities, there is still learning and assessment that needs to be done. We must keep our focus despite the temptations and we rely on parents to help us stay motivated and on task.

Staffing changes have been in progress for our 2017/18 year. Staffing changes will continue to emerge until the end of June and a complete list will be included in our final end of June newsletter. It is always so bitter-sweet as we wish staff well in their endeavours but we will miss them so much. At our School Council Meeting on May 23rd it was announced that Mrs. Mussari, our Principal for the past 3 years, is retiring! Mrs. Mussari has worked tirelessly to provide a rich learning experience in a positive, supportive culture for our staff and students. Good Luck in all your new adventures Mrs. Mussari! Glynn A. Green will not have a Vice Principal in September so Mrs. Lehne is moving on to be VP at Connaught Public School in St. Catharines.

Once again we thank all parents and community members who have volunteered at Glynn A. Green this year. Your support in family reading, supervising on field trips, counting money, driving students to games, serving on our school council, fun fair committee, helping with the dance-a-thon, track and field, EQAO and so much more has been greatly appreciated! Thank you for your support!

Please note that in September we hope that parents will join our School 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, it's events and initiatives. Without the School Council it is difficult to plan, raise funds and meet our goals...so come out and be part of the GAG team!

Thank you Gator Nation. It's been an awesome year!!

## SCHOOL ORGANIZATION—2017/2018

The staffing process for a new school year always continues through the summer and often requires “fine tuning” during the first weeks of September. Staff changes may be occurring over the course of the next month and new registrations over the summer impact class cap sizes and therefore student placement and the school organization. When we organize classes, a great deal of consideration goes into the placement of students for the next year. Where there is more than one grade, the staff takes into account the children’s needs in order to provide an appropriate academic and social environment. Due to these reasons, class placements will not be announced on the last day of school this year. Further details will be given in our last newsletter at the end of June .

## Character Trait Recipients for May—Co-operation

Quade R., Jayda S., Lauren V., Alexandra A., Amy O., Willow S., Emma D., Lia W., Desmond R., Alexandria O., Lia W., Morgan L., Maddy B., Georgia G., Jack M., Grace H., Nathan F., Callum S., Callen E., Leland R., Maggie L., Jamie L., Valerie L., Edan M., Kaiden C., Annaleigh N., Evan C., Keira G., Ben F., Jesse U., Aliyah S., Lydia J., Rachel J., James G., Kalob M., Hillary H., Claire B., Hollie L., Jovan B., Jorja B., Isaiah I., Keagan A., Madison M., Lily S., Brayden D., Cole S., Ayla B., Kayden G., Sara E., Logan C., Connor B., Ben B., Connor R., Harrison W., Ethan M., Tessa B., Jenna D., Ethan N., Tanner K., Alex R., Ben R., Jacob M., Adam K., Sabine A., Bryan B., Norah B., Ethan D.

## Walk To School

Hello from your School Travel Planning Committee

Thanks to all our families who tried walking or biking to school during our special walk to school events this year! The bike racks have been full and more students are choosing to walk or bike as their preferred way to get to school. For students walking to your bus stop, great work choosing your “green route” and keeping our school zone safer with fewer cars. Keep up the active commute!

Here are safety tips to keep in mind for the summer:

- Wear a properly-fitting helmet every time you cycle, scooter or skateboard. It is the law for cyclists up to the age of 18. Parents can be good role-models by wearing a helmet too.
- Check out [Niagara Navigator](http://niagararegion.ca/exploring/navigator.aspx) ([niagararegion.ca/exploring/navigator.aspx](http://niagararegion.ca/exploring/navigator.aspx)) or Google Maps and plan some safe routes to walk or bike when you visit friends, parks, the library and other nearby locations.
- Try out the routes as a family. Parents this is a great opportunity to teach your children pedestrian and cycling safety. Visit CAA’s “Road Safety Topics” at [ontarioroadsafety.ca](http://ontarioroadsafety.ca) for more safety tips.

That’s it for now. Have a fun safe summer and look for updates in the new school year.

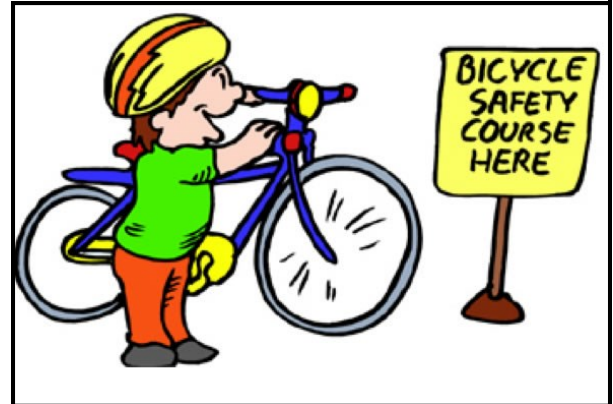
**Next Walk To School Day is Thursday June 22nd.**

## Bike Rodeo

We hope the weather will co-operate this year in order to experience our Glynn A Green bike rodeo for students in grades 1 to 6 on **Wednesday, June 14th**.

