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Important Dates

May 1 – Jr Girls BB at Brock

May 2nd – Track and Field
Grades 4-8

May 3 – Badminton at Brock

May 7th – SOM Assemblies
May 8th – Talent Show @
1:15PM

May 9th – EFN Hat Day!

May 12th – Vendor Fair 9AM-2PM

May 15th – Gr. 7 & 8 Vaccines

May 18th - PA DAY - No School

May 21st - VICTORIA DAY -
No School

May 22nd - EQAO begins for
Grade 3&6 students

FOOD DAYS

May 10th & 24th - Pita Day
/Sundaes for Kids

May 4 & 17th - Pizza Day



Senator Gibson News

May 2018



A message from the office...

Dear Senator Gibson families,

Spring has finally sprung! We are all thankful for these warmer, sunnier days☺ The next couple of months are busy ones for sure with lots of great things happening for our students. We all enjoyed our Track and Field meet on May 2nd for our students in Grades 4-8. A reminder that our Grade 3 students will also be participating, however they will complete their events during their scheduled gym classes with Mr. Hogg and Mr. Gooderham. Students who qualify will be invited to participate in the Area Track and Field Meet on May 15th. Good luck Gators!

We are also very excited about our upcoming Talent Show! We are looking forward to sharing some amazing talent from our very own at Senator Gibson students. We invite you to come and join us at 1:15PM or 6PM on Tuesday, May 8th.

A reminder about our upcoming Vendor Fair on May 12th. Our Parent Council has been working hard to prepare for this day – please share with friends and family – it promises to be a fun filled day! Proceeds will be supporting technology upgrades in our Learning Commons and classrooms.

As always, we thank you for your continued support in helping to make Senator Gibson a great place to learn and grow!

Mr. S. Hancox & Mrs. K. Phillips

Grade 8 Graduation - Save the Date!

Our Grade 8 Graduation ceremonies will take place at BDSS on June 26th at 6PM.





Sports at Gibson

Hello Gator Families!

It has been a fun filled month in the Swamp as we have had a lot of activities and athletics happening on a daily basis.

Gibson had the opportunity to have JungleSport Inc. come to our school for a full week to provide enrichment to the physical education program. Students from K-8 were challenged with ziplines, wall climbing, swinging ropes, cargo nets, balance challenges and more! We are so grateful to have had this awesome program where students could push past mental barriers and challenge themselves physically.

The junior boys' basketball season finished with a bang for the boys' team. After making it to the playoffs, the boys lost narrowly to Central to put them in the consolation finals where they would play Lakeview. The boys had quite the challenge ahead of them as they lost 56-17 to Lakeview in the regular season. The boys showed up to play and lost a close game 10-16. Thanks for all of your Gator Grit and hard work! The girls completed their undefeated season with a thrilling win against Twenty Valley and hope to continue their winning ways in the DSBN tournament.

Senator Gibson hosted a Badminton Club tournament all day on Friday, April 20th, where 36 students showed up to compete. It was a great day of sportsmanship and competition. We wish our top 12 students success as they move on to the regional and DSBN tournaments.

Upcoming Events:

Badminton Tournaments - Area April 26th and DSBN May 3rd
Track and Field - May 2nd (Rain/inclement weather date May 9th)
RANKIN RUN - May 26th (Check the website for details on how to register!)

See you in the Swamp! - Mr. Hogg

Congratulations to our April 'I MATTER' Award Recipients!

Grade 1

Isla M
Arden R
Colby T
Taylor Y
Aiden S
Molly K
Aryana L
Jayden V

Grade 4

Liliah K
Sophia D
Layla S
Landon L
Brooke S
Trevor K

Grade 7

Pavan A
Carlie E
Isaac K
Aiden G
Aiden D
Harley C
Taryn A

Grade 2

Matty W
Spencer L
Blake B
Isabella A
Leah B

Grade 5

Alexis V
Skye V
Graham V

Grade 8

Natalee L
Hayden B
Braeden B
Declan M
Aiden T
AbbyAnn C

Grade 3

Alexis D
Brooke P
Tayla C
Sarah W
Nicola O
Shadamehr S
Isaak S

Grade 6

Graham B
Jacob B
Nicholas S
Logan M
Mackenzie G

ME to WE at Senator Gibson

Me to We cooking for the homeless at Southridge Community Shelter in St. Catharines - April 21st, 2018



Thank you to Mrs Dick for organizing this experience. The 8 students, Mrs Pitre, Mrs Cressey and Mrs Behroozi had an amazing time. The team worked well. We cooked and baked just in time to serve lunch by noon. Students also had the opportunity to sit and share lunch with the residents of the shelter. The clean-up went well and everyone took turn using the industrial size washer!



