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Upcoming Events -

- please see website for additional events
- *Oct 5/6 - Picture Day
 - *Oct. 8 - Gr. 7 Immunization
 - *Oct. 9, 13, 14 - Cross Country
 - *Oct. 14 - DPC Mtg @ 6:30
 - Oct. 16 - Fundraising Due
 - *Oct. 23 - Pizza Day
 - *Oct. 28 - Virtues Assembly @ 1:30
 - *Oct. 30 - Hallowe'en Walk (T.B.A. p.m.)



Dear Parent (s) / Guardian (s):

Fall is definitely here!! The chill is in the air and warmer coats are beginning to appear.

As usual, we have lots on the go at École Dufferin. We continue to work on developing our character traits through such avenues as the Virtues Project, focusing on the *Learning Skills* that you see in the Provincial Report Card, and TRIBES activities.

Please look for the "What is Bullying?" survey on our website next week. We will be using the information from our community and students to inform the needs of our Bullying Prevention & Intervention programming in class. Responses will be anonymous. Results will be published in the November newsletter. The survey will be sent home to all those who requested a paper copy of the newsletter. If you want to respond in a more anonymous way, I am afraid you will have to either access a computer or

mail the response.

Students are involved in cross-country, baseball, soccer and a whole lot more.

We have included some facts and fiction about H1N1 for your perusal. As we move into October, we also move into the traditional "flu season". While we do not want to overreact to a situation such as an increase

in this particular type of flu spreading, at the same time we do not want to underreact. We are hoping that working together will give us just the right amount of preparedness.

Finally, please welcome Mr. I. Segura-Romero to our Dufferin staff. Mr. Segura-Romero has had a variety of French-teaching experiences and is filling in for Mme Gasparotto who had her baby the day before school began!!

Sincerely, *Mme Goldspink*



VIRTUES PROJECT

EQAO

Congratulations to all the students who were acknowledged at this year's first Virtues & Celebrations Assembly. Each teacher selected one student from their class who demonstrated level four character trait of co-operation for the month of Sept.

We also celebrated students who were successful in setting appropriate goals for themselves this month, as part of our focus on *Learning Skills*.

October's Virtue is *Loyalty*, in alignment with Grand Erie's October focus on team-orientation. Our learning skill for October is **class participation**. Upcoming assemblies, learning skills and dates are:

- Oct. 28 @ 1:30 class participation
- Nov. 24 @ 9:40 conflict resolution
- Dec. 17 @ 2:30 class participation



Staff are very pleased with the grade three and grade six EQAO results at Dufferin this year. Congratulations to students and staff for all their work.

Look for more details in the EQAO Newsletter to come out mid-September. Individual results will be sent home at the same time.

SNACK PROGRAM Dufferin School is pleased to announce that we have received a grant from *Brant Food For Thought* to continue the snack program at our school!

This program will provide nutritious balanced snacks to all children attending our school during the first nutrition break on Mondays and Thursdays for the duration of the school year. These days were chosen to ensure that all Junior/Senior kindergarten classes receive a snack at least once per week. On those days, you will still have to send your child(ren) food for the second nutrition break. Every child in the school will be offered a snack. The program will start on Monday October 26, 2009.

If you are interested in making a cash donation to the program, we would suggest a guideline amount of \$10.00 per child. You are **not** required to make a cash donation - and your child we receive a snack regardless of whether or not a donation is made. However, by increasing the amount of money we have to work with, we will be able to provide a wider variety of foods. If you are making a cash donation, please fill in the appropriate section of the attached form and return it with your donation.

Finally, we need **lots** of volunteers to make this program a success. If you are interested in helping out with this program, we can use you! Volunteers will be asked to commit 2 hours of scheduled time per week. Duties will include preparation, distribution of snacks and clean up. All school volunteers are required to have a completed volunteer package with current police check on file at the school. If you are interested in volunteering, please fill in the appropriate section on the attached form. (last page of the newsletter or on website under "Timely Issues")

Sincerely, **Lindsay Mew and Robyn Cook-Ritchie**

ALLERGY-ALERT

Please be aware that we enforce a NUT-FREE Policy, as required by the recent Sabrina's Law Legislation. This means that in order to ensure the safety and well-being of our students, staff, and visitors, no products with any nuts or nut-oils are allowed in the school or on the playground.

It is always important to read the labels, but usually the following "kid-friendly" snacks do NOT contain nuts or oils:

- Fruit roll-ups, Fruit gels, fruit cups
- Del Monte Puddings (read labels!!)
- Nutri-grain bars
- Pop-tarts
- Rice crispy squares
- Premium Plus crackers, bacon dippers, wheat thins, triscuits



CPF

The Brantford Chapter of Canadian Parents for French had a table at Dufferin's Meet the Teacher night. In case you didn't get a chance to stop by, we wanted to let you know of two programs we will be offering soon.

1. The first is our ever-popular Rendez-vous for Learning. This is a reading program geared towards students in grades 1-3, held at the Brantford Public Library on Sunday afternoons. The children are matched up with a reading buddy from BCI's French Immersion program. This 8 week session will start Sun. Oct. 25/09. Space is limited, so register now. There is no cost for this program.
2. The second is our Adult French Course (Levels 1,2,3). This will run when we have enough people interested in a particular level. It will be held in the evening on a day yet to be determined. This is a 10 week course. Cost is \$100.

For more information or to register, please email cpf-brantford@sympatico.ca

DUFFERIN PARENT COUNCIL (dpc)

Thanks to DPC and our staff for a wonderful Meet-the-Teacher Night! I am sorry I was unable to be there due to illness. It was the first Meet-the-Teacher Night I have ever missed in over thirty years as an educator! I heard the food was great, the company better, and we had a terrific turn-out. Way to go everyone!

Our first meeting in September was Sept. 9th. Welcome to some of the "new" members. It is nice to have fresh faces and fresh ideas.

Nominations for membership and taking place right now. If you require a form, please indicate in your child's agenda, or print one off from our website. Elections will be taking place at the October DPC Meeting on Oct. 14 @ 6:30. Please go to our website for minutes of the September meeting.

See you there!

CURRENT INFORMATION SHEETS & MEDICAL FORMS

I know, it is hard to believe but we already have 17 days of school under our belts. Even harder to believe, we are still waiting for a number of Current Information Sheets AND Medical Forms to be returned. The information on both of these documents is required by law. Without *current* information, our computer cannot align with the bus route information you provided. Please submit ASAP.

DRESS CODE

Dressing appropriately includes no hats inside the building; no t-shirts with inappropriate slogans & covered midriffs. In addition, as we are participating in Daily Physical Education (DPA), students must have the appropriate dress to participate, as detailed in your child's class newsletter, and / or team or club information letters.