Students in Grades 1 to 6 are welcome to take part in the skills course on that day if they can bring their bike and a fitted helmet. Bikes can be dropped off at the school between 8:15 am and 8:45 in the morning of the event and picked up after school until 5:30 pm. **Please return the student permission forms to school ASAP. These will be sent home in the next week.** All students in grades 1 to 6 will take part in a bike safety lesson throughout the day.

We are also looking for parent volunteers to help us that day. If you are available, please sign the bottom portion of the permission form and return it to school.



## New to Kindergarten Orientation Day



New Parents and Students to Kindergarten joined us on February 2nd to register for Kindergarten. **On Tuesday, June 20 from 5:00 to 6:00 pm.** Our new Kindergartners are welcome to return for an important **Parent Meeting and Orientation.** Please meet in the gym to start. The Kindergarten team is excited to share some information with you and show you a tour of the school and take your child for their first School Bus Ride!! Look for your invitation in the mail and please RSVP to the office.

## Education Week/Month

Music Monday marked the beginning of Education Week/Month on May 1st. On Friday, May 5th, students enjoyed a complimentary pancake breakfast prepared by our staff. On May 18 we celebrated Hat Day at Glynn A. Green in support of McMaster Children's Hospital, raising just over \$400.00. Kindergarten students and parents participated in "Snuggle up and do math" activities. Our Future Aces worked hard throughout April and raised \$500.00 to go towards our new Coat of Arms plaques in the gym. Thank you to all our Volunteers that came out to our Volunteer Appreciation on Wednesday May 3rd. We are so grateful for you all.

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# 2017 District School Board of Niagara

## SUMMER PROGRAMS

Registration for July 2017 summer programs is now available on our website

[www.dsbn.org/summer](http://www.dsbn.org/summer)

Go to our website for more information!

STUDENTS CURRENTLY IN	ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?	LOOK FOR THESE PROGRAMS ON OUR WEBSITE		
Grade 7 & 8 Elementary Schools	Literacy & Numeracy Programs July 5 – July 24		for Current Grade 7 Students	
			for Current Grade 8 students	
	Reach Ahead Credit Programs for Grade 7 & 8 students	Fun & Fit – Physical Education Fort Erie, Grimsby, Beamsville, St. Catharines, Niagara	Personal & Fitness Activities- Physical Education At Port Colborne High ONLY	
	July 5 – July 28	Art Attack – Integrated Arts At Fort Erie Secondary and Beamsville Secondary ONLY		
		Robot Rumble - Computer Technology At Grimsby Secondary and Port Colborne High ONLY		

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# What is a Concussion?

## FACTS FOR PARENTS & GUARDIANS

A concussion is a brain injury caused by a bump, blow, or jolt to the head or body that causes the head to move rapidly back and forth. Even a "ding," "getting your bell rung," or what seems to be a mild bump or blow to the head can be serious.



### What are the signs and symptoms?

You can't see a concussion. Signs and symptoms of concussions can show up right after the injury or may not appear or be noticed until days after the injury. If your child reports one or more symptoms of a concussion listed below, or if you noticed the signs yourself, keep your child out of physical activity and seek medical attention immediately.



### Signs Observed by Parents/Guardians

- ▶ Appearing dazed or stunned
- ▶ Confusion about assignment or position
- ▶ Forgetting an instruction
- ▶ Unsure of game, score, or opponent
- ▶ Moving clumsily
- ▶ Answering questions slowly
- ▶ Loss of consciousness (even briefly)
- ▶ Showing mood, behaviour, or personality changes
- ▶ Difficulty recalling events prior to and after hit or fall

### Symptoms Reported by Athletes

- ▶ Headache or "pressure" in head
- ▶ Nausea or vomiting
- ▶ Balance problems or dizziness
- ▶ Double or blurry vision

- ▶ Sensitivity to light or noise
- ▶ Feeling sluggish, hazy, foggy, or groggy
- ▶ Concentration or memory problems
- ▶ Confusion
- ▶ Change in sleep patterns
- ▶ Just not "feeling right" or is "feeling down"

### How can you help your child prevent a concussion?

Every sport is different, but there are steps your child can take to protect themselves from concussions and other injuries, including:

- ▶ Make sure they wear the right protective equipment for their activity. It should fit properly, be well maintained, and be worn consistently and correctly.
- ▶ Encourage them to practice good sportsmanship at all times.

