

# The Cougar Chronicle



## Martha Cullimore Public School

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Principal:  
T. Chilcott

### Important Dates:

- | November |                                 |
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| 05       | Photo Retakes                   |
| 06       | Gr.8 Day at Stamford            |
| 06       | PIC Conference                  |
| 07       | Reports Go Home                 |
| 08       | Music Spirit Day                |
| 11       | Interview Week Starts           |
| 13       | Gr.8 Day at AN Myer             |
| 15       | PA Day                          |
| 27       | Stamford Open House – 6pm       |
| 28       | AN Myer Open House – 6:30pm     |
| 29       | Colour House Character Assembly |



### Message from the Principal

Remembrance Day, November 11<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup>, 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 and Kindergarten Communication of Learning

On November 7<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### Booking Parent-Teacher Interviews

We will be holding Parent-Teacher Interviews at the school the week of November 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>. You will be able to make appointments beginning November 1<sup>st</sup> at 12:01 am until November 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 pm.

1. Go to the Martha Cullimore scheduling webpage at <https://mcps.parentinterview.com>
  2. Enter the Parent Code and click "Sign In" **Please make note of your Confirmation #**
  3. Fill in your contact information and click "Continue to Make Appointments"
  4. Click on the name of a teacher with whom you wish to schedule an appointment
  5. Click on "Available" for a time at which you wish to meet to have your meeting
  6. Repeat Steps 4 and 5 until you have scheduled all the teachers you wish to meet
  7. Click on "My Schedule"
  8. Print out, email or copy down your schedule and bring it with you
- Should you wish to delete an appointment you have made, click on "Delete" beside the meeting you wish to have removed from your schedule. If you decide to delete an appointment, that time slot will become available for other parents. There are no guarantees that you will be able to reschedule that appointment.
- If you misplace your schedule, you may use your Confirmation # to retrieve your schedule from the website at any time. If you need help using the service, please email [support@parentinterview.com](mailto:support@parentinterview.com)
- Mrs. Chilcott

**Congratulations to students who made some amazing accomplishments and reached personal bests this month! The character trait for November is Courage.**

TEACHER	I MATTER STUDENT OF THE MONTH	CHARACTER STUDENT OF THE MONTH
K – Hollemans Empey	Lucas D, Logan M, Emilia W	Carter B
K – Brennan, Gibson & Camillo	Mason B, Madisyn I	Avaya H
1 – Lopez	Olivia Y	Mila D
2 – Edwardson	Landon L, Taylor C	Sawyer H
2/3 – Meger	Violet A, Kurt K	Giancarlo A
3 – McGowan	Maddy H, Dominic L	Dylan M
4 – Dinga	Charlie K, Ryley L	Kailyn S
5 – Lane	Abi D, Hayden H	Bailey C
5/6 – Goode	Olivia P	Roran W
7 – Jane	Nathan S, Cooper S, Bella Y	Bella Y
7 – Ibey	Chris A, A,J, B, Mya H	Lauren W
8 – Fortuna	Payton G, Brooklyn P	Jenna S



## Spirit Days at Martha Cullimore

There are many ways that students can show their cougar pride throughout the year, but we'd like to highlight two of them here for you:

### Week One Spirit!

The first Friday of each month will be a themed spirit day where all students are encouraged to dress in a theme and/or participate in a special activity. Our Student Parliament has planned each of these days and will be involved in promoting them. Our first Spirit Day will be on Friday November 8<sup>th</sup> and it has a music theme!



November 8<sup>th</sup> is Music Day! Wear your favourite band T-shirt, dress as your favourite artist or simply wear accessories with a musical theme! On this day, students will be able to listen to music while they work. Teachers and students will decide on this together.

### Colour House Spirit!

At the end of each month we have Colour House Huddles where we focus on building our character and sense of togetherness. Wear your colour house T-shirt and dress from head-to-toe in your house's colour! Be creative and show your spirit!



November's character focus is courage. We'll spend time thinking about courageous people and what it means to be courageous. Then, all month, Student Parliament members will look for students who are demonstrating courage throughout the school and on the playground. They'll be giving out "red hearts of courage" for students to put their names on and then post on our Wall of Courage. Also, in classrooms, teachers will be looking for students who are being courageous in the work and learning.

## Photo Retake Day

Martha Cullimore students who were absent on the first photo day or those who wish to get retakes will have their individual portraits taken on November 5<sup>th</sup>. Please come dressed in bright or light colours, bring a comb if necessary and remember to wear your best smile! Junior and Intermediate class photos will be on Retake Day also.

## Martha Cullimore Student Parliament

**The purpose of our elementary school Student Parliament is to encourage student voice and engage all students within a healthy and vibrant school culture. Every student has a valued contribution to make to their school.** It is important that they be given the opportunity to express their views on issues of concern to them. It is equally important that they are listened to and encouraged to take an active part in promoting the aims and objectives of the school. Duties may include organizing spirit days, events, programs and projects; encouraging democratic participation; and striving to promote good citizenship by example. Congratulations to the following students who will be leading on Student Parliament this year!



Executive: Ryan W (Chair), Morgan H (Co-Chair), Rianna R (Secretary), Cameron P (Treasurer)  
Members: Chris A, Rylan P, Ashlee W, Carter S, Olivia P, Bailey C, Izzy T, Taylor H, Kalysta T, Nicolas R, Tabitha R

## School Advisory Council

Our second School Council meeting was held on Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Martha Cullimore's School Council met to discuss EQAO results and upcoming fund-raising and community engagement events.

