

The Cougar Chronicle



Martha Cullimore Public School

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Important Dates: November

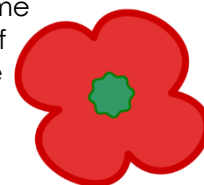
- 01 PIC Conference
- 02 Photo Retake Day
- 02 Dental Screening
(JK, SK, 2, 4, 6)
- 03 Random Acts of
Kindness Day
- 06 Cougar Cave
Assembly for
students - 8:45am
- 06 Poinsettia Sale
begins online
- 09 Progress Reports
- 10 Remembrance Day
Service at 10:15am
- 14 Interview Evening
- 17 PA Day
- 22 K & 1 to Mermaid
Theatre Co.
- 22 Pink Shirt Day
- 27 My Life Online
Workshop (gr 4 to 6)
- 27 Poinsettia sale ends
- 28 School Council Mtg

December

- 01 Celebration
Assembly
- 13 6:00pm – Hot
Chocolate Social and
Bake Sale Fundraiser
- 15 Little Mermaid

Message from the Principal

Remembrance Day, November 11th is a day on which we all take time to honour those who have sacrificed their lives to defend the rights of all people to be free. On November 10th, an assembly will take place for all students at 10:15am to help our students recognize the importance of this day in the lives of all Canadians. Parents are welcome to attend. For a small donation, students will receive a poppy in support of the Royal Canadian Legion.



Lest We Forget.

Progress Reports (Kindergarten to Grade 8) and Parent-Teacher Interviews

On November 9th, your child will bring home an Elementary Progress Report. Although it looks much like the Report Card, the Progress Report has a very different intent. The purpose is to share early and specific feedback on your child's development of work habits and learning skills as well as progress towards achieving the curriculum standards by the end of the school year.

Reporting on the Progress Report is about looking forward and setting a course for the learning journey ahead. Based on the evidence that teachers see, as well as what teachers know about learning at this grade level, the report communicates the path your child is on towards achieving the grade level expectations by the end of the year. The Progress Report does not include letter grades or percentage for academic subjects; it instead identifies whether your child is progressing *very well*, *well or with difficulty*. For subjects in which your child is Progressing with Difficulty, the teacher will discuss specific next step plans needed for success. We look forward to partnering with you and your child for a year of great learning and growth.

Congratulations to students who made some amazing accomplishments and reached personal bests this month!

TEACHER	I MATTER STUDENT OF THE MONTH	GROWTH MINDSET COACH OF THE MONTH
K - Hollemans	Alessa P, Draydon P	Brooklyn N
K – Brennan	Taylor C, Mia T	Claire P
1 - Carnegie	Carter D, Mayla R, Will W	Matilda S
2 – Dubois	Charisa S, Justin Y	Georgi K
2/3 – McGowan	Sasha C, Hudson G, Jaelyn M	Hayden H
3/4 – Jane	Izzy H, Lana R	Aaraiz A
5 – Fortuna	Johnny B, Liam G, Reegan H, Jade H	Danielle V
5/6 - West	Gabe A, Jayke A, Jenna O, Jenna S	Jenna O
Michaud	Aaraiz A, Rylee H, Kameron M, Thomas M	

**Wear colour
house Ts on
Nov 6th!**

Free Dental Screening Coming to Martha Cullimore on November 2nd

A Public Health registered dental hygienist is scheduled to visit our school November 2nd to provide dental screening to students in JK, SK, grades 2, 4, and 6 as required under the Health Protection and Promotion Act.

During this time the registered dental hygienist will perform a quick visual inspection of each child's teeth to determine his/her dental needs. Parents will be contacted if their child requires immediate dental care. The Healthy Smiles Ontario program may financially assist children who do not have access to required dental care.

Please contact the Public Health dental program if:

- You wish to exclude your child from dental screening
- Your child is not in one of the targeted grades and you would like him/her to participate



In addition to dental screening, ELKP students have an opportunity to receive an optional free fluoride varnish application if they have returned a signed consent form.

Call the Dental Health Line at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7399 or email dental@niagararegion.ca.

School Advisory Council

Our second School Council meeting was held on Tuesday, October 26th. Martha Cullimore's School Council met to discuss EQAO results and upcoming fund-raising and community engagement events.

