October 2016 Newsletter

Cedarland School

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From The Principal's Office

Have you ever heard the expression, "Time flies when you're having fun?" It is hard to believe that we have been in school for a month already. By now, students have learned the rules and routines put in place to create an environment that is optimal for learning while ensuring everyone's safety. It is great to see so many parents dropping off their children in the morning. The students are showing their independence as they make their way to their line on their own. Mornings are a very busy time for staff and students. A note in your child's agenda works best for daily communication rather than conversations at the primary door. Thank-you for supporting our respectful and inclusive environment by ensuring that all playground conversations are positive and respectful in nature. As part of our safety plan, all visitors/parents must report to the office upon entering the school. (H. Knill)

Meet the Teacher Barbeque

Our Meet the Teacher Barbeque took place on Thursday, September 15th. A big thank-you to our parent council members for organizing this event especially Leslie Clementi, Angela Fazekas and Tara Nutley who worked throughout most of the evening to ensure that everyone was served. A thank-you also to the teachers that lent a hand. Lastly, a big thank-you to Christie Hyndman from Harvey's at Henry and Wayne Gretzky for the generous donation of hotdogs and hotdog buns. This generous donation allowed us to generate some funds for our kindergarten pen project.



Upcoming Events

October 1

Ticat Game in Hamilton

October 3

Immunization for 7 and 8's

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Parent Council Meeting 6:00

October 6

Movie Night

October 7

P.D. Day

October 10

Thanksgiving Holiday

October 19

Dental Screening – JK,SK,Gr.2

October 21

Colour House Assembly

October 25

Harvey's Night

October 28

Recognition Assembly

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Setting a New Direction in Grand Erie

Grand Erie trustees approved a new strategic direction to guide the work we are doing. In the centre of this 2016-2020 Multi-Year Plan is SUCCESS for Every Student. We will achieve this through a focus on students and staff in a culture of high expectations. The indicators that will support our goal include Achievement, Well-Being, Equity, Environment, Technology and Community. For more information, visit www.granderie.ca/board/multi-year-plan

Movie Night

This Thursday, October 6th, the parent council will be hosting our first movie night. The movie being shown is "The Secret Life of Pets." The doors open at 5:30 and the movie will be starting at 6:00. Hotdogs, popcorn, pop, juice, water and snacks will be available for purchase. Admission to the movie is free, however a donation to the food bank would be welcomed. All children in grades K.P. to grade five must be accompanied by an adult. Students in grades six to eight are required to remain for the duration of the movie. Students wishing to leave before the movie is over will need to phone their parents from the office before leaving. We hope to see everyone out for our first movie night.

Professional Development Day

This Friday, October 7th is a professional development day. Teachers will be reviewing data from EQAO results, report cards and classroom assessments to identify strengths, needs and next steps for improvement. The focus of the professional development day will be numeracy.

Harvey's Night

Our first Harvey's Night will be on Tuesday, October 25th. All families from Cedarland that eat at the Harvey's on Henry Street and Wayne Gretzky will have a portion of their sale reimbursed to the school. A big thank-you to our community partnership with Harvey's for supporting our fundraising efforts at Cedarland.

The DFS Fundraiser

Cedarland School has joined together with DFS Canada in a fundraising campaign. The DFS fundraiser will generate extra funds for our organization while at the same time providing a great selection of high quality and unique products for our families and friends. Students will be coming home with the DFS package. Enclosed in your package you will find a 3-part order form. Turn in the white and yellow copies with your money and keep the pink copy for your records. Cheques are made payable to Cedarland School. All money and orders are due to the school by October 24th. The expected product delivery date will be the week of December 5th. You can also place your order online to pay by credit and have your order shipped to Cedarland or directly to your home?

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Cedarland Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale

Cedarland is hosting a Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale on Saturday, November 26 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be a great variety of items to purchase for yourself our gifts for friends and family. Vendors range from Fancy leggings, to wooden signs, to Fresh pine greenery to candles to knitting, crafts and many more items. There will be a bake table for you to purchase baked goods and a canteen for you to purchase your lunch and/or snacks. If you or someone you know would like to have a table at our sale, please contact the school for a registration form. Tables are \$25.00 each with a donation to our raffle table.

Hallowe'en Activities

Cedarland's Hallowe'en activities will take place on Monday, October 31st. A dance will be held for all students in grades five to eight during the last block. Our students in K.P. to grade four will be parading out back of the school during last block. The parade will begin at approximately 2:00 p.m. Parents are encouraged to line up on the back playground. You will be amazed at the transformation of our younger students!

Colour House Assembly

Our first Colour House Assembly took place on Friday, September 23rd. We learned about the tribes agreements: Attentive Listening, Mutual Respect, Appreciations-No Put Downs and the Right to Pass. Great fun was had by all colour houses as they created and presented their colour house songs/chants. Check out the pics below.







If you have any questions, comments or concerns please call the office. I am looking forward to a great year!

Ms. Holly Knill

(Proud Principal of Cedarland School)

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