A message from ME to WE ...

Earth Day: Thank you to students and teachers of the Me to We club, Garden Club and Recycling Club for taking the time and cleaning the school grounds. We were glad it was a beautiful sunny spring day for the event.

Upcoming Spirit Day: May 9th – Hat Day
All staff and students are invited to wear their hats to support for Education Fund Niagara. Please bring your toonie to participate!

Hat Day!



ME to WE at Senator Gibson

Hannah Alper at Senator Gibson.



Thank you to our School Council and the Me to We Club for sponsoring this event. On April 23rd, Hannah Alper spoke to our Grade 4 to 8 students. She is a Canadian activist, blogger, and motivational speaker who addresses issues such as the environment, anti-bullying, and social justice.



The following are some quotes from our students after listening to Hannah Alper:

“Hannah Alper was an awesome speaker!!”

“Hannah inspires me! I want to follow her.”

“It’s cool to know that a 14 year old kid can make a change in the world!”



Hannah Alper at Senator Gibson.



Her message was inspirational. Students and staff listened to her attentively during her presentation where she shared video clips, pictures and spoke about taking action to make change. She spoke about identifying issues and our gifts, and how we can use them to make change. She made us all aware that small acts of kindness do add up to making a positive impact.



Even our Me to We teachers got a picture with Hannah. Thank you to Heidi Talukdar for helping to ‘capture’ our day!





GET INVOLVED - FIGHT CANCER IN NIAGARA!

The **Rankin Cancer Run for Niagara** will be held on **Saturday, May 26th, 2018**, at the Grantham Lions Park in St. Catharines. The Rankin Cancer Run is clearly focused on funding immediate cancer care and all proceeds remain in Niagara.

The event will include free food before the race, and a barbeque following the 1K / 5K walk/run. We are excited to share that **Senator Gibson** will be participating as a school team this year. We are encouraging our all our Gibson families and friends to join us! As this is a community sponsored event, all students attending will need direct supervision. If transportation is required, Rankin can provide a bus to the school. If this is the case please email Mr. Hogg at Graeme.hogg@dsbn.org ASAP.

Please complete the online registration following the instructions below. The cost of registration for each student is \$10.00 (adults \$20.00) and this includes the T-shirt, BBQ, a draw ticket and a few other goodies. Pledges are encouraged on top of this registration amount.

Together we can make a difference☺ We look forward to you joining our team and helping to support this great cause!
Thank you to Mr. Hogg and Ms. Vanderwal for organizing this amazing event for our staff, students and community.

Run Day Activities

8:00a.m. Registration begins

9:30a.m.: Mini-sprint for children 5 and under - meet in front of stage area

9:45a.m.: Warm-up

9:50a.m.: National anthem, blessing and inspirational words from a cancer survivor

10:00a.m.: START

11:45 a.m.: Closing Ceremony, entertainment and FREE barbecue

You have been invited to join the team "Gibson Gators". To register and join our team:

Go to → <https://secure.rankincancerrun.com/register-participant/find-team>

→ In the **"team"** box, type in **"Gibson Gators"** and then click "submit". You will then be able to register yourself, children and any other participants!

*All individuals donating via this link will **RECEIVE AN INSTANT TAX RECEIPT** via email*



The Ministry of Education and Training has informed schools and school boards that the EQAO tests are to be administered at the end of May and beginning of June. Our **Grade 3 and 6** students will be writing the assessment **May 23rd, 24th, 25th, 28th, 29th and, 31st**. Grade 3 students will be writing during the first block and Grade 6 students will be writing during the second block. If possible, please avoid booking appointments for your child(ren) during these times. Research tells us that children perform better on tests when they are well rested and well nourished. We will provide snacks for students throughout the duration of the assessment 😊 Once completed, test booklets are sent away to be marked. Results will be made available in the fall.

School Council

Our last SAC meeting for this year will be held May 23rd in our Learning Commons. All are welcome to join us and childcare will be provided.

Girls Gymnastics Competition @ Gymnastics Energy

Congratulations to our Girls Gymnastics team! The girls participated in our annual DSNB competition at Gymnastics Energy on April 18th and 19th. The girls displayed amazing talent and concentration as they showed off all their hard work presenting routines on the floor, bench, vault and mat. Great work girls! Thank you to Mrs. Boniface for helping to prepare our girls for the competition 😊

