

# The Cougar Chronicle



## Martha Cullimore Public School

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T. Chilcott

### Important Dates:

#### October

- 01 Orange Shirt Day
- 02 Photo Day!
- 03 Cross Country
- 04 Fall Festival  
Fundraiser
- 05 PA Day
- 08 Happy  
Thanksgiving  
Monday!
- 11 K to 8 Bus Safety  
Presentations
- 16 DSBN Cross  
Country
- 23 Gr7 Vaccine  
Program  
Preteaching Clinic
- 29 Dental Screen  
(JK, SK, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8)
- 30 Dental Screen  
Cont'd (JK, SK, 2, 4,  
6, 7, 8)
- 31 K-6 Hallowe'en  
Parade
- 31 7&8 Hallowe'en  
Dance

#### November

- 02 Photo Retakes
- 07 PIC Conference
- 27 Stamford Open  
House
- 29 AN Myer Open  
House

## Thankfulness

As we approach the time of year traditionally set aside for giving thanks, I reflect on all I am thankful for at Martha Martha Cullimore School. I see students building positive relationships and supporting one another. Parents invest liberally to create a vibrant school community, including School Advisory Council. Staff believe in students and work with them to reach their potential. We work together and have fun together. Thank you, also, Cougar Community, for your incredible support of our September book fair. We sold just over **\$3500** worth of books, earning us a combination of literature and student resource funds over \$1000. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Thank you to all parents and community members who attended our first School Council meeting on September 25<sup>th</sup>. It was a very strong turn out and I am confident that, with the support and passion of this wonderful group, the cougar community will thrive. Congratulations to Shannon Baka who will be serving as School Council Chair again this year. Her leadership is very much appreciated.

## I Matter As An Individual

At the DSBN, we strive to show all students how they matter: as individuals, as learners and as community members. Our students learn about the ideals of good citizenship and how they can become active participants in building a stronger community, locally and globally. We invite you to discover more about **I Matter** by visiting [dsbn.org/imatter](http://dsbn.org/imatter).

Each student at Martha Cullimore belongs to a special cross-graded colour-house team and remains an important member for their entire school career! Again this year, students will wear coloured T-shirts with two important words across the front, "I Matter". Every individual who steps foot in our school matters, has worth and is valued for what they contribute to our school family. Martha Cullimore is a place where all cougars belong! It is our intent to strengthen this sense of worthiness and belonging as we meet at Colour House Huddles each month and go about our daily work.

At this time, we must say farewell to Mrs. Lane and Miss Hughes, as they pursue new career opportunities. We are grateful for the investments they have made in our school. A warm welcome to Mrs. Folino, grade 2/3 teacher, and to Miss Halligan, Educational Assistant. They both come to us with a rich compliment of skills that will serve our students and community well.

Mrs. Chilcott

**Orange Shirt Day – October 1<sup>st</sup>** At DSBN, we will observe Orange Shirt Day on Monday, October 1, 2018. Orange Shirt Day grew from the story of a woman who had her shiny new orange shirt taken away on her first day of residential school. It is an opportunity to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come.

**Photo Day** Martha Cullimore students will have their individual photos and class pictures taken on October 2nd. Please come dressed in bright or light colours, bring a comb if necessary and remember to wear your best smile! Retakes will be on November 1st.

## Grade 8 Open House Dates & Times 2018

At DSBN high schools, students are the stars. From November 26-29, see all the opportunities schools offer to help students achieve success and #Instafame. Visit [DSBN.org/highschoolopenhouses](http://DSBN.org/highschoolopenhouses) for a full list of dates and times for DSBN high school open houses. See you on the red carpet!

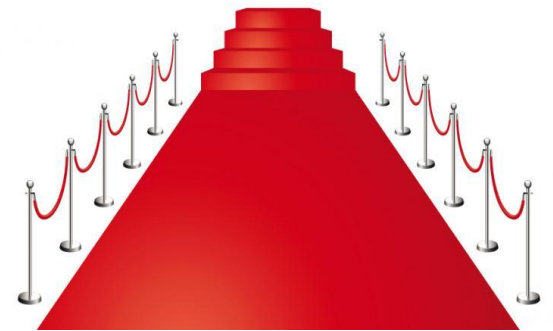


### ATHLETIC & SPRIT WEAR

All students from grades 4 to 8 are required to have proper footwear and athletic wear for physical education classes and be given time to change before each class. Running shoes, T-shirt, shorts and/or sweat pants are suitable. This is for safety and the ability to fully participate in a wide range of physical activities.