## What Should You Do If You Think Your Child Has A Concussion?

**1** Keep your child out of physical activity. If your child has a concussion, her/his brain needs time to heal. Don't let your child return to physical activity the day of the injury and until a medical doctor/nurse practitioner, experienced in evaluating for concussions, reports your child is symptom-free and recommender's a return to physical activity. A repeat concussion that occurs before the brain recovers from the first—usually within a short period of time (hours, days, or weeks)—can slow recovery or increase the likelihood of having long-term effects. In rare cases, repeat concussions can result in edema (brain swelling), permanent brain damage or even death.

**2** Seek medical attention right away. A medical doctor/nurse practitioner experienced in evaluating concussions will be able to decide the seriousness of the concussion and when it is safe for your child to return to learn and return to physical activity.

**3** Teach your child that it's not smart to engage in physical activity with a concussion. Rest is key after a concussion. Sometimes athletes wrongly believe that it shows strength and courage to play injured. Discourage others from pressuring injured athletes to play. Don't let your child convince you that she/he's "just fine."

**4** Tell all of your child's coaches and the school Administrator about ANY concussion. Coaches and other school staff should know if your child has ever had a concussion. Your child may need to limit activities while she/he is recovering from a concussion. Activities such as studying, driving, working on a computer, playing video games, or exercising may cause concussion symptoms to reappear or worsen. Talk to your medical doctor/nurse practitioner, as well as your child's coaches and school staff. If needed, they can help adjust your child's school activities during her/his recovery.

If you think your child might have a concussion:

➔ Don't assess it yourself.

➔ Take her/him out of physical activity.

➔ Seek the advice of a medical doctor or nurse practitioner.





# Track and Field



What an amazing season! Whole school participation at our own Track Meet! Over 60 athletes to our regional meet and over 30 to the DSBN track meet! Good Luck Gators!





## Hairy Challenge

Mrs. Lehne has decided to donate her pony tail this year. Remember...your hair will grow back and you will provide dignity for those who are suffering. Monday, June 12th will be the day we cut our pony tails!! If anyone is interested in donating to this very worthwhile cause, information sheets and permission forms will be available from the office or call Susan (parent volunteer) 905-892-8827 or email [tjeffery2@cogeco.ca](mailto:tjeffery2@cogeco.ca) with any questions. Please, please consider donating to this very worthwhile cause. It won't cost you anything and you have the power to change someone's life!



## GLYNN A. GREEN FUN FAIR AND BOOK FAIR

**COME OUT AND JOIN US ON FRIDAY, June 2nd!**

Help us celebrate another wonderful Fun Fair evening at Glynn A. Green on Friday, June 2nd, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome! It is a community event.



Silent auction, bouncers, games, pop corn, cotton candy, freezies, BBO. We have it all! Bones from the Ice Dogs, Mad Science, face painting and balloon twisting, OPP, Fire, Beat the Teach hockey shootout and karaoke



June 6-8

Come and support our Book Fair and raise money for our beautiful Learning Commons

## TAPP-C

The Arson Prevention Program for Children is celebrating their 10th anniversary at the new Pathstone's building on June 22 from 3-6 pm. This is a free event that includes refreshments, fire trucks, inflatables, Sparky the Dog, activities and community booths.



# JUNE 2017

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			1 Day 8 EQAO gr 6 Art Gallery gr 4,5 PIZZA	2 Day 9 EQAO gr 6 FUN FAIR 5 to 8 pm
5 Day 10 Marvelous Monday PALS Trip - Brock U gr. 2,3 Int Golf Tourn.	6 Day 1 BOOK FAIR	7 Day 2 BOOK FAIR DSBN Track &Field PALS Trip - Brock U GR 1,2	8 Day 3 BOOK FAIR DSBN T&F raindate Gr. 3's Swim to Survive LUNCH LADY	9 P.A. Day
12 Day 4 Hairy Challenge 9:15 a.m.	13 Day 5 Bike safety presentation to gr 1-6	14 Day 6 Bike Rodeo Gr.1-6	15 Day 7 Art Gallery 5/6, 6 Gr. 3's Swim to Survive PIZZA	16 Day 8 Music Demonstration 10am gr 2-6
19 Day 9 Electricity Presentations Int 3-Pitch School Council 6:30 p.m.	20 Day 10 Jr. 3-Pitch Kinder Open House	21 Day 1 Walker's Outdoor trip 5/6,6	22 Day 2 Gr. 3's Swim to Survive Grad rehearsal 9-11am Gr. 8 Graduation 6:30 pm Walk to School LUNCH LADY	23 Day 3
26 Day 4	27 Day 5 Jr. Trip—Medieval Times	28 Day 6 Report Cards go Home Talent Show	29 Day 7 Last Day of School	30 P.A. Day

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