



Sheridan Park Standard

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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents & Students,

It is hard to believe the first month of school is already over! The staff and students have enjoyed a terrific start to the new school year. I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on our learning at Sheridan Park, where I feel very fortunate to have such a wonderful staff, supportive parents and most of all terrific students!

Our staff and students are engaged in a pathway that focuses on making connections to self, world and text.



Students are moving from making "quick, surface connections to deep-thinking connections." The purpose of making connections is to help the reader understand the story or text better...the most essential part of the power to connect is BIBB, bringing it back to the book! The BIBHB is modeled and practiced with students to remind them of the purpose of connecting. If you visit the classrooms at Sheridan Park, you will hear students making powerful and amazing connections to the book their teachers are reading, don't be surprised if you notice them wearing their bibs too!

Adapted from The Nonfiction Reading Power. A. Gear.

Yours in Education,

J.M. Roberto
Principal



FROM THE OFFICE

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DAY

Friday, Oct. 8th is a P.A. Day; there is no school for students. Staff will be participating in a variety of professional activities to support the teaching and learning pathway.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

From our family to your family, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving celebration with your family and friends. There is **no school** on Monday, Oct. 11th.

YARD SUPERVISOR:

Welcome Mrs. VanSlageren, our new yard duty supervisor!

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Calling all neighbours, if you need to report incidents, please call the Niagara Regional Police. Should you observe unusual activity at the school call the following emergency number 905-682-8065. Your co-operation will be appreciated.

WORLD TEACHER DAY

We will celebrate together on Tues. Oct. 5th. This year's theme is "Recovery begins with teachers." On World Teachers' Day 2010 hundreds of thousands of students, parents around the world will pay homage

to all teachers who have been directly or indirectly affected by a major crisis. The role of teachers is vital to social, economic and intellectual rebuilding. Join us and celebrate!

KUDOS

A **BIG THANK YOU** to all parents/guardians for calling in their child's absence or leaving a message. Our answering machine is on 24/7. We have just had new phones installed so sometimes we have had glitches, your patience is appreciated! Another thank you for returning your verification forms to update our student data base. It is very important we have the correct contact numbers in place in case we need to contact you for an emergency and please call throughout the year if you have changes that need to be made.



LUNCH REMINDER

Forms were sent home in Sept. which you completed and signed that your child either goes home for lunch or stays at school. Students are not allowed to leave to go out for lunch unless a parent picks them up or they go directly home.

MAGAZINE SALES

We have finished our fall magazine order and thank you to all those who participated. The funds raised help offset costs throughout the school year such as referees, trip subsidizing, extra activities, etc.

EVENTS

OPEN HOUSE

It was held on Sept. 15th and was a great night. Thank you to Mrs. Sabourin and Mrs. Massalis for helping out with this evening, and to all that attended. It was great to meet the new families that have come to our school this fall.

QUEENSTON HEIGHTS

The Outdoor Education Day was held Sept. 17th and the staff and students had a great day. We also held our Terry Fox Walk this day. Our school raised a total of \$165 for this annual event which is held across Canada. Terry began his trek in 1980 with his goal being to collect \$1 from every Canadian in hopes to raise funds for research for the Canadian Cancer foundation.

GO GIRLS

The forms were sent out to our intermediate girls in Sept. This program is run through Big Brothers/Sisters within our school. The goal of Go-Girls is to provide girls with information and support to make informed choices about active living, balanced eating and feeling good about themselves!

iWalk to School

This annual event will be held on Wed. Oct. 6th. Ride your bike, roller blade or walk! Student Council representatives will distribute teal tickets for an opportunity to win a prize! Stay active!



Turkey Trot

Students will have an opportunity to bring home a turkey. Primary, junior and intermediate races will be held on Thurs. Oct. 7th. Enter in the race; receive a teal ticket and a chance to win a turkey! Gobble, gobble!!