Photo Retake Day

Picture retakes will be taken at Martha Cullimore on **Thursday, November 2, 2017**. Students who were absent for the September picture day should be prepared for this day along with anyone who would like to try again!



Cross Country Finalists Go To DSBN Meet

Congratulations to our team of finalist runners who made the Cougars proud in their amazing efforts at the DSBN meet. Way to go, boys and girls, for strong demonstration of grit, determination and growth mindset! Our 2017-2018 Cross Country Finalists were: Matilda s., Jackson R., Sean L., Damian G., Rylan P., Reegan H., Evan L., Matthew B., Jenna O, Jenna S., Madison D., Jayke A., Jeffrey V.

Junior Volleyball Teams

We were impressed by the enthusiasm and participation shown by students for our upcoming volleyball season. The following students will represent the Cougars through the month of November.

Girls Junior Volleyball: Addie L., Danielle V., Jade H., Jenna O., Jenna S., Kalley Q., Lia C., Lindsay P., Madison D., Payton G., Reegan H., Riley R., Rylee H.

Boys Junior Volleyball: Ethan A., Gabe A., Jayke A., Johnny B., Aidan B., Jordan C., Alex D., Rylan M., Liam N., Jeff V., Ryan W., Broden W



Thank you to Mr. West for coaching the boys and to Mr. Fortuna for coaching the girls.

Fall Garbage and Paper Bag Fundraiser

Thanks so much to our school community for your support of our fundraising campaign. Working together, we were able to raise \$500.00 toward instructional resources and year-end trips. Mrs. Brennan and Miss Longhouse's class won the big bag of prizes for top sales! Congratulations!

My Life Online: Teaching Kids to be Safe, Smart and Kind Online

My Life Online is a classroom presentation for students in Grades 4 to 6, with a focus on teaching kids to be safe, smart, and kind when using the internet and social media. The presentation highlights how kids can approach their lives online in a way that helps them create opportunities in school, life and future work opportunities. This presentation gives classroom teachers the perfect springboard for ongoing classroom conversations about cyber-bullying and inclusivity. This program has been created by Dave Anderson and Blake Fleischaker who have built an impressive team of facilitators to lead the workshops at our school.

Learn more about My Life Online on the website <http://welcometomylifeonline.com/>

Calling all parents & caregivers

IT'S TIME TO REGISTER!

Join us for an evening of learning & FREE workshops!

Wed. November 1, 2017
4pm to 8:15pm at Eden High School
535 Lake Street, St. Catharines

Registration,
Food & Child Care
are FREE!

Register online at www.dsnb.org/pic
OR speak to someone in your school office for assistance

Early Bird Draw!
Register before October 4, 2017
and you could WIN \$500 of support
for your School and School Council!

Parenting Matters At DSNB

The DSNB Parent Involvement Committee invites you to join us for an evening of learning, sharing and networking with a focus on ideas for all DSNB parents, caregivers and School Councils.

Session Topics Include:
Mental Health, Special Education, Mathematics, Kindergarten, Transitions to Secondary & Post Secondary... and so much MORE!

4:00 - 5:15 Light Dinner and Educational & Community Agency Showcase
Cafeteria and Gym AB

5:15 - 5:25 Opening Remarks
Cafeteria

5:45 - 6:45 1st Session

6:45 - 7:15 Showcase and Refreshments
Gym AB and Cafeteria

7:15 - 8:15 2nd Session

Information about Child Care:

PRESCHOOL CHILDREN: Certified Early Childhood Educators will be available at Sven H. Dohnberg Centre. Enter the Eden High School parking lot (facing Lake St.), the child care centre is on the right.

SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN: Children will be supervised by qualified teachers in the Eden Gymnasium.

CHILD CARE IS AVAILABLE BY PRE-REGISTRATION ONLY AND WILL BE PROVIDED FROM 4PM TO 8:15PM. IT INCLUDES A LIGHT DINNER.

REGISTER ONLINE AT
www.dsnb.org/pic

DSNB Parent Involvement Committee
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SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR

KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE

DURING YOUR VISIT YOU WILL:

- See a Kindergarten classroom
- Meet the Kindergarten Team
- Register for school
- Get a fun goodie bag with learning resources



KINDERGARTEN KICKSTART

Thursday, February 1, 2018
10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Staying Healthy This Season

Although we usually encourage children to share, there is one thing that we'd prefer that doesn't get passed around this year - germs! While being back at school gives children more opportunity to interact with each other and play together, there are some simple steps we can all take to help each other avoid coughs, colds and more serious types of infections.



