

May 2011

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- **May 2** - Greenest Families Tree Planting
- **May 2** - Primary Assembly
- **May 4** - Support Staff Day
- **May 4** - Teams/Clubs Picture Day
- **May 5** - Gr 1 to 3 Safety Village
- **May 6** - DSBN Silver Birch Celebration
- **May 17** - Grade 7 Open House 6:30 pm
- **May 18** - Caretaker's Day
- **May 18** - Track and Field Meet
- **May 18** - Kevin Sylvester Author Presentation
- **May 19** - Track and Field Rain Date
- **May 19** - Kdg Graduation Photos
- **May 24** - School Council Meeting 6:00 pm
- **May 24** - Regional Track and Field Meet
- **May 26** - M&M Meat Day
- **May 27** - Intermediate Flag Rugby Tournament
- **May 27** - Twin Day
- **May 27** - Give Where You Live Celebration Day
- **May 27** - Primary Assembly
- **May 27** - Food Order Due



*Principal's Message*

Thank you to all of the staff, students and families for making me feel so welcome and an immediate part of Sheridan Park School. I know that my arrival was a bit of a shock to everyone, but I am thrilled to be part of this wonderful school.

I come to Sheridan Park from Quaker Road School in Welland where I have been the Vice Principal for the past 3 years. Prior to that I was the Vice Principal at Oakridge Public School for 2 years.

Over the years I have admired the work that Sheridan Park and its community have done around be-

ing environmentally aware. Now that I am part of it I realize there is so much more to Sheridan Park. On my first day I had the students share with me what they felt I needed to know about their school. They shared with me the many wonderful things happening at Sheridan Park and it is obvious that the students are proud of them all.

I look forward to the next couple of months and getting to meet more of the you. Please don't hesitate to stop by the office to say "Hello".

Sincerely,  
Ms. Nunnenmacher

**GOOD LUCK MS ROBERTO!!**

We all wish Ms Roberto well in all of her endeavors. We know she will do a great job.

Ms Roberto will be joining the Sheridan Park staff at the Grade 8 Graduation this year. We are thrilled she will be part of this special night for the grade 8s.

Please call or email the school before 9:00 a.m. if your child will be absent. Feel free to call anytime; there is voice-mail that you can leave a message on. The school's number is 905-937-0510 or email us at [she@dsgbn.edu.on.ca](mailto:she@dsgbn.edu.on.ca) Thank you for taking the time to help us with our daily attendance.



**A quick reminder to park in a parking spot either in our lot or at the arena across the street. We need to ensure the safety of our students and allow other vehicles to be able to enter and exit the parking lot. Thank you!**

**Do we have your up-to-date contact information and your email address? Call the office or send in a note if we need to update anything.**

Thanks!



## ***ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES***



With the warmer weather upon us students are reminded to walk their bicycles to and from the street when arriving on or leaving the school property, not to use skateboards, bicycles, roller blades, running shoes with wheels and scooters on school property.



**Don't forget to wear sunscreen on sunny days. Students spend time outside during breaks, physical education classes and track and field events. It is good practice for students to wear sunscreen everyday.**



This year's Rankin Run will be held on Saturday, May 28th at Grantham Lion's Club in St. Catharines. Pledges are due May 13th. The Rankin Run is a non-profit community 1K/5K walk/run that was created to raise money to support those people in the Niagara Region who are dealing with Cancer. The Rankin Run directly supports local organizations that assist individuals and families in dealing with cancer in our community. Last year, the Rankin Run raised \$520 000 towards Cancer care in Niagara. For more information about Rankin Run, check out the website at <http://www.rankincancerrun.com/index.php>.

## **DRESS CODE**

(taken from Code of Conduct)

With the change in seasons also comes the change of clothing. Please take a moment to remind your child(ren) about the Sheridan Park Dress Code. Hats or head-coverings are to be removed before entering the school or participating in indoor field trips and/or activities. Head dresses or head coverings for religious or medical purposes are exempt. Metal spike studded collars, wrist bands, etc. and "hardware" chains (use with wallets or as a jewellery item) are not to be present in the school, on school sponsored field trips or during activities. Halter tops, tube tops, spaghetti straps (less than three finger widths), muscle shirts and mesh tops are not to be worn. All clothing should be worn in such a manner so as not to reveal undergarments in a normal range of movement. Shirts, shorts and skirts must be an appropriate length for school. Shirts with inappropriate or offensive messages or any "gang" related paraphernalia are not permitted. Clothing which advertises or promotes alcoholic beverages, drugs, violence or racism or that displays obscene, distasteful or hurtful messages are not to be worn in school or at any school activity or field trip. Students dressed inappropriately will be asked to change or go home.

