



SHERIDAN PARK STANDARD

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

JUNE 2011

It is hard to believe the end of the year is almost upon us. But, I always like to say "Time flies when you are having fun!". I have to say the days since I arrived at Sheridan Park have certainly been flying by!

Looking ahead to next year we will have a number of changes in our building. We wish Ms Kamendy, Mrs. Breadner, Mrs. Mongelluzo and Mr. Diiorio all the best as they begin their new roles as Instructional Coaches. As Instructional Coaches they will be a member of the School Support Services Team. They will all be working with and supporting classroom teachers through co-planning and co-teaching. We

are excited for you to share your wealth of experience and knowledge with others.

We will have some new faces in our building as well. We welcome Miss Creighton (Grade 2/3), Mr. Barrett (Grade 7/8) and Mrs. Ciazynski (Prep). They are all looking forward to joining the Skyhawk Team!

Another major change that will be taking place is Mrs. MacTavish will be changing schools as well. At this time we are not sure what school will be fortunate enough to have her, but we all know that we will miss her terribly at Sheridan Park.

I would also like to share with you that I will be changing

schools at the end of the year. I will be moving to Campden School. Although I have only been at Sheridan Park for a short period of time I want you to know how much I have enjoyed being a part of your community. Next year Mrs. Milani will be moving from EW Farr to join the Sheridan Park Skyhawks. We are looking forward to having her on our team.

I would like to thank all of the staff, students and parents for making the 2010/2011 school year so successful. I wish you all a very relaxing, safe and fun filled summer.

H. Nunnenmacher

If you are moving out of the Sheridan Park area or your address is changing, please contact the school to let us know.

Thanks!

We would like to wish everyone a SAFE and HAPPY summer! We will see you in September! First Day of School is

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2011

Give Where You Live Niagara: The Caravan of Character

By Victor P.

Four times between November 30th and May 27th, 2011, thirty intermediate students from Sheridan Park attended the Give Where You Live charity program that encourages all people to help out in their community in any way that they can. On the first day, students from all over the DSBN went to the Collegiate secondary school to pick out the charity that they wanted to support throughout the year. Some of the charities our stu-

dents worked with were Community Care, Niagara Region, Niagara Falls Humane Society, and Therapy Tails, to name a few. Students then spent three days at these charities making new friends and having a fun but productive time. On the final day, all the students from across the region came together at Brock University where they shared their experiences, played cooperative games, and listened to guest speakers that all got

standing ovations for the inspiring speeches they put together. The day ended with a final thank you to the leaders of the program and the presentation of plaques being given out to the charity leaders that helped each student to give where they live.

SALUTE YOUR SCHOOL

By Gabrielle Grade 1

On May 19, Lori Love from EZ Rock came in the grade 1 class and said Hi to us. We had pancakes and syrup and fresh fruit and water and it was really yummy. We made a poster and we sang two songs Welcome Welcome and a hello song too. We took two pictures and 1 silly one too. It was a great day.

HELMET SAFETY

True or False? The same helmet can be worn for cycling and skateboarding.
FALSE - Each activity requires a different helmet to properly protect your brain.

However, a bicycle helmet can be worn for rollerblading, BMX cycling and low speed scooters. A skateboarding helmet may be worn for rollerblading, but a rollerblading helmet cannot be worn for skateboarding! An approved helmet worn correctly can greatly reduce the risk of permanent injury or death in the event of a fall or collision.

For a bicycle helmet remember:

2 - the front edge of the helmet should be 2 fingers below the eyebrow

V - the shape of the strap around the ears

1 - there should be a space of one finger between the chin and chin strap

SOS

“Save Our Subscriptions”

We will be running our annual magazine subscription campaign again in the Fall and would appreciate your continued support. Though there are other companies/publishers that may be asking for your new and renewal magazine orders, it would be

very much appreciated if you waited for our campaign so the students can take your order. A large portion of the funds stays here in our community, so it is a wonderful fundraiser for our school. Thank you in advance for “saving” your magazine orders

and helping make our continued campaign a great success. If you currently want to order any subscriptions, please use our school code and we will still profit from your order!