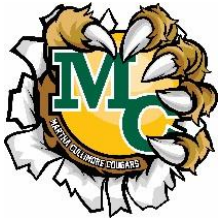
<b>AN Myer</b>	<b>November 29</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>
Beamsville	November 28	6:00 pm
EL Crossley	November 27	6:30 pm
Eastdale	November 29	6:00 pm
Eden	November 29	6:30 pm
Greater Fort Erie	November 27	6:00 pm
Governor Simcoe	November 26	6:00 pm
Grimsby	November 27	6:00 pm
Laura Secord	November 28	6:00 pm
Port Colborne	November 27	6:00 pm
Sir Winston Churchill	November 26	6:00 pm
St Cath Collegiate	November 27	6:00 pm
<b>Stamford</b>	<b>November 27</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>
Thorold	November 27	6:30 pm
Westlane	November 28	6:30 pm
Welland Centennial	November 29	6:30 pm



## Terry Fox Walk & Run

Thank you so much for your donations toward the Terry Fox Cancer Research Foundation. Collectively, we raised \$540.00 for a very worthwhile cause. Students proudly wore their stickers on that day, announcing who they were walking for.

## 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 Empey	Saydee G-N, Max R	Saydee G-N
K – Brennan, Lopez & Camillo	Sofia S, Noah A, Christiano C, Audrey K	Johnathan H
1/2 – Edwardson	Jaelyn E, Blake M	Ben B
1/2 – Reid	Jaxon D, Tami R	Dylan M
2/3 – Folino		Charisa S
3/4 – Jane	Ayla K, Lara G, Zander R	Zander R
4/5 – Dinga	Soyi P, Oilivia P	Bailey C
5/6 – Bootsma	Damian G, Emma M	Reegan H
6 – Hopkins	Jordan C, Alex D, Addie L	Abby Z
7/8 – Fortuna	Ben F, Payton G, Brady K, Kwame R	Shayleigh L
7/8 – Ibey	Jack G, Keziah P, Abbey W	Gabe A
Fr – Michaud	Zen T	

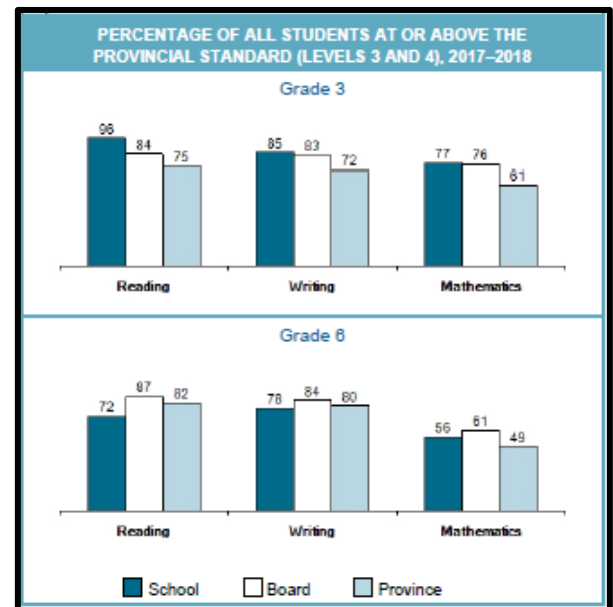


**The character trait for October is Caring.**

### EQAO

Last spring, students in Grades 3 and 6 participated in EQAO, an important source of information about student learning in reading, writing and mathematics. Individual results for those students who completed the assessment will be sent home shortly.

We are pleased that our Grade 3 scores for 2017-2018 are above the Board and Provincial results in all areas. Three year rolling trends show steady increases. For the past five years where data is available, grade 3 males have shown steady increases across reading, writing and math. Grade 6 females have shown steady increases across reading, writing and math for the same time period. Grade 6 scores for 2017-2018 are approaching Board and Provincial results. Teachers and principals use this information in many ways to improve student achievement. We combine the information from this assessment with everyday classroom indicators to ensure that the strategies we are using are contributing to the richest learning possible. We will use this information to adjust our School Improvement Plan.



### GRADE 7 IMMUNIZATION CLINICS FOR THE 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR

All grade 7 students will participate in Immunization Clinics hosted by Public Health this year on the following schedule: Round #1 November 8, 2018 – Hepatitis B (HB), Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and Menactra; Round #2 May 9, 2019 – HB, HPV. Grade 8's who started a vaccination series during the previous school year, but missed a dose, will be offered the vaccine needed to complete their series. K. Kekich, the school's health nurse, will do a pre-clinic teaching on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## ENTERTRAIN BUS SAFETY PRESENTATIONS AT MARTHA CULLIMORE

On Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, students will take part in an engaging and interactive educational program regarding bus ridership and safety. We look forward to this event and trust it will reinforce the important skills and routines required to ensure students' safety as they travel to and from school each day.



### Primary

#### PUZZLE TIME!

With Buster The Bus & Friends!

Starring Buster the robotic school bus!  
Focuses on all aspects of bus safety



### Junior & Intermediate

#### THE ARTS!

Canada's Young Riding Stars!

