

SEPTEMBER 2017

217 Main Street East,  
Grimsby L3M 1P5  
Principal -  
H. Nunnenmacher  
Secretary -  
S. Tomori

**Dates to  
Remember:**

**September 15** - Early Re-  
lease Day

**September 15** - Terry Fox  
Run

**September 29** - Orange Shirt  
Day

Please mark **Friday, Sep-  
tember 15th** on your  
calendar as an "Early  
Release Day". All stu-  
dents will be excused  
from class and buses will  
arrive for the **12:20 p.m.**  
**dismissal**. Administra-  
tors and staff at our ele-  
mentary schools will par-  
ticipate in professional  
development in the after-  
noon and any potential  
class re-organization due  
to registrations will be  
arranged at that time.



## WELCOME BACK TO A NEW YEAR!!!

I would like to welcome you all to a new school year. I hope everyone had a relaxing and fun summer holiday. I am looking forward to meeting all of you!

Mrs. Walters and her team worked very hard over the summer to prepare the school for a new school year and it looks amazing! Mrs. Tomori was busy last week getting everything organized and all of the staff have been busy throughout the summer to prepare for the arrival of their new group of students. I want to thank all of you for your hard work and dedication to Park.

In order for you to be up-to-date on the Park Happenings, please be sure to check out our website at <http://park.dsbni.org/>

Each month the newsletter will be available on our website and by email. Please make sure we have your current email address. By offering the newsletter electronically it allows us to reduce the amount of paper used while enabling us to include all sorts of information to keep you up-to-date.

Within our website you have access to a school calendar. This calendar will contain up to the minute information. Feel free to check out what is coming up in the future months as well.

If you ever have any questions do not hesitate to contact the school. We are here to work with you! Ms. H. Nunnenmacher

## THE PARK TEAM

All of the staff have been so busy preparing for the 2017/2018 school year.

This year there are many new faces at Park. We welcome Mrs. Larock, Miss Taylor, Mrs. Penley-King, Ms. M. Ashton and Mrs. K. Latam. Mrs. T. Singer will be filling in for Mr. R. Allington until February and Mrs. S. Tomori will be filling in for Mrs. Zavarella while she is away.

Congratulations goes out to Miss C. Rocheleau who got married this summer and is now Mrs. C. Pagano. We wish you all of the best!

As of now the following are the staff for this school year:

**Kindergarten** - Ms. C. Pagano and Miss Taylor and Mrs. Larock and Mrs. Rooney

**Grade 1/2** - Mrs. M. Coles

**Grade 2/3** - Mrs. N. Munro

**Grade 3/4** - Mrs. C. Penley-King

**Grade 4/5** - Mrs. C. Pagano and Ms. M. Ashton

**Grade 6** - Mrs. T. Singer/Mr. R. Allington

**Librarian** - Ms. H. Nunnenmacher

**FSL** - Mme C. Pagano

**Prep** - Mrs. P. D'Cunha

**Learning Resource Teacher** - Ms. M. Ashton

**Educational Assistant** - Mrs. K. Latam

**Custodian** - Mrs. D. Walters

**Secretary** - Mrs. S. Tomori

**Instructional Coach** - Mrs. H. Nicitopoulos

**Youth Counsellor** - Ms. S. Maturi

**Principal** - Ms H. Nunnenmacher

We are looking forward to an **AWESOME** year!!!

## STUDENT AGENDAS

Students in Grades 1-6 will require a Park School Agenda. Being organized and completing assignments on time are important life long habits. This agenda will be an extremely useful tool in helping to facilitate good communication between home and school. Parents are encouraged to review the information in the front and back of the agenda with their children. We request that the \$5.00 be paid as soon as possible to cover the cost of these agendas. Please make your payment through our School Cash Online.

## STUDENT ABSENTEE

If your child is going to be absent, please be sure to notify the office prior to 9:00 a.m. We have an answering service available for your convenience. If you need to phone in the evening or early morning please feel free to leave us a message. If your child is absent and we do not receive a call, Mrs. Tomori, our secretary, will phone to ensure that your child is safe.



## ANAPHYLAXIS REMINDER

The Administrative Procedures from the District School Board of Niagara states, "It is the responsibility of the parent, guardian or student at the age of majority, to inform the principal in writing, that s/he or her/his child is at risk of anaphylaxis and to outline the expected symptoms and requested intervention of school staff." If your child is at risk of anaphylaxis, please contact the school immediately to develop an Emergency Response Plan. Please be aware that we have students who are allergic to nuts and ensure food being sent to school is nut free. Any snacks coming to school that contain nuts will be sent home with a reminder. Thank you for helping us keep our students safe!!