## ***READ WITH ALL YOUR HEART***

Right here in Canada there are plenty of boys and girls who don't have any books in their schools. Ms Leip's Gr 5/6 class was given the power to change that! Classroom Care is a special reading program that empowers students to read and make a difference. Our Grade 5/6 class is proud to have participated in Scholastic Book Clubs' Program. That means that our stu-

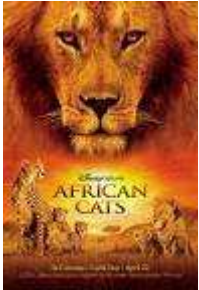
dents met a challenge of reading 10 books each by April 30, 2011. As a result, Scholastic will make a donation of 100 000 books to Canadian children in need through its Literacy Partners. Some of our students exceeded the ten book challenge and donated their points earned to students who were struggling to meet the goal. For more infor-

mation about this program go to [www.scholastic.ca/classroomscare](http://www.scholastic.ca/classroomscare). The point of the initiative is not just to encourage reading, but to empower children to make a difference in the lives of other kids. All Grade 5/6 students will receive an official Certificate of Thanks from Scholastic.

## ***RANKIN RUN***

## AFRICAN CATS

By Jamie-Lynn L. and Suzanne P. Gr 5/6



On April 21, 2011, our school went to go see African Cats. Grades 1 to 8 came

to see the movie along with the Greenest Family Winners. Every year, Disney Nature presents a movie on Earth Day and we go see it. The movies

are usually about things that happen around the Earth. It's like seeing what goes on in a day of different people. This year we went to see a movie about African Cats. The movie shows you "Lions vs Cheetahs" and the survival of the cats. Mother's love show through, even through tough times. This is a great movie to see, even with your family because the bond between the cats

shows something. If you want more details you should go see the movie!

"African Cats is a sad, heartwarming story about how animals in Africa survive." - Courtney Gr 5/6

"African Cats is about the struggles and accomplishments that a mother cat faces in raising her cubs." - Cierra Gr 5/6

## GRADE 3 AND 6 EQAO ASSESSMENT

All of our Grade 3 & 6 students will be writing their Provincial EQAO tests from May 30th – June 9th. We ask that you do not schedule any appointments during these days and ensure that your children have had a nutritious breakfast.



## TRIBES POINTS

As the end of the year approaches the competition is still close. Keep earning your Tribes Teams all possible points!

**Blue = 287**

**Yellow = 346**

**Green = 318**

**Orange = 320**

**Purple = 326**

## PRIMARY STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the following students for being recognized for their efforts during April's Eco Focus.

**Kdg** - Madelyn D., Eva B., Kaila G. & Dylan K.

**Gr. 1** - Grace D. & Farah B.

**Gr. 2** - Kailey N. & Connor I.

**Gr. 3** - Hannah M. & Skyla W.



**Thanks to your participation in the Gr 7/8 Fundraisers the cost of their trip was reduced by \$15. We all appreciate your help!**