Student teams compete to win!  
Focuses on safety and behaviour

## Kiss & Ride Drop Off

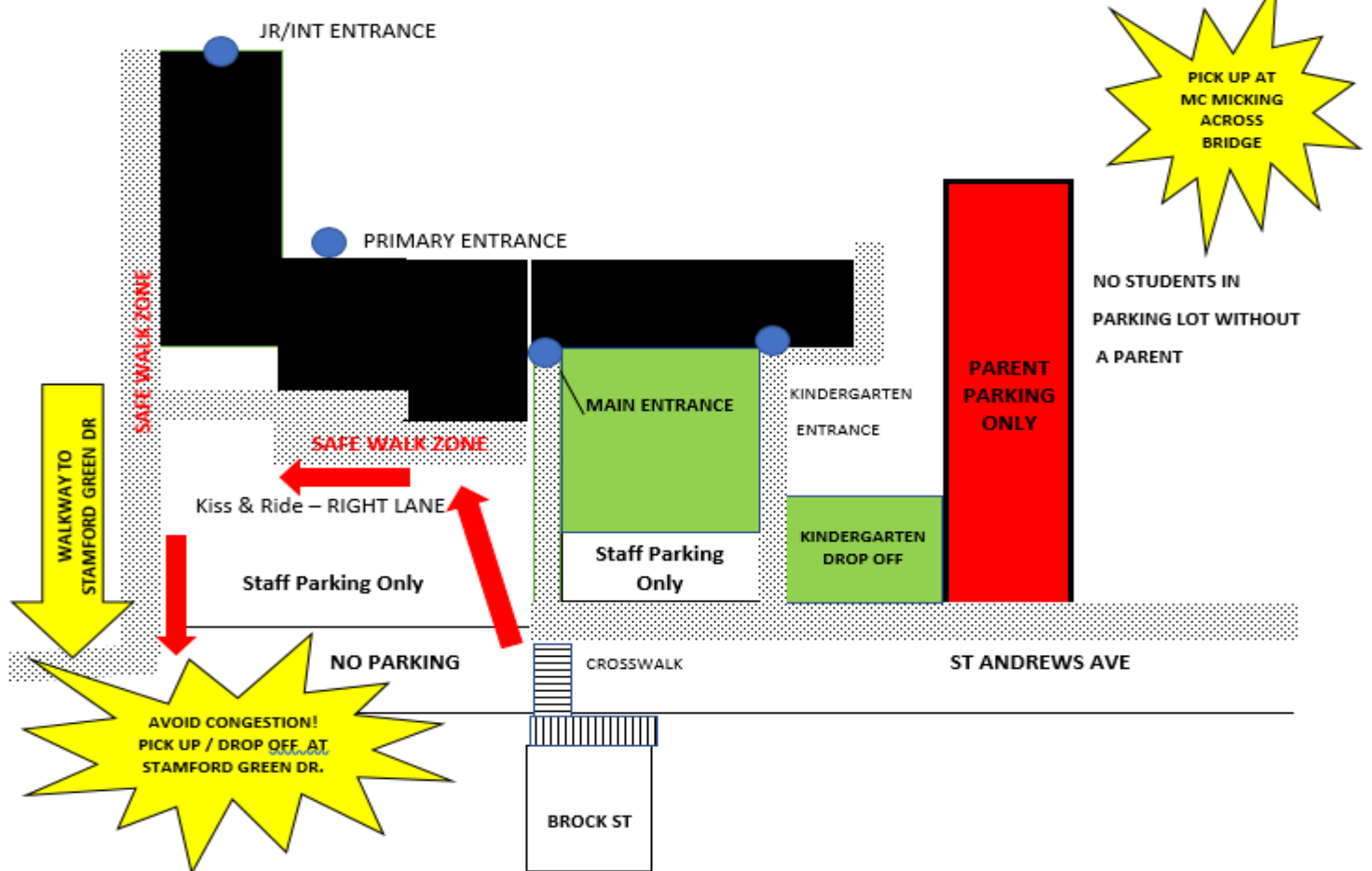
The addition of our new parent parking lot has helped to ease congestion and we are very appreciative of everyone's respectful observance of the new traffic rules. Let's keep working at the routines in order to ensure utmost student safety and make arrival and dismissal routines run smoothly.



- Drivers wishing to drop students off directly onto safe sidewalk zones should use the Kiss & Ride lane at south end of the parking lot ONLY. There is access to a school sidewalk from that location directly to the back yard.
- Do not stop at the front sidewalk to drop students off for school. Instead, keep moving up as far as possible in the right hand Kiss & Ride lane so that others can drop off behind you.
- Never park in the through lane of the Kiss & Ride area.
- Never park in the area adjacent to the bus lane.
- Students must use proper walkways and use the designated crosswalks only.
- Students must never cross the street along the bus loading zone. Drivers cannot see pedestrians here and crossing puts students at risk of being struck by a car.
- All students must be directly supervised by parents when in the lot.