HALLOWEEN

The activities will take place on Friday, Oct. 29th. At 1:45 pm, there will be a costume parade Gr. 1-6. Gr. 7/8 will be having a dance. Masks are not allowed during the dance. Hopefully it will be a "boo-tiful" day for all. Parents are welcome to join in our walk and dress up as well. It will be a black and orange day at Sheridan, please join us! Thank you to Mr. Motley for hosting our dance.

INFO CORNER



Support for Families Living with ADHD

Niagara Region Public Health continues to provide ongoing support to families who are living with the challenges of ADHD. How are we doing this?

This year Niagara's four HOPE groups have been combined into one group facilitated by a public health nurse. Meetings will be at the St. Catharines Regional Day Care Centre located at 179 Carleton Street, next to St. Denis School.

- The first two meetings will take place Sept. 15 and Oct. 6 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- The entire fall schedule is available on the website listed below. All adults are welcome.
- Support is also available by calling 905-688-8248 ext. 7400 or 1-888-5055-6074.
- Contact us via email at hope@niagararegion.ca or find us online by searching ADHD at www.niagararegion.ca

GARDASIL-the HPV VACCINE

HPV, or Human Papillomavirus is a common virus that affects both females and males. There are more than 100 types of HPV. Some HPV infections do not have any symptoms and go away on their own, but there are a few types that can cause serious health problems.

Gardasil vaccine helps protect against the common types of HPV that can cause cervical cancer and genital warts. It works best when given before exposure to the virus during skin to skin sexual contact. The vaccine has been approved in Canada for females and males 9-26 years of age. It is available free to Grade 8 girls through school based clinics. Alternately, for boys and girls, it is available by prescription at your doctor's office or through direct purchase at Niagara Regional Public Health immunization clinics.

Niagara Region Public Health is proud to announce the launch of **HPV-Protect your Future**, a 10 minute educational video that addresses concerns of youths and parents and includes a story of a cervical cancer survivor. This video will be presented by the school nurse during Grade 8 information sessions. If you would like to view this video, please visit the website listed below, or speak with your school with regards to borrowing a DVD copy.

For more information, contact Niagara Region Public Health, Vaccine Preventable Disease Program at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 Ext. 7425 or visit www.niagararegion.ca (search HPV)

HEAD LICE

Inspections of our students will take place shortly. It is essential, especially at this time of year with kids trying on costumes, head pieces etc., for Halloween and winter hats that you check your child for this pesky bug. If you have had to treat your child, or we find that your child has lice, it is kept totally private but we ask you report it so we can send home a standardized letter to inform parents in your child's class to keep a watch on their child so that we can keep it under control. If we get at this early we can keep it under control. If you are unsure of what to look for please do not hesitate to call.

Growing Success: Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting

The primary purpose of assessment and evaluation is to improve student learning.

The following seven fundamental principles lay the foundation for rich and challenging practice. When these principles are fully understood and observed by all teachers, they will guide the collection of meaningful information that will help inform instructional decisions, promote student engagement and improve student learning.



The Seven Fundamental Principles

To ensure that assessment, evaluation and reporting are valid and reliable and that they lead to the improvement of learning for all students, teacher uses practices and procedures that:

- are fair, transparent and equitable for all students;
- support all students, including those with special education needs, those who are learning the language of instruction (English or French) and those who are First Nation, Metis or Inuit;
- are carefully planned to relate to the curriculum expectations and learning goals and, as much as possible, to the interests, learning styles and preferences, needs and experiences of all students;
- are communicated clearly to students and parents at the beginning of the school year or course and at other appropriate points throughout the school year or course;
- are ongoing, varies in nature and administered over a period of time to provide multiple opportunities for students to demonstrate the full range of their learning;
- provide ongoing descriptive feedback that is clear, specific, meaningful and timely to support improved learning and achievement;
- develop students' self-assessment skills to enable them to assess their own learning, set specific goals and plan next steps for their learning.