## Fall Festival Fundraiser – A Big Success!

We'd like to thank the community for their overwhelming support of our Fall Festival Fundraiser. We raised \$2400.00 toward technology and student learning materials. Way to go, cougars!

## Tae Kwon Do is Coming to Martha Cullimore

In January, our students will have a unique opportunity to try the sport of Tae Kwon Do. The word "taekwondo" consists of three parts: "tae," meaning foot, "kwon," meaning hand, and "do," meaning way of life. Tae Kwon Do also focuses on character development. Five classes will be offered to students from kindergarten to grade 8. Participation will be voluntary and at a very reasonable fee. Funds raised through this initiative will go toward athletics and team uniforms. More information will follow.

Calling all parents & caregivers

# IT'S TIME TO REGISTER!

Join us for an evening of learning & free workshops!

Register online at [www.dsbns.org/pic](http://www.dsbns.org/pic)

**Wed. November 6, 2019**  
4:00 to 8:15 pm at Eden High School  
535 Lake Street, St. Catharines

Join us for an evening of learning & FREE workshops!

Nov 15  
PD Day  
No School

**Gr 8 Days at High School**

Stamford  
Nov 6<sup>th</sup>

AN Myer  
Nov 13<sup>th</sup>

## December 11<sup>th</sup> Bring-A-Mug Hot Chocolate Social - 6:30 to 8:00pm

We are hosting a simple holiday celebration open house where families can come, bring their mugs to fill with hot chocolate, enjoy some baked goods from the bake sale, and spend quality time participating in some festive activities. Kindergarten students will kick off the night with special music. Visit the North Pole Bakery to decorate sugar cookies, get photos taken at the photo booth, and enjoy all the family activities. Students can take on the Great Christmas Escape Challenge in one of our Escape Rooms! Schedule to be announced.



**The bake sale will be open from 6:15pm to 8:00pm – Kindergarten students should be dropped off to teachers at classrooms at 6:15pm to prepare for their musical presentation. Kindergarten students will be dismissed to their parents in the gym.**

**This is a family event and students are welcome to participate if accompanied by their parent(s). Supervision for students will not be provided.**

## Holiday Bake Sale on December 11th

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 11th.

During the day, students can purchase single-size treats to enjoy. Sale items will range from 50cents to \$3.00. There are always commercially packaged and labelled "nut-free" items available at the bake sale table as an alternative for students with allergies. 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. **The bake sale will be open from 6:15pm to 8:00pm. The café and festive activities will be open from 6:30pm to 8:00pm.**

*We encourage all parents to support this initiative by baking treats and sending them in on Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. Items requiring refrigeration can be dropped off before school on the 11<sup>th</sup>. 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!*

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.**

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### TAG FOR BAKED GOODS

From the home of: \_\_\_\_\_  
Baked Good: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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### RSVP FOR BAKED GOODS

(please send in if you wish to donate to the bake sale)

From the home of: \_\_\_\_\_

We are able to send in \_\_\_\_\_ for the bake sale.  
\_\_\_ singles    \_\_\_ 6 packs    \_\_\_ dozens

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

## NOVEMBER 25 - 28, 2019

[dsbn.org/highschoolopenhouses](https://dsbn.org/highschoolopenhouses)

**A.N. MYER**  
Nov. 28 | 6:00 pm

**BEAMSVILLE**  
Nov. 27 | 6:00 pm

**E.L. CROSSLEY**  
Nov. 26 | 6:00 pm

**EASTDALE**  
Nov. 28 | 6:00 pm

**EDEN**  
Nov. 28 | 6:30 pm

**GREATER FORT ERIE**  
Nov. 28 | 6:00 pm

**GRIMSBY**  
Nov. 26 | 6:00 pm

**GOVERNOR SIMCOE**  
Nov. 26 | 6:00 pm

**LAURA SECORD**  
Nov. 27 | 6:00 pm

**PORT COLBORNE**  
Nov. 27 | 6:00 pm

**SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL**  
Nov. 25 | 6:00 pm

**ST. CATHARINES COLLEGIATE**  
Nov. 26 | 6:00 pm

**STAMFORD**  
Nov. 26 | 6:00 pm

**THOROLD**  
Nov. 25 | 6:00 pm

**WESTLANE**  
Nov. 25 | 6:00 pm

**WELLAND CENTENNIAL**  
Nov. 28 | 6:00 pm

## DSBN ACADEMY PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

### DATE

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2019  
 TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2019  
 MONDAY, DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2019  
 TUESDAY DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2019  
 MONDAY, DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2019  
 TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2019  
 MONDAY, DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2019  
 TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2019

### WHERE

PEACE BRIDGE P.S. - FORT ERIE  
 VALLEYWAY P.S. - NIAGARA FALLS  
 DIAMOND TRAIL P.S. - WELLAND  
 PLYMOUTH P.S. - WELLAND  
 HARRIET TUBMAN P.S. - ST CATHARINES  
 SENATOR GIBSON P.S. - BEAMSVILLE  
 MCKAY P.S. - PORT COLBORNE  
 PRINCESS MARGARET P.S. - NIAGARA FALLS

### TIME

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM  
 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

### OPEN HOUSE

MONDAY, JANUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2020

DSBN ACADEMY – ST CATHARINES

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

