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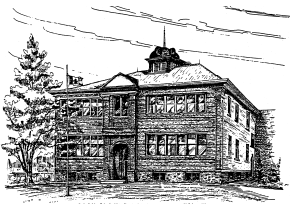


MISSION

STATEMENT

We at Park believe that all students can learn. It is our purpose to facilitate that learning.

Park—the small school with the big heart!



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FAMILY AND FRIENDS PHOTO NIGHT

Thursday, October 20th

5:00-9:00 pm

Park School is excited to present our second "Family & Friends Photo Night". At the very reasonable cost of \$10.00 per Family/Group, you are entitled to a sitting fee and an 8 X 10 Portrait. Eight photos will be taken during the sitting. Proofs will be sent to the school a few days after the photo shoot for pose and product selection by you. Simply fill out the order form from the back of this newsletter and return it to the school along with your sitting fee. Sittings are approximately 15 minutes apart. Dress is casual. Availability times run from 5:00-9:00 pm. We hope to see you there.

FORMS, FORMS, AND MEDICAL FORMS

We appreciate the speed with which the many required forms were returned to school. It is important that we have accurate information, especially in an emergency. Please continue to keep us informed of any changes in your contact or your child's medical information. Please note that we require documentation for the administration of all medications including **non-prescription drugs and cold remedies, including cough drops**. These forms are available at any time from the office.

ATTENDANCE CALLS

We thank our families for remembering to contact the school if your child will be absent or late. We are required to account for every child, every day.



THANK YOU!



I would like to extend a **HUGE** "Thank You" to the members of the Park School Council for hosting the Barbeque following our Open House. The Barbeque gave our families time to visit with each other and catch up with events that occurred over the summer.



Thank you for supporting our annual magazine fundraiser. Although final totals are not yet in, we know that this was another successful campaign! You may continue to support this fundraiser throughout the year by ordering online at www.ccrp.ca and entering our school code of **ON1642**. The school continues to receive profits from magazines ordered in this manner.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DAY/ THANKSGIVING LONG WEEKEND



Friday, October 7th has been designated as a Professional Activity Day for District School Board of Niagara staff, and Monday, October 10th is Thanksgiving Day. There will be no regular classes on these two days. We hope that you enjoy the long weekend with your families.

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<p>This Month's Character Focus:</p> <h2>Friendship</h2>					<p>School Pictures</p> <p>End of Magazine Campaign</p>	<p>1</p>
<p>2</p>	<p>3 Day 10 Cross Country Meet at Nelles AM</p>	<p>4 Day 1 Junior Soccer Tournament at Smith School</p>	<p>5 Day 2 Junior Soccer Tournament (Rain Date)</p>	<p>6 Day 3 Pizza Day  Smurf a Lot Day Blue and White Day </p>	<p>7 PA Day No classes</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>10 Thanksgiving</p>	<p>11 Day 4</p>	<p>12 Day 5 Simultaneous Fire Drill 10 AM DSBN Cross Country Meet School Council 7 PM</p>	<p>13 Day 6 DSBN Cross Country Meet (Rain Date)</p>	<p>14 Day 7 Pizza Day  Kindergarten Classes to Puddicombe Farms AM</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16</p>	<p>17 Day 8</p>	<p>18 Day 9</p>	<p>19 Day 10</p>	<p>20 Day 1 Family Photo Night 5-9 pm</p>	<p>21 Day 2 Pizza Day  Photo Retake Day</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23/30</p>	<p>24/31 Day 3 /Day 8 31st Halloween Parade in PM</p>	<p>25 Day 4 Grade 3's to Jordan Schoolhouse</p>	<p>26 Day 5</p>	<p>27 Day 6</p>	<p>28 Day 7 Pizza Day  Sharing Assembly 10:45 AM Orange and Black Day</p>	<p>29</p>

SCHOOL COUNCIL

At its first meeting of the 2011/2012 school year, the Park School Council elected its new executive. Congratulations to our Chair, Jennifer Coote; our Vice Chair, Sarah Evason; our secretary, Amy Appel; and our Treasurer, Debbie Sobota.

The next meeting of the Park School Council will be Wednesday, October 12 at 7 PM in the school library. Please join us!



PIZZA DAYS

This Thursday, October 6th will be our first pizza day. Lunch order forms were sent home last week for milk, pizza and smoothies. Please note that the smoothie flavour this year will be Strawberry/Banana instead of Verry Berry indicated on the order form. Orders are due Wednesday October 5th.