Students are not permitted into the parking lot at any time without an adult. Convenience or timesaving is never worth the cost of a life. We ask that parents please meet their children at their exit doors and then escort them safely to the car. We thank you in advance for your cooperation and vigilance in ensuring the safety of our students.

**MARTHA CULLIMORE SCHOOL – NEW PARENT PARKING, KISS & RIDE AND PICK UP POINTS**



Would you like to be reminded of upcoming events at Martha Cullimore? Join Martha Cullimore's Remind in order to receive one-way update messages directly to your cell phone. Remind is a free service that lets the school send quick messages via text, push notifications, or email to everyone at once. You can stay in touch without revealing your personal contact information. Signing up for Remind is easy and is intended for parent use only. For Terms of Service, please visit <https://www.remind.com/terms-of-service>.

To receive text messages:

- Step 1. Enter the number: 289-804-1235 (This is a telephone number used for Remind. Personal Phone numbers are not shared or visible to the school.)
- Step 2. Text this message: @marthacu (This code is unique to Martha Cullimore.)
- Step 3. You will receive a welcome text from Remind and be prompted to reply with your name so that you can be added to Martha Cullimore's Remind system.

We look forward to keeping you connected at Martha Cullimore.



## Cross Country Runners

Congratulations to our team of long distance runners who are making the Cougars proud in their efforts to reach personal bests! It is especially exciting to see students grow in endurance and cut seconds off of their personal times. Way to go! Our 2018-2019 Cross Country Team members are:

**Primary:** Brooklyn M., Carter P., Charisa S., Declan P., Lara G., Lucas W., Matilda S., Mya M., Sawyer G.

**Junior:** Alex D., Broden W., Damian G., Danielle V., Ethan A., Evan L., Hudson G., Jackson R., Jaelyn M., Jeff V., Jordan C., Johnny B., Joshua B., Liam G., Logan P., Marshall P., Matthew B., Sean L., Owen A., Reegan H., Rylan P.

**Intermediate:** Braxton L., Christian K., Dante D., Deniz O., Evan L., Gabe A., Jayke A., Jenna O., Jenna S., Joseph B., Josh H., Julia A., Keenan B., Madison D., Mani M., Morgan H., Riley R., Ryan W., Shayleigh L., Zen T.

**Special thanks to Mr. Fortuna for coaching.**

## Cougar Soccer

Congratulations to the following students who represented Martha Cullimore at the Intermediate Soccer Tournament on Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, wrapping up the tournament with a silver medal:



Gabe A., Jayke A., Julia A., Joseph B., Keenan B., Dante D., Madison D., Payton G., Josh H., Eric L., Evan M., Mani M., Jenna O., Rianna R., Riley R., Jenna S., Nathan S., Jennifer Z.

Congratulations to the following students who represented Martha Cullimore at the Junior Soccer Tournament on Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup> and winning the championship:

Aleksandra P., Broden W., Danielle V., Ethan A., Evan L., Jade H., Jeff V., Johnny B., Marshall P., Matthew B., Reegan H., Rylan M. and Rylan P.

## Intermediate Cougar Volleyball

We look forward to the start of the intermediate volleyball season. Try-outs and practices have been underway. Thank you to Mr. Fortuna and Mrs. Edwardson for coaching the girls and to Mr. West for coaching the boys.

Girls: Jenna O., Jenna S., Jennifer Z., Kalley Q., Katie B., Keziah P., Madison D., Megan N, Mercedes C., Morgan H., Payton G., Riley R., Roberta S., Zenith T.

Boys: Dante D., Evan M., Gabe A., Jayke A., Joseph B., Josh H., Keenan B., Mani M., Nathan S., Ryan W.

## Hallowe'en

October 31<sup>st</sup> is Hallowe'en. We will be celebrating with dress-up activities in the afternoon on that day. All costumes must meet Martha Cullimore's dress code requirements - no offensive sayings/graphics on clothing, or mature themes. Students will be asked to remove inappropriate costumes at the discretion of staff. For safety reasons, weapons and masks are not permitted. Dress in orange and black for the morning!



Weather permitting, we will hold a parade in the afternoon, beginning at 1:30pm. The route will be: out to the front of the school, left down St Andrews Ave, left down McMicking Ave and left over the bridge onto the Martha Cullimore's field. You are welcome to watch the parade!

## Grade 4 CCAT Assessment

The Canadian Cognitive Abilities Test, CCAT, will be administered to students in Grade 4 this October. The use of CCAT will provide schools with information about students' cognitive reasoning across verbal, nonverbal, and quantitative domains. The updated assessment contains updated Canadian norms and has been designed to be more English Language Learner (ELL) friendly.

## 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](http://www.niagararegion.ca/health)

