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Mrs. Kelly Phillips

### Important Dates

April 2nd – Easter Monday

April 3<sup>rd</sup> - Raise the Flag for  
Autism

April 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> – Pizza Day

April 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> – Jungle sport

April 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>- Pita &  
Sundaes for Kids

April 23<sup>rd</sup> -Hannah Alper

April -18<sup>th</sup> – 4-6 Gymnastics

April 19<sup>th</sup> – 7&8 Gymnastics (AM)

April 24 - 27<sup>th</sup>- Scholastic Book  
Fair

April 22<sup>nd</sup> – Earth Day

April 24<sup>th</sup> – School Council Mtg

April 26<sup>th</sup> – Int. Badminton Tourn

April 27<sup>th</sup> - Lunch Lady

April 30<sup>th</sup> – Jr. BB Tournament



## Senator Gibson News

### April 2018



## A message from the office...

Dear Senator Gibson families,

Spring has arrived! A reminder that our field is very wet and muddy as a result of our wet spring thus far. An extra set of dry clothes is always a good idea at this time of the year 😊 As we all anticipate the warmer weather great things continue to happen here at Senator Gibson. We have an exciting month of learning planned both inside and outside of the classroom, including basketball, badminton, gymnastics, Battle of the Books, Forest of Reading Book Club, Junior Dance, Hannah Alper, Jungle Sport, Spring Book Fair, Earth Day as well as our special Lunch Days and Spirit Days. Our Grade 3-8 students are starting to prepare for our Track and Field meet on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please refer to the attached school calendar for these important days and times!

As always, our staff remains committed to achieving success for all students and making Senator Gibson a great place to learn and grow 😊



Mr. S. Hancox & Mrs. K. Phillips



Please help us continue to provide a safe and uninterrupted learning environment for your children. If you need to drop off something for your child, pick them up early or drop them off late please stop in the office and we will be happy to help you out. Thank you for not parking in our Kiss and Ride zone.



## SAVE THE DATES!

### TALENT SHOW - May 8th

The date has been set and the students are hard at work. There will be lots of very entertaining talent this year. So, mark your calendars for Tuesday May 8<sup>th</sup>. There will be a show at 1:30 pm and 6 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### School Council

All are welcome to attend our next School Council meeting on Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in our Learning Commons.

Childcare will be provided.



### ME to WE at Senator Gibson

In March, Me to We continued bringing the message of Anti-Bullying to the whole school through messages of character building and I-Matter.

Coming this April 23rd, we are very excited to have Hannah Alper speak at our school.



She is a Canadian activist, blogger, and motivational speaker who addresses issues such as the environment, anti-bullying, and social justice.<sup>[1]</sup>

Alper has traveled North America as a motivational speaker and works with non-profit organizations such as World Wildlife Fund, Bystander Revolution, We Day, and Free the Children.

Thank you to Mrs. Pitre and the Me to We Committee for facilitating this amazing opportunity for our students.

# **Gibson Gator Sports**

## **Hello Gator Families!**

It is a very exciting time here in The Swamp as we have gymnastics, junior basketball, and badminton all in full swing.

Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. Boniface continue to put in hours of work with our gymnastics squads as they prepare their various routines for the meet at the end of the month. The girls are extremely dedicated and we hope their hard work will pay off with positive results.

The junior girls' basketball team is off to a blazing hot 5-0 start to the season. The girls had their biggest test against Smith Public School, winning a close battle 24-20 in overtime. They look to continue their strong defensive efforts to finish out the season and playoffs. After a rocky start to the season, the junior boys' basketball team are currently in a 3 way tie for second place in the league. After a thrilling overtime game against Smith, the boys look to be rounding into full form as we get closer to playoff time.

Due to a large turnout for the intermediate Badminton team tryouts, we have created a Badminton Club. We will have a school wide tournament on April 20th where any student may participate and develop their skills, with the strongest players going on to represent Gibson at the next level.

Finally, there is a lot going on in the school that is not directly related to athletic teams. We continue to see great strides in the golf skills of our students thanks to the Sawmill Golf program. Next week we will also be welcoming JungleSport Inc. where students will enjoy climbing, ziplining, and a wide variety of team building challenges. Thanks everyone for making our P.E. program such a success!