This year, in keeping with the new "School Food and Beverage Policy" for our students, we will be ordering a tomato sauce and cheese pizza on a white/whole wheat blend crust specially formulated by Gino's Pizza for superior taste and quality in a healthier pizza.

HALLOWEEN AT PARK



As in the past, we will have our usual Halloween parade on **October 31st** in the **PM**. After our usual Halloween Parade here in the school yard, the primary students will carry on their parade to Deer Park Villa and West Lincoln Memorial Hospital. More information will follow in classroom newsletters.

★ If you are sewing or shopping for costumes, please make sure that they are non-violent in nature and do not include weapons of any sort. Staff and students who do not wish to wear a costume may dress in orange and black.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

October 3rd to 9th is Fire Prevention Week. Please make sure that your smoke detectors at home are working and have fresh batteries and that you have practiced your escape plan with your children. At school, we regularly have fire and "Lock Down" drills to ensure safety. For the comfort and safety of your child, it is very important that children have "indoor shoes" to wear at school. In an emergency, children may not stop to change or put on footwear.



REDUCING LITTER

Please help to reduce litter and protect our environment by sending lunches and snacks in reusable containers. This helps our school too by reducing the amount of trash found on the school yard! We will continue to encourage the children to "Reduce, Reuse and Recycle."



SCHOOL NURSE



The School Nurse assigned to our school is Susan Munford. She will be promoting optimal health among our students and assisting us to develop a healthy school environment. Her role is to influence Niagara's children and their families to make healthy lifestyle choices.

Our nurse can be reached at the Niagara Region Public Health Department at 905.688.8248 (1-888-505-6074) ext. 7228 Monday to Friday, 8:30 to 4:30.

SPORTS NEWS— CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

Congratulations to the members of the Park Cross Country team that competed at Nelles School on Monday, September 26th and Monday, October 3rd. Each and every team member put forth their best effort at both events. We are very proud of your accomplishments. Thanks also to Mrs. Herbert, Mrs. Baseggio, and Mrs. Gatt for coaching this year's team. Team members are:

Alyssa S., Colter S., Jessie D., Sophia S., Elisha B., Sheridan L., Lindsay F., Michael S., Meagan R., Ireland V., Megan M., Marcella M., Cameron H., Alex H., Darian M., Jesse S., Maddie R., Maddy E., Abigail S., Paige N., Madison C., Shelby G., Connery V., Brooklin G., Ethan C., Hanna C., Andrea H., and Carson B.





SIX SIMPLE STEPS TO HELP KEEP YOU AND ME HEALTHY

1. Wash your hands often using soap and water or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer. Ensure hands are washed:
 - After coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose
 - After shaking hands
 - Before eating
 - Before putting in contact lenses
 - Before touching your face
2. Avoid touching your face as much as possible.
3. Cough and sneeze into a tissue or your elbow. Throw out used tissues right away.
4. Do not share objects that have been in other people’s mouths, e.g. toothbrushes, drinks and water bottles, unwashed utensils, lip products, and mouthpieces of musical instruments.
5. Stay home if you feel sick and talk to your doctor. Staying home will help prevent the spread of infections.
6. Frequently clean common surfaces such as keyboards, door knobs, countertops, etc.



I am not a dreamer, and I am not saying that this will initiate any kind of definitive answer or cure to cancer. But I believe in miracles. I have to.

The Terry Fox National School Run Day allows millions of students across Canada to join together in an inspirational nation-wide day of fundraising for cancer research.

Park students joined with Terry Fox supporters from communities all across Canada during the week of September 26th. Our students knew, just like Terry did in 1980, that we can make a difference in the lives of our family, friends and neighbours. Through a charity walk Park School raised \$319.56 for cancer research! Special thanks goes to the Grade 5/6 class led by Mrs. Herbert for all their hard work and dedication. Thank you to all the families of Park School for supporting this worthy cause.



PARK SCHOOL NEWSLETTER BALLOT



Please return to Park School by Tuesday, October 11 , 2011.

Question: What is the date of the “Family and Friends Photo Night” at Park? Answer_____

Student Name(s): _____

Teacher(s): _____ Grade(s): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

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 use 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, Métis, 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, varied 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.

