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Important Dates

Friday Oct. 7th

*P.A. Day

Monday Oct. 12th

*Thanksgiving Day

Tuesday, Nov. 1st

*Picture Retake Day

Thursday, Nov. 10th

*Progress Reports
Home

Next SAC Meeting:

October 25th @
6:30 p.m. in our
Learning Commons
Childcare will be
available

Character Trait for
October: RESPECT



Senator Gibson Gazette

October 2016



From the Office

It's hard to believe that September has come and gone! We were fortunate to maintain our staffing allotment, therefore, we did not have to reorganize in September. We did say good-bye to Ms. Scott, as she accepted a contract position teaching full time at Forestview Public School. We welcome Ms. Cressey to our staff. She will be teaching Grade 2. We also welcome back Mrs. Semmens, Educational Assistant, who will be supporting students each morning.

Thank you to all who attended and supported our Open House BBQ! It was amazing to see so many families. Students and teachers were so excited to share their classrooms with family members☺

With Thanksgiving approaching, it is timely for us to reflect upon the many reasons we have to be thankful at Senator Gibson Public School. We are honored and proud to work with such amazing students and families. We are thankful for the partnership that we have with all of you as we commit to achieve success for all students. It's not easy juggling the busy lives that we all lead! Thank you for stepping up and helping us provide great opportunities for our students. We appreciate when you are able to help with transporting students to and from events, spend time working in the Learning Commons, volunteer your time to be on our School Advisory Council, help out in classrooms and with teams, and so much more. Please know that we value your time and efforts. On behalf of our staff, we extend our warmest wishes for a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Reminder...



Student Medical Forms/Student medications: Authorization forms to administer medication must be completed, signed by a doctor and returned to the office as soon as possible.

NON-PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION: If your child requires non-prescription medication at school, an Authorization of Administration of Oral/Topical Medication MUST be completed every year. Forms may be obtained from the office.

School Advisory Council

The Senator Gibson School Advisory Council works tirelessly to improve our school. We had a great turnout at our first meeting and we are pleased to introduce our 2016-17 Executive Members:

Chair - Heidi Talukdar

Vice Chair/Treasurer – Marietta Hopkins

Secretary – Sara Karklins

Thank you to all who attended the meeting. We are looking forward to another great year at Gibson! All parents are welcome to join us at our next meeting on October 25th @ 6:30 p.m. to have a voice, as we work to set goals for this school year.

Thank you to Senator Gibson families and staff and parent volunteers for helping to make our Scholastic Book Fair a huge success!



We are thrilled to announce that we met *and* surpassed our goal to sell 500 books☺

Thanks to your generous support, we were able to earn over \$2800.00 which will be used to purchase resources for our classrooms and Learning Commons.

THANK YOU!!



Free Dental Screening Coming to Senator Gibson

A Public Health registered dental hygienist is scheduled to visit our school October 18th and 19th to provide dental screening to students in grades JK, SK, 2, 4, 6 and 8 and other children as required under the Health Protection and Promotion Act.

During this time the registered dental hygienist will perform a visual inspection of each child to determine his/her dental needs. Parents will be contacted if their child requires immediate dental care. Public Health dental programs may financially assist children who do not have access to required dental care.

Please contact the Public Health dental program for any of the following:

- If you do NOT wish your child to participate in the dental screening.
- If your child is not in one of the targeted grades and you would like him/her to participate.

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

Nutritious Snack Program for Students



We are thrilled to be able to continue our Student Nutrition Program at Senator Gibson this year. Niagara Nutrition Partners and Community Care administer the funds for this program, on behalf of the Ontario Ministry of Child and Youth Services. The objective of this program is to promote healthy eating and provide a healthy snack to any student who would like one. There is no fee for this program, however donations are always graciously accepted to ensure the sustainability of the program.

Grade 8 Students and Parents: Mark Your Calendars!

Starting high school is a huge step in a student's life.

While it's definitely an exciting time, it also brings with it many questions, such as "What's life in high school really like? What programs and options are available to help me achieve my goals?"

A great way to have your questions answered is to attend an open house. Grade 8 students and their families are invited to attend High School Open Houses from November 28th to December 1st.