## MEDICATION



Any child taking medication (prescription or non-prescription) at school is required to have his/her parent/guardian and doctor complete a form entitled "**Authorization of Administration of Oral/Topical Medication**". Forms are available at the office. Once this form is fully completed and is signed by the child's parent/guardian and doctor, the authorized medication must be given to the office by the parent/guardian in the pharmaceutical container labeled with the most current dispensing information. Medications of any kind must **NOT** be left in the student's backpack. The administration of medication is the responsibility of the Principal/Designate. A record of the administration of medication is securely kept in a binder in the school office along with all medications. Parents/Guardians are requested to bring any "refills" or changes in medication directly to the office rather than sending them with students. Thank you!

## YEARLY PAPER WORK

All Park students will be bringing home a number of forms that need to be signed and returned as soon as possible. Please take a moment to read through the papers and discuss anything with your child(ren). If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the office. Thank you!



## TRANSPORTATION

For transportation information please visit the Niagara Student Transportation Services website at [www.nsts.ca](http://www.nsts.ca) or call 905-346-0290. If you need to request transportation for your child, or make a change to their schedule, please contact the school office. We ask for your patience as we endeavor to ensure that our students arrive to school on time and return home as close to the arrival time that you have been given.



**CHECK US OUT ON THE WEB!!!**

<http://park.dsbn.org/>

## PLAYGROUND SUPERVISION



Supervision before school, begins at 8:35 a.m. Parents/Guardians are asked NOT to drop their children off prior to 8:35 as there is no supervision on the playground until that time. Parents will be contacted by the office if children are left at the school prior to the supervised time. End of the day dismissal is 3:20 p.m. and parents are asked to be prompt in picking up their children.

## DRILLS

Each year all schools across the DSBN have practice Fire Drills and Lockdown Drills. There are 6 Fire Drills done during the school year, 3 in the fall and 3 in the spring. Two Lockdown Drills take place; one during the fall/winter and one during the spring. Since there are different types of Lockdown Drills the two will be different (for example, one internal and one external). Teachers will work with their students to ensure they are aware of what to do in case of an emergency. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school.

## SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

School Cash Online will help save you both time and effort. You will be able to approve permission forms and pay for school items, such as field trips and school lunches, online.

If you are not already registered it takes only five minutes to register for this service. You can access the service by visiting our school website ( <http://park.dsb.org/> ) and clicking on "School Cash Online". You will need your child's legal first name to register. You can use School Cash Online with confidence; it is a safe and secure portal.

### Reasons to use School Cash Online:

- It will save you time and effort.
- You will be able to pay for school-related activities and items online, eliminating the need to send cash to school.
- School Cash is a safe, secure and reliable system.
- School Cash allows parents to keep a detailed record of items purchased for their children.
- This service furthers our commitment to sustainable practices by reducing the amount of paper going home with students.

If you have any questions at all please contact the office and we will help you out. Thank you!



## SAFE ENTRY PROCEDURES



In order to maintain a safe school environment for our students and to reduce the number of disruptions in the classrooms while learning is taking place, we are asking parents and visitors coming into the school to comply with the following safe entry procedure:

1. If visiting or volunteering in the school, please enter through the main doors and go to the office first to sign in and receive a visitor tag.
2. Parents delivering lunches or other items are asked to leave them at the office and the secretary will page the student at a convenient time.
3. Please arrange appointments and early dismissals with your child in advance and inform the office by note or phone.
4. When picking up your child for an appointment, please come to the office first to sign him/her out and the secretary will page your child to come to the office to meet you, if s/he is not already waiting for you.
5. Please do not wander the halls without announcing yourself at the office first.
6. Students will not be called out of class unless it is an emergency. Messages will be passed on to your child.

At Park, we appreciate your support and participation in our Safe School Policies to ensure a safe and secure environment for all students.

## WATER BOTTLES

We are fortunate enough to have a water bottle refilling station in our school. We are hoping that all students will take advantage of these and in the process we will get rid of the plastic water bottles and to do our small part to protect the environment.

We are hoping that students will bring in their own water bottle with their name on it.

## VOLUNTEERS

Here at Park Public School there are many opportunities for parents/guardians to volunteer with our students and to support the many activities and events that occur during the school year. Some opportunities include supporting nutrition programs, coordinating fundraising activities, and participating in supportive reading programs. We see this as a wonderful way to build our school, family and community connections. We welcome all who are interested and available.



## SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent/guardian representative on the School Council.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I am the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_  
who is currently registered at Park Public School.

I am an employee of the District School Board of Niagara. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Candidate's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## OPEN HOUSE



Mark Thursday, September 21st on your calendar. We will be having our annual Open House from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. More details will follow but we wanted to make sure you saved the date! Hope to see you there!!

## FROM YOUR SCHOOL NURSE

Park Public School would like to welcome this year's school nurse Wasse Wahidi. Our school nurse will be working alongside school staff to consult and support on health topics, provide resources and curriculum-based lesson plans, support parent events, and assist with creating a Healthy School environment for all. If you have any questions, please e-mail:

[wasse.wahidi@niagararegion.ca](mailto:wasse.wahidi@niagararegion.ca)



Our new benches were delivered and installed over the summer. They look great and the students are going to love having them!! Make sure to check them out when you are here!