2011-12 School Year Reporting Timelines

November 15, 2011	Grades 1-8 Elementary Progress Report Senior Kindergarten Progress Report
November/December	Junior Kindergarten Parent/Guardian Observation and Follow-up
February 9, 2012	Grades 1-8 Term 1 Elementary Report Card Junior Kindergarten Progress Report Senior Kindergarten Term 1 Report Card
June 26, 2012	Grades 1-8 Term 2 Elementary Report Card Junior Kindergarten Term 2 Report Card Senior Kindergarten Term 2 Report Card

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

FROM OUR CROSSING GUARD



Mrs. Hansen would like to remind Park students and parents to:

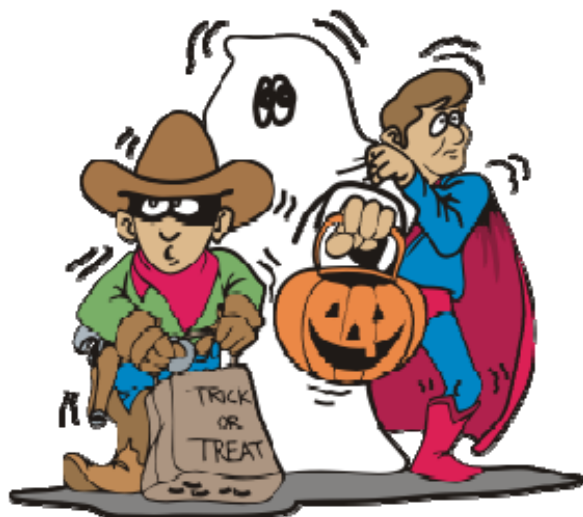
- wait for her to press the button & accompany you before crossing
- walk bikes across the street
- cross Main St. only at the lights

Thank you for helping to keep our Park families safe.

HALLOWEEN SAFETY



Some pointers to keep the trick or treaters safe.



- ◇ Children under nine years of age should go out with an adult or responsible older child.
- ◇ Be sure your child stops at all curbs, looks left, right and left again to check for traffic. Remind children to cross at crosswalks, street corners or intersections. It is important they walk on the sidewalk, or walk facing the traffic if there is no sidewalk.
- ◇ Bright coloured costumes make your child easier to see. You can use reflective tape on a costume to make your child more visible. Face paint instead of a mask helps them to see well. Have your child carry a flashlight.
- ◇ When they get home, check all of their treats carefully. Throw out any treats that aren't wrapped, if the wrapping is torn or loose, or if the wrapper has a hole. Remember that small treats can cause your child to choke.
- ◇ You might want to offer an alternative to sugar based treats. Stickers or multicoloured pencils can be a nice surprise in place of, or in addition to, traditional treats.

Volunteers Needed

Parent volunteers are always welcome at Park School

Please indicate below, with a check mark what you are able to help with in any of the upcoming areas listed:

- ◇ Assisting in the Library (tidying, organizing, shelving books, etc.) and supervising Earobics program
- ◇ Scanning documents for students
- ◇ Assisting with Book Fair in our Library (November)
- ◇ All Star Reading Programme for students
- ◇ Assisting with working with a team of students in the Battle of the Books competition
- ◇ Christmas Food Drive for the Grimsby Benevolent Fund
- ◇ Scientists in School programme
- ◇ Chess Club (January—March—lunch)
- ◇ Games Club (April-May—lunch)
- ◇ Lego Robotics
- ◇ Running Club
- ◇ Helping with Spring Concert
- ◇ Track and Field (May/June)
- ◇ Assisting with Park's End of Year Celebration
- ◇ 3 Pitch Co-Ed Team (May/June)

Name: _____ Child's Name/Class: _____ Phone #: _____

Pegasus & Park Public School
PRESENTS

Family & Friends
Photo Night

Thursday , October 20th , 2011 @ Park Public School

Cost: \$10.00 per Family/Group which includes a sitting fee and an 8x10 Portrait.
8 photos will be taken during your sitting.

These proofs will be sent to your school a few days after your photo shoot for pose and product selection by you. Simply fill out the order form and return it back to school along with your order payment.

Sittings are approximately 15 minutes apart. Dress can be casual or theme based. Availability times run from 5:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

Please complete and return the tear-off portion below along with your cheque payable to: Park Public School before Friday October 14th.

The school will provide you with your appointment time.

Name:

Phone#:

If response dictates, we will add another night for photos.

Preferred Photo Time:

Please indicate your first 3 choices with #1 as first choice, #2 as second choice, and #3 as third choice.

Between 5-6

Between 6-7

Between 7-8

Between 8-9

Attached is our cheque for \$10.00 payable to Park Public School for the sitting fee