High School Open Houses: November 28th – Dec. 1st

Monday, November 28th

E.L. Crossley Secondary
St. Catharines Collegiate Secondary

Tuesday, November 29th

Governor Simcoe Secondary
Greater Fort Erie Secondary (will take place at the Fort Erie Leisureplex)
Grimsby Secondary School
Port Colborne High School
Stamford Collegiate Secondary
Thorold Secondary School

Wednesday, November 30th

Beamsville District Secondary
Eastdale Secondary
Laura Secord Secondary
Westlane Secondary

Thursday, December 1st

AN Myer Secondary
Eden High School
Sir Winston Churchill Secondary
South Lincoln High School
Welland Centennial Secondary

A Message for Parents...

West Niagara Secondary Accommodation Review

On Tuesday September 27, 2016, DSBN Board Trustees voted to initiate the West Niagara Secondary Accommodation Review.

This decision was made to enhance the learning opportunities and meet the needs for all secondary students in West Niagara.

We invite all parents to visit the DSBN website to view the full report and encourage you to attend the public meetings.

The first public meeting will be held on Thursday November 3, 2016, location to be determined.

Please feel free to ask your school Principal or visit the following link for updates as we move through this process.

<http://www.dsbn.org/arc/>



The community of Senator Gibson Public School is committed to creating an inclusive environment where students are educated, inspired and challenged to be critical thinkers who contribute in our changing society.

Congratulations to our *September Student of the Month Award* winners!

Spencer L. - Mr. Haynes Nico A.

Britton J. - Mrs. Orlando
Grayson G.

Leah V. - Mrs. Kocis
Caleb W.

Kayden K. - Ms. Cressey/Mrs. Mills
Georgia C.

Ethan B. - Ms. Troup
Lyla M.C.

Isaac S. - Ms. Grosvenor
Ayden D.L.
Marley S.

Mackenzie W. - Ms. Martinello
Trevor K.

Alex L. - Ms. Vanderwal
Emma M.

Kenton L. - Ms. Continelli
Ayden S.

Tori P. - Mr. Rivett
Mason G.

Fiona H. - Mr. Pearson
Christian W.
Alex C.

Logan B. - Mr. Schneider
Nicholas S.
Tanner N.
Logan M.

Melissa T. - Mrs. Lewis
Aiden G.
Aieden D. M.

Sophia H. - Mrs. Sutherland
Megan H.

Emma H. - Mrs. Brouwer Isaac W. - Mrs. Desilva-Piques
Ashhad H. Natalie L.

Kelsie C. & Holly R. - Mr. Manfredi

Sports at Gibson

Cross Country

We had 33 students participate in the first meet of the year. Every student finished the grueling, hilly course. We had several students place in the top ten, and many more placed in the top twenty. We are very proud our runners and their great team spirit! We look forward to another successful meet on October 5th☺

Volleyball

Congratulations to the members of the 2016 Intermediate Boys' Volleyball Team! They have been practising hard preparing for their season opener taking place the week of October 17th. Boys will also compete this year in the *John Haeni Volleyball Classic* at Eden S. S. on Nov.5th. Team members include Aiden T., Zach V., Braeden B., Douglas M., Mathijs D., Nolan D., Tyler O., Alec V., Austin B., Justin D., Mangager: Davey W., Practise Player: Jackson B.

Co-Ed Rugby

Congratulations to the Jr. Coed Rugby Team who have been working hard for Gibson's first ever appearance at the DSBN Rugby championships being held in Niagara Falls on October 14th. The team will also compete in an Exhibition Mini Tournament on Oct. 6th in Niagara Falls. Team members: Jacob O., Marcus L., Denzel C., Chris T., Brady K., Christian W., Kaden S., Nathan A., Trevor E., Coral L., Carlie E., Ryleigh N., Megan H., Nadia T., Erika T., Lindsey A., Brianna D., Harley C., Kayla Q., Manager: Graham B.

Intermediate Co-Ed Soccer

Congratulations to the members of the 2016 Int. Co-Ed Soccer team! They will compete in a one-day tournament at Nelles Public School on October 4th...Go Gibson Gators!! Team members are: Mathijs D., Alec V., Tyler O., Quin W., Connor R., Nolan D., Aiden T. Bianca F., Jessica E., Aliah M., Haylee K.W., Karla V., Marin G., Chloe B., Emma-Leigh S.,

Kiss and Ride

For the safety of our students, please do not park in our Kiss and Ride area. This is a drop off area only, for Kindergarten students and parents accessing the Day Care. Students in Grades 1-8 should be using the Kiss and Ride at the side of the building and entering the building from the playground in the back. Please consider parking on the side streets and walking over should you wish to accompany your child(ren). In addition, please remember that children may be walking on the sidewalks or crossing the parking lot. Please be careful when entering and exiting the school driveway. Thank you!