(Ontario Ministry of Education, Growing Success, p. 6)

We know that parents have an important role to play in supporting student learning. Studies show that students perform better in school if their parents or guardians are involved in their education. This is the basis for the principle that students and parents should be kept fully informed about the student's progress. Our schools have procedures in place to ensure that parents are aware of the expectations for their child in the various grades.

2010-2011 School Year Reporting Timelines:

- Nov. 15 2010 Grades 1-8 Elementary Progress Report and Senior Kindergarten Progress Report, **go home**
- Nov/Dec Jr. Kindergarten Parent/Guardian Observation and follow-up
- Feb. 9, 2011 Grades 1-8 TERM 1 Elementary Report Card, Junior Kindergarten Progress Report and Senior Kindergarten TERM 1 Elementary Report Card, **go home**
- June 27 Grades 1-8 TERM 2 Elementary Report Card, JK/SK TERM 2 Elementary Report Card, **go home.**

At any time throughout the year, parents/guardians are invited to communicate with the school about their child's progress and achievement.

SPORTS

CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to all to our team and coach! They had an awesome day. All of our runners did their best but more importantly, they all showed excellent sportsmanship, encouraging each other on! Thank you to Mr. Langelaan for capturing some great moments on camera! **Coach:** Mrs. Mongelluzzo



JUNIOR CO ED SOCCER

The juniors played against Prince Phillip on Thursday, Sept. 30th. The team had a strong 2nd half but lost in the end! Great team work! **Coaches:** Mrs. DeLuca, Mr. Langelaan

VOLLEYBALL

Junior Boys' Volleyball – will be starting try-outs for this season on Tues. Oct. 5 & Thurs. Oct. 7 at 7:30 am sharp! Please be dressed in gym attire and be ready to start. Practices will begin the week of Oct. 11 – exact dates to follow. The season begins in November and games will be held on Mondays & Wednesdays. Try-outs are open to all boys in Grades 4-6. Good Luck! **Coach:** Mlle Hedemann.

Intermediate Girls' Volleyball had their tryouts the last week in September. Thank you to all that tried out and congratulations to the following Emily E., Niki M., Victoria K., Kristin R., Nadine W., Faith N., Jacklyn I., Olivia J., Chantal G., Allison W. We are looking forward to a great season! **Coach:** Ms. Osborne.

Intermediate Boys' Volleyball played on Wed. Sept. 29th. The team had a fabulous first game against Carleton. The boys lost the first game but came back to win. They played well together. Keep it up!

Coach: Ms. Kamendy

ECO

For the month of Sept., staff and students have been working on setting up ECO goals within their classrooms for their ECO corner. Total Litter-less lunches is a goal we are all trying to reach. This means there should be minimal garbage at the end of a lunch by using re-useable containers instead of plastic wrap, juice boxes, etc. *THINK GREEN SKYHAWK FAMILIES!* It's our planet to care for!

Sheridan Park's Class Eco Goals:

- JK/SK Turn off the water.
- Grade 1 Glue Crew
- Grade 2 Use GOOS or scrap paper when we can
- Grade 3 Litterless lunches
- Grade 4 Conserve water
- Grade 5/6 Turn off the lights
- Grade 7/8 Barton To recycle properly
- Grade 7/8 Osborne Use both sides of the paper
- Grade 7/8 Diiorio Turn off class lights.

LEGO ROBOTICS

Once again our team has started up headed by our "on-leave teacher" Mrs. Janzen. Students in grade 7/8 have joined and will compete in the spring of 2011 at the annual competition that involves computers and programming robots!

SCHOOL COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS:

- Mille Hedemann presented the AIM Program. This program teaches all students to learn hand gestures for French words and expressions.
- Governor Generals: Victoria M. & Cassidy M. highlighted some of the student events and their trip to Quebec.
- Corey Motley with 101.1 will be host DJ for grade 7 and 8 Halloween Dance for this year.
- Mrs. Langelaan is exploring a possible on line fundraiser via Regal.
- Thank you to Mrs. Boss for helping out with the food orders.
- Mrs. Sabourin will be organizing movie night for our primaries and juniors and storyteller/craft night.
- Mrs. Massalis will organize the popcorn events.
- Mrs. Alcott will be looking after our head lice checks.
- Mrs. Dunn is looking into turkey donations for our Turkey Tort.
- Mrs. Graham will provide classes with pumpkins for the October teal draw.
- Our next School Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 26th.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Congratulations to the following students:

Prime Ministers: Sabrina L. & Evan S.