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Primary Safety Village Trip

By Noah S., Madeline E., and Jacob M.



In May, the Grade 1, 2 and 3 classes went to the Safety Village in Welland. First we went to the police room. The police officer taught us about how to cross the road. Then he told us we were going outside to drive cars. Everybody did not know how to drive the cars! We finally got the hang of it though. When we had to park the cars, we were really sad, but then Officer John told us we were going to the ambulance and paramedics and we were happier again.

Next we went down the stairs to learn about the job of a paramedic and how to stay safe. The woman who was teaching us tested our class on what to do. Then she told us how the paramedics get to the place that needs help and what we should say to the 911 operator. She also showed us what they put on the hurt people. Kiah was put on the stretcher and strapped on. We had our picture taken behind the "injured" student.



The last room we went to was the

firefighter's room and there was a dollhouse that made noises, sparked and filled with smoke! We watched a video about EDITH. Noah got to sleep in Sparky's bed for our pretend sleep over. The smoke alarm went off and there was smoke everywhere. We all got out, and were all safe because the smoke wasn't real (thank goodness!). We were really sad to leave the safety village. When will we go again?



CELEBRATE SUMMER AT THE ST. CATHARINES PUBLIC LIBRARY!

Add a splash of reading to your summer by joining the children's or tween/teen reading club starting June 25.



Reading clubs are a fun way to im-

prove reading skills over the summer and to win fabulous prizes. Check out our Summer Programs Flyer for details on how you can beat the heat this summer at our sizzlin' summer activities for children, tweens and teens!

For more information, visit any branch of the St. Catharines Public Library.

Call 905-688-6103 ext 227 or check us out online at www.stcatharines.library.on.ca

TRACK AND FIELD

On May 24, 2011 students represented Sheridan Park at the Regional Track and Field meet. It was a great day and our athletes did well at the meet.

Congratulations to:

Dustyn I. - 4th Long Jump

Nicholas L. - 7th Long Jump

Thomas S. - 6th 400 m

Ethan W. - 3rd High Jump

Zach M. - 5th Long Jump, 6th Triple Jump, 7th Shot Put

Chantz R. - 4th 100 m, 3rd 200 m

Zach M., Ethan W., Victor P., Chantz R. - 5th Relay Team

Ryan B. - 2nd High Jump

Daniel T. - 5th High Jump, 3rd Long Jump

Marv D. - 3rd Triple Jump,

3rd 100m

Evan S. - 8th Shot Put

Riley Z. - 6th 200 m

Tyler H. - 7th 400 m, 5th 1500 m

Rami E. - 8th 400m

Aaron O. - 4th 800 m

Brendan L. - 7th 1500 m

Josh D. - 6th 800 m

Daniel T., Riley Z., Aaron O., Marv D., - 2nd Relay Team

August W. - 3rd Triple Jump

Lauren R. - 5th 400 m

Cierra M. - 3rd Long Jump, 5th 200 m

Emily E. - 4th High Jump

Alexa B. - 4th Long Jump

Nadine W. - 8th Shot Put

Decla M. - 7th 200 m, 7th 400 m

Emily P. - 5th 400 m

Emily E., Sloane L., Victoria K., Decla M. - 5th Relay Team

Chantal G. - 8th Long Jump

Madison K. - 7th Triple Jump, 6th 100 m

Oliva J. - 7th 400 m

Halina F. - 6th 400 m, 5th 800 m

Jacklyn I. - 5th 200 m

Madison K., Breanne E., Olivia J., Jacklyn L. - 5th Relay Team

We wish all the best to Ethan W., Chantz R., Ryan B., Daniel T., Marv D., August W. and Cierra M as they compete at the DSBN Final Track and Field Meet.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

A request to our neighbours, please look after our school gardens and grounds over the summer holiday. 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 cooperation will be appreciated!