Choir, Choir, Choir!

There are three choirs working hard under the guidance of Ms. Martinello and Mrs. Blaney.

The JR/INT Small Choir is a small group of singers that have been meeting every other day in preparation for a music video that will be presented at the Remembrance Day Assembly.

The Remembrance Day Choir has over 70 members and is preparing a beautiful rendition of 'In Flanders Fields', also to be presented at the Remembrance Day Assembly.

There is also the O Canada Choir that has been working on perfecting our national anthem, so that they may sing at an upcoming Ice Dogs Game.



We love to sing at Senator Gibson!

ME TO WE AT SENATOR GIBSON!

The Me to We Club would like to thank all the staff and students for contributing to our "I matter ..." display showcasing student voices. It was also wonderful to see students wearing orange in support of Orange Shirt day as a reminder that Every Child Matters. We are excited to continue to work together to inspire, support and empower students as individuals, learners, and members of the community.

Me to We is currently holding a food drive until October 6th. Donations will be given to local food banks to support families in the community. The class bringing in the most donations will win a pizza party. We will also continue to sell TCBY on Lunch Lady and Pita Lunch dates during second break. Our first TCBY date will be October 13th. The cost for a frozen yogurt cup is \$2.00 with proceeds going to international and local groups. Ordering may be done using Cash-online or students can purchase frozen yogurt on the lunch dates listed on the school calendar.

Getting Ready for WE Day Toronto!

Mrs. Pitre and Mrs. Nicitopoulos are looking forward to taking a small group of Me to We student members to WE Day Toronto on October 19th, 2016. Looking forward to a great celebration of student leadership by inspiring social change!

Remembrance Day Memorial Video

As part of the Remembrance Day assembly, Mrs. Blaney will be putting together a video presentation to remember and honour those who have taken part in one of the many wars and conflicts that have occurred. If you have a family member whom you would like us to honour or remember in this video presentation please email denise.blaney@dsbn.org the following by Friday, October 14th:

Up to 3 three photos in .jpeg or .tiff format

- Name, rank, where they served.
- Birth and death dates if no longer living
- Place of birth
- Name of relations attending Senator Gibson
- Any other brief information you want us to hear at the assembly.

If you sent information last year, you do not need to send it again. It was saved and will be used again in this year's video.



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Growth Mindset by Megan H. Grade 6S

Growth Mindset is more than just acting positive. You have to feel positive to have a growth mindset. Having a fixed mindset is no good for you and things and people around you. Obstacles are just part of the path to success. The path to success is part of the path to a happy and peaceful life. You may only get there by having a positive growth mindset. But part of having a growth mindset is learning to accept and learn from mistakes. To learn to accept that you've made a mistake. Don't let mistakes make you think that you are not good at something. Fixed mindsets tell you the exact opposite. Don't worry about what you've done wrong. Just try harder everyday and do your best in no matter what you're doing. Winning is not key. Growth mindset will not take you straight there. You will.

The DSNB has joined the commitment to "Go Purple for Prevention" to raise awareness about child abuse.

As you know, over 9,000 children in Niagara are identified for potentially being at risk for abuse and neglect.

On October 19, students and staff are encouraged to wear purple and show your support for child abuse prevention.

Growth Mindset For Parents

The way we talk about ability and learning can have powerful effects on our children's beliefs. Below are three ways parents can instill a growth mindset. And remember, developing a growth mindset in yourself and in your kids is a process that takes time. Have a growth mindset about developing a growth mindset!

- Recognize your own mindset: Be mindful of your own thinking and of the messages you send with your words and actions.
- Praise the process: Praising kids for being smart suggests that innate talent is the reason for success, while focusing on the process helps them see how their effort leads to success.
- Model learning from failure: When parents talk positively about making mistakes, kids start to think of mistakes as a natural part of the learning process.

www.mindsetkit.org