Wash those hands! We recommend that students, and even parents, wash their hands with soap and water regularly. If there isn't a sink nearby, using a good hand sanitizer should do the trick.

Cover all coughs and sneezes. This will cut down on the number of icky things floating around in the air and landing on surfaces, making it less likely that children will breathe them in or touch them. If you have to cough or sneeze, do it into a tissue or onto your upper sleeve.

If you're sick, stay home. Although it's important to be in class, don't be a superhero. Take some time, feel better and then come back when you're healthy, alert and ready to learn!

WHEN TO KEEP YOUR CHILD AT HOME

Please keep your child at home and away from others if he or she has any of these symptoms: fever, diarrhea, Vomiting, rash, frequent coughing or sneezing, yellow or green discharge from the nose, ears, or eyes, sore throat.

Contact your family doctor for advice about care and treatment. For more information, talk to your school nurse or go to www.niagararegion.ca/health

December Celebrations

We are looking forward to gathering together as a community in the month of December. Mark the following dates on your calendar:

Bring-A-Mug Hot Chocolate Social and Sing Along – December 13th

On December 13th at 6:00 to 7:30pm, families are invited to our **Bring-A-Mug Hot Chocolate Social and Sing Along**. Cozy up and wear your favourite holiday hats, scarves and mittens to our Carol Sing! Bring your family mugs to fill up on creamy hot chocolate and savour some tasty sugar cookies. Primary and junior students will perform specials and lead a carol so we can sing along! There will also be a bake sale on this night! Doors open at 6:00pm for the bake sale.



Holiday Bake Sale on December 13th

There will be a student bake sale during the school day and a community bake sale on the evening of the Hot Chocolate Social on December 13th.

During the day, students can purchase single-size treats to enjoy. Sale items will range from 50cents to \$2.00. There are always commercially packaged and labelled "nut-free" items available at the bake sale table as an alternative for students with allergies, along with surprise bags. Parents are also welcome to send in labelled baked goods from their own home for their children with allergies. These are recommended for students with allergies or anaphylaxis.

The community Holiday Bake Sale in the evening is a time when you can purchase some goodies for holiday get-togethers! Last year, the show of care and creativity at the holiday bake sale was show-stopping! Don't miss out. **Come in at 6:00pm and shop at the bake sale before the 6:30pm sing along.**

We encourage all parents to support this initiative by baking treats and sending them in on Tuesday, December 12th. Items requiring refrigeration can be dropped off before school on the 13th. If you bake, please let us know by returning the slip at the end of this newsletter as soon as possible. Thank you so much for your support!

Poinsettia and Plant Sale Pick Up on December 12th and 13th

We are offering poinsettias and Christmas plants again this year as a fundraiser. You will see a flyer come home soon. Orders and payment can be made through School Cash Online beginning November 6th and ending November 27th. Plants will be available for pick up at the school between 8:30am and 3:00pm on Tuesday, December 12th or on the night of the Hot Chocolate Social on December 13th.



The Little Mermaid: The Musical on December 15th

On Friday, December 15th, the students at Martha Cullimore (Grades 2 through 6) are invited to attend the performance of **"The Little Mermaid"** at the Scotiabank Convention Centre, in Niagara Falls. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to experience the performing arts at a local venue. The show begins at 10:30 a.m. and is approximately 135 minutes in length, including one intermission. See the permission form at School Cash Online as registration closes soon!

December 13th Bake Sale

While we cannot guarantee a nut free school environment, we work diligently to minimize risk to individuals with allergies. **We require that all baked goods coming into the school be baked without nuts or peanuts. However, we cannot guarantee that these baked goods are nut free or have been made in a nut-free environment.**

We encourage all parents to support this initiative by baking treats and sending them in on December 12th. If you bake, please send in this slip with your baked goods on the Tuesday before the sale (singles, 6 packs, or dozens). Thank you so much for your support!

TAG FOR BAKED GOODS

From the home of: _____
Baked Good: _____



- This was baked with no nuts, peanuts or peanut products.

RSVP FOR BAKED GOODS (please send in as soon as possible)

From the home of: _____

- We are able to send in _____ for the bake sale.

___ singles ___ 6 packs ___ dozens