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## PROM PROJECT NIAGARA

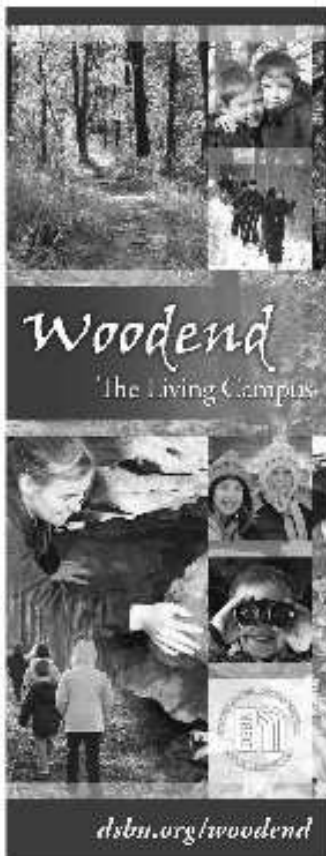
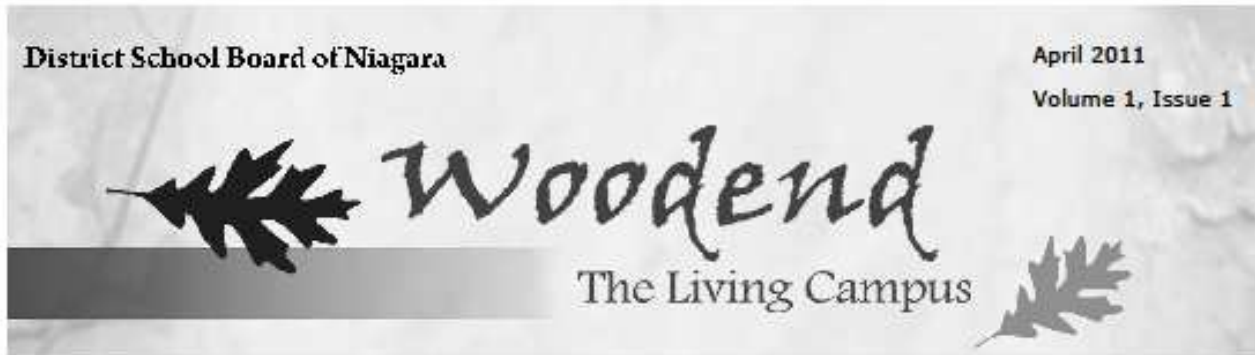
Prom Project Niagara is an Education Foundation of Niagara (EFN) event designed to give students the opportunity to select formal wear free of charge to attend their formals and graduations. This ensures that the students will feel confident, stylish and proud on their special day. The event is open to all students; no matter what his/her circumstances are across the Niagara Region and it is focused on student success, pride and well-being. Students will find new or gently used formal wear, accessories, and tips on how to style hair and make-up on the day of their event. In addition, seamstresses will be available on-site the day of Prom Project Niagara to modify an outfit chosen by the student that may need alterations.

No referrals are necessary to participate in the event because it is a simple drop-in process and is strictly confidential. The event is being held at Thorold Secondary School on May 14, 2011 during the hours of 9:30 a.m.—2 p.m.

If you know of a student who wants or needs to participate in Prom Project Niagara and you need more information you can visit the website [www.efnonline.ca](http://www.efnonline.ca) and navigate to the Prom Project Niagara event or contact Dara Goulet at 905-641-2929 ext. 54103.

Best Regards, The Education Foundation of Niagara

<http://www.dsgbn.edu.on.ca/schools/sheridanpark/>



**Ride, Hike, Run for Woodend The Living Campus - June 4th**

**Dust off your bikes, clean-up your hiking shoes, charge up your ipod...**

Join the first annual **Ride, Hike, Run for Woodend - The Living Campus.**

The event will be a 30km bicycle ride from Niagara on the Lake to Woodend - The Living Campus.

There will also be a 5km route for those who wish to ride, hike or run, and a 1.5km family hike through some of the trails within Woodend.

Register before May 20 to receive a free t-shirt and half price registration.

Those who raise over \$100 will not have to pay the registration. The top fundraiser will win an **Apple ipad** or a family get-away at **Great Wolf Lodge**. There are great prizes for classes that raise the most money.



**Ride - Hike - Run**

Ride, Hike, Run for Woodend the Living Campus:

- 30km bike ride, 5km ride, hike, run or 1.5km hike
- Register before May 20th to receive a free T-shirt and half price registration
- Apple iPad or Great Wolf Lodge family get-away for top fundraiser.

**Register Today**

[woodendthelivingcampus.blogspot.com](http://woodendthelivingcampus.blogspot.com)

**Woodend the Living Campus**

Over the past year a new vision has been developed, **Woodend The Living Campus** - which will see the current facilities transformed and expanded to create an environment that will empower generations of students, through exploration and discovery, to develop a connection to the earth and understand their responsibility for and impact on it.

By bringing the outdoors into children's learning you empower them through their own discovery.

Kids have to touch, and see and discover for themselves in order to really learn something.



**To find our more about DSBNs exciting new Woodend The Living Campus visit us at [www.dsbn.org/woodend](http://www.dsbn.org/woodend) or on our Woodend The Living Campus facebook page.**