**See you in the Swamp!**



-Mr. Hogg

## Congratulations to our March Kindergarten “*I MATTER*” Award Recipients!

### Mrs. Bosnic, Ms. Brockwell

Ashlyn C., Lily L., Olivia D, Rowen L., Jack L., Lincoln M.,

### Mrs. Stayzer, Mrs. Bannister

Chase M., Abel K., Maddy F., Ayden F., Brooke A., Vanessa B.,

### Mrs. Bogucki, Ms. Goddard

Sloan N., Caden P., Ewan Cameron., Lucy D., Asad Q.,

### Mrs. Keus, Mrs. Woreville

Sarah V., Nick S., Logan H., Ivana G., Owen K.,



## Congratulations to our March ‘*I MATTER*’ Award Recipients!

### Grade 1

Abi H  
Jordyn R  
Hudson N  
Abigail B  
Hudson N  
Madison T

### Grade 4

Cameron T  
Layla S  
Emily S  
Mason H  
Jazmin C  
Emma M

### Grade 7

Megan H  
Carter M  
Chris T  
Sadie K  
Aiden T  
Lucy H

### Grade 2

Lucas E  
Liam S  
Lily M  
Austin B  
Mason B

### Grade 5

Ben D  
Kolton K  
Kenton L  
Ainsley K  
Drew B

### Grade 8

Alexis T  
Ethan P  
Chloe S  
Haylee K  
Madison V

### Grade 3

Liliana B  
Sophia M  
Jesse N  
Ava P  
Lyla M

### Grade 6

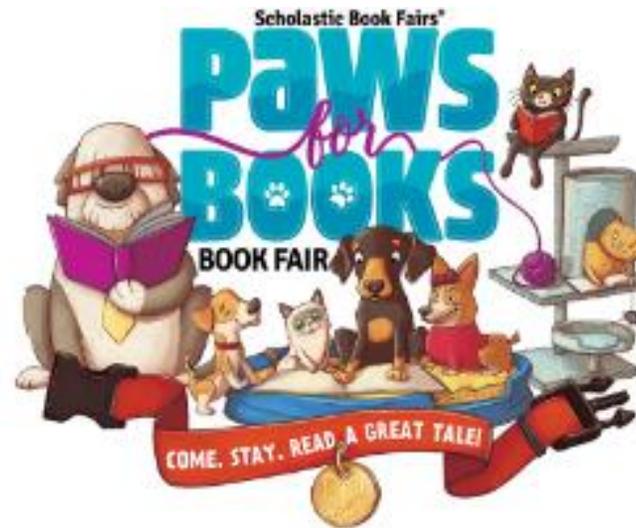
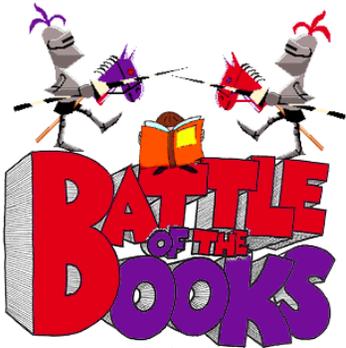
Jacob S  
Ryane G  
Mya B



## Battle of the Books

The annual Battle of the Books took place at the Lincoln Public Library once again last month.

Unfortunately, we did not have a full team this year. Congratulations and thank you to Mya B. and Kayla A. in Grade 7C who joined in with the other competitors to compete on behalf of Senator Gibson. We hope to have a full team to send along next year!



- APRIL 24<sup>th</sup>- 27<sup>th</sup> in our Learning Commons -

We invite all our Senator Gibson families and friends to participate by purchasing the latest and greatest in children's books. Your support of this vital literary event is a key part of helping promote a love of reading while allowing us to obtain new books and resources for our library and classrooms. Visit the Scholastic Book Fairs website at [www.scholastic.ca/bookfairs](http://www.scholastic.ca/bookfairs) to read reviews of the Featured Books. You will soon receive a Book Fair flyer that provides a preview of only a FEW of the many books available to purchase. **Scan the QR code on the front of the flyer with the QR reader on your device to get more detailed information about these books.**

Don't forget to mark the Book Fair dates on your calendar! We look forward to seeing you during our Scholastic Book Fair and thank you, in advance, for supporting this great literary event.

A special **thank you** to all our volunteers who help to make our Book Fairs a great success!

# Prom Project Niagara 2018 – Free Formal Wear Opportunity

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N I A G A R A

**Sat. April 21, 2018**  
9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

**Locations:**  
**DSBN Academy**  
130 Louth St., St. Catharines  
**Beamsville Secondary School**  
4317 Central Ave, Beamsville  
**Fort Erie Elementary School**  
474 Central Ave, Fort Erie

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- Hairstyling vouchers
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Monday April 2<sup>nd</sup> is

# WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY!

Join local schools, businesses and municipal offices in showing your support by attending a flag raising ceremony on **Tuesday April 3<sup>rd</sup>**.



**RAISE | LEVÉE**  
**THE FLAG | DU DRAPEAU**  
AutismONTARIO

## New! Autism Ontario Ribbons for your awareness activities:



Call the Chapter Office (905) 682-2776 if more ribbons are needed for fundraising while quantities last!

### *Be Creative !*

- Use ribbons to support your Raise the Flag activities:
- Award them to individuals for contributing
- Fundraise — sell for \$2, buy out of class, etc.
- Give them to teachers to wear on April 3rd.
- Decorate your school/classroom

*More ideas found in your RTF School Package*

*Share your photos/stories  
#raisetheflagforautism*

After your school fundraiser and Raise the Flag celebrations are complete, fill out the **Donation Form** on the reverse side and return it to Jen at the Chapter Office. We will do our best to arrange a visit to the school for a presentation/photo opp.

**Raise. Respect. Realize.** 1 in 94 people in Canada are diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). When you **raise** the flag, you are demonstrating **respect** for people with ASD, and helping to create a more accepting community.

***See The Potential!***



**Autism**ONTARIO  
Niagara Region



## Keeping Your Child's Teeth Healthy

Children can receive a free fluoride varnish application from the Niagara Region Public Health dental program. Fluoride varnish is a protective coating that is painted onto the teeth with a tiny brush. It helps reduce cavities if applied twice a year.

### Why do we recommend fluoride varnish?

- Tooth decay is the number one chronic disease of children
- In the 2015/2016 school year over 25,000 school-aged children were screened by Public Health. 39 per cent of those school-aged children were identified having as having cavities.
- Untreated cavities can lead to difficulties eating and sleeping, self-esteem issues, decreased school performance and attendance, pain, discomfort, infection and poor overall health
- Fluoride is not added to Niagara's drinking water

### Tips to keep your child's teeth healthy...

1. Brush teeth **two times** per day
2. **Use** a pea-sized portion of **fluoride** toothpaste
3. Spend **two minutes** brushing each time with help from an adult
4. Floss daily
5. Provide a healthy diet and limit sugary drinks, sticky candy and snacks. **Water is best.**
6. Schedule regular dental checkups at least once a year (cleaning, fluoride varnish application and sealants).

For more information on dental services and programs please call the Dental Health Line at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7399 or visit [www.niagararegion.ca/health](http://www.niagararegion.ca/health).

**REMEMBER TOOTH DECAY IS A PREVENTABLE DISEASE!**