Governor Generals: Victoria M., Cassidy M.

Minister of Environment: Rebecca L.

Minister of Energy: Halina F.

Ministers of Culture & Communications: Kira M., Chelsea P., Kelsea N.

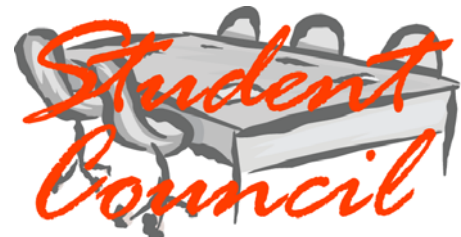
Ministers of Technology: Riley Z., Dylan P. E.

Ministers of Justice: Chantal G., Olivia J., Philip R.

Ministers of Finance: Tyler H., Catherine N.

Minister of Health: Ryan P.

The team is busy organizing the Turkey Trot, iWalk to school & the Halloween events!



CHARACTER EDUCATION

CHARACTER TRAIT

The character trait for October is **RESPONSIBILITY**.

Indicators:

- to not make excuses or blame others
- doing what you are supposed to do
- do what I say I will do, choose to have a good attitude.

TRIBES TEAM POINTS TERM 1 UPDATE

Yellow Hawks 81	Blue Hawks 61	Orange Hawks 93	Green Hawks 68	Purple Hawks 68
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PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Our Principal's Awards assembly recognized students for their fine efforts, dedication and commitment to school during the month of September. Our character trait was respect.

JK/SK	Tyler W., Zaid H.
Grade 1	Stephanie W., Isaac N.
Grade 2	Abby V., Austin S.
Grade 3	Carrie K., Philan P.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

New events or changes only!

Oct. 4 Quebec forms are due, if interested in attending. (Intermediates)	Oct. 14 Hand washing presentations grade 1-3 *note this is a calendar date change from Oct.12th
Oct. 5,12, 19 Roots Grade 1	Oct. 22 Trivia Night-held at Lakeport/Eden
Oct. 15 Photo Day Retakes *note this is a calendar date change from Oct. 6 th	Oct. 29 Quebec \$100 down payment is due for intermediates \$45 extra for insurance

SHERIDAN PARK INTERMEDIATE STUDENT FUNDRAISER

TRIVIA NIGHT

\$10 per person, includes snacks

Help support the intermediate students of Sheridan Park raise fund for their Quebec City Trip.

Friday, October 22nd

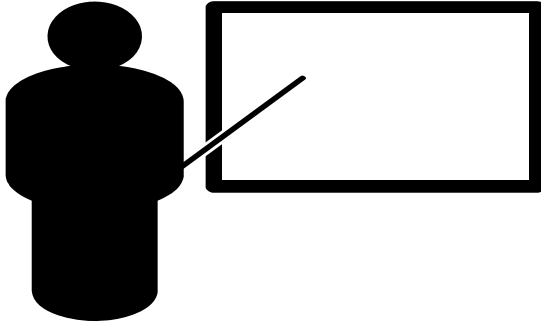
Start Time: 6:30 pm

Eden Cafeteria

Call the school to reserve your table!

905 937 0510

Parents interested in helping out, please call the school!



School Days Schedule **2010/2011**

September, 2010:	Thursday 30th
October , 2010:	Thursday 28th
November, 2010:	Thursday 25th
January, 2011:	Thursday 27th
February, 2011:	Thursday 28th
March, 2011:	Thursday 24th
April, 2011:	Thursday 28th
May, 2011:	Thursday 26th