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

On Thursday, June 16th Sheridan Park staff and students will be honouring some special people.....our numerous **VOLUNTEERS!!** We want you to know how much we appreciate the time you take out of your days to make our school an even better place.

Grade 8 Graduation will take place at Eden Secondary School on Monday, June 27th. Congratulations to all of our graduates! We wish you all the best!!

Develop Word Meanings to Improve Your Child's Comprehension Skills

Understanding word meanings is essential for comprehending and understanding what you are reading. However, vocabulary is a weak area for many students. Given a list of words to learn, many students will complete the task but many not actually learn what the words really mean in order to develop their spoken language and vocabulary knowledge. Developing vocabulary as part of knowledge structure requires more energy and focus than simply memorizing words.

Develop vocabulary by going beyond the "label" and the "spelling".

- Teach word synonyms (words that mean the same thing eg. Night/evening/dusk), antonyms or opposites (night/day), and multiple meaning words (eg. Block, a lego block, a city block, a building block). Also teach categories, classifications and associations between words (eg. A shoe and sock go together - are associate and belong in the clothing category as "things you wear").
- Illustrate new words. Show pictures or video clips that demonstrate the meaning of a word. Help your child draw and label something illustrating the meaning of the word. "Flashcards" can be made more meaningful with pictures, as well.
- Play "vocabulary charades". Have your child draw a word from a hat and act it out.
- Play "find the word used in the real world". Help your child identify when he hears or sees a new vocabulary word being used in the real world - beyond the learning activities designed for school.

Check out the following website for more ideas and fun ways to develop word meanings:

www.enchantedlearning.com

PLANNING TODAY TO ENERGIZE EDUCATION TOMORROW

During the 2009/10 school year, the DSBN engaged in a system-wide review of our school buildings which enabled trustees to gain an overview of how our facilities are being used, and to identify potential areas for growth and revitalization in the future.

The majority of school boards throughout Ontario are facing the challenge of declining enrolment because of changing demographics. Parents are having fewer children later in life, which reduces the number of students starting Kindergarten each year.

One way school boards can address the issues of declining enrolment and aging facilities is through accommodation reviews. Through this process, education can be rejuvenated by building some new

schools, consolidating some schools, renovating some schools and closing some schools. At their most recent meeting, Trustees passed a Facilities Planning report which examines how to provide optimal learning spaces for students by initiating three phases of accommodation reviews beginning in September, 2011. Phase one accommodation reviews will undertake an in-depth study of central and south St. Catharines and Thorold secondary schools as well as elementary schools in Fort Erie.

Over the coming months, Board staff will begin to assemble an Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) for the two reviews. Each committee will undertake an in-depth study of the school planning areas and provide recommendations that will help guide Trustees

in their decision making. Each ARC will include a business community member and/or a municipal representative, parents, a trustee, and DSBN staff. All ARC meetings will be open to the public, and the public will also have an opportunity to provide feedback during specially scheduled public meetings.

Moving forward, our goal is to continue serving students with excellent programs. The accommodation review process will ensure that funding is spent on enriching the educational opportunities for students

The full report, along with information about accommodation reviews is available at

www.dsbn.org/arc

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Then select Internet Options.

In the Home Page field type in our website and click apply.

Now whenever you log into Internet Explorer you will be able to see updates right away.



Important Dates 2011/12

September 6: 1st Day of School

September 23: Early Release Day

October 5: World Teachers' Day

October 7: PA Day

October 10: Thanksgiving Day

November 11: Remembrance Day

December 26 - January 6:

Winter Holiday Break

January 20: PA Day

February 2: Kindergarten Open House 4-6

February 20: Family Day

March 9-16: March Break

April 6: Good Friday

April 9: Easter Monday

May 18: PA Day

May 21: Victoria Day

June 8: PA Day

June 28: Last Day of School



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