

October Newsletter

Dates to Remember

October 2 - PA Day

October 3 – Mrs. Cowan’s class to the Norfolk County Fair

October 8-Thanksgiving Day

October 9-12 – Funky Sock Drive – donate new socks in support of United Way and Nova Vita

October 23-Picture retake day

October 23 School Council Meeting, 6 pm in the library

October 24 – Spirit Day – Pajama Day

October 24 – Harvey’s Night, Wayne Gretzky Parkway (near Leon's) from 3 to 7 pm

October 30 - Character Trait assembly – Co-operation is the monthly

October 31-Hallowe’en Parade

Principal's Message...

Thank you to our families for attending the Meet the Teacher night. We welcome two new staff members to our school. Due to our high kindergarten numbers, we have received a new class for fifteen of our students. Mrs. Stott joins us as our kindergarten teacher this year. As well, Mr. Greathead will be here in the mornings to teach gym, outdoor education for our new kindergarten class and art classes to two junior rooms.

We've had some sporting events as well occurring in the month of September. Thanks to Mrs. Lewis and Ms. Matheson for taking our Jr. students to the 3 Pitch tournament, Mr. Neeb for taking our Intermediate boys to their tournament and to Mr. Nicholson for taking our Intermediate girls to their tournament.

The School Council Parent Group are having pizza days this year as their main fundraiser. The first pizza day is November 7th. The order will be displayed on the School Cashless Online site from October 9th and close at midnight on the 18th. Harvey’s Nights are also starting in October.

Contributing to the larger community by participating in our Terry Fox Run is a great way to expand children's understanding of worldly concerns and about the concept of giving. Thanks to Mrs. Martyniuk for organizing the assembly and the Run. We didn’t have great weather for the event however the students and staff persevered.

We received our EQAO results recently. 58% of students in grade three achieved a level three or four in reading, 65% of students in grade three achieved a level three or four in writing and 46% of grade three students achieved a level three or four in math. For grade six, 78% of students achieved a level three or four in reading, 73% of students achieved a level three or four in writing and 29% of students achieved a level three or four in math.

On the PA day, the staff and I focused on improving our math teaching. We analyzed EQAO results, identifying our strengths and needs in math. We made a plan for how we can improve our results this year. This plan will drive our work during staff meetings and PA days. We also did some training in maintaining safe environments for daily physical activity and physical education classes.

Thank you to our families for contributing to our Terry Fox run/walk. We appreciate your support for our school. Thanks to our students and staff for running/walking. I appreciate your contributions to our community.

This month, we will be contributing to the United Way. Grand Erie District School Board supports the United Way. Their goal is to have each school contribute to the United Way. We are having a “Funky” sock drive, collecting new socks from baby to adult sizes. These new socks will then be donated to Nova Vita-one organization supported by the United Way. Brier Park will have a Spirit Day to raise funds to contribute to the United Way. This month’s spirit day is a Pajama Day. For a dollar, students can dress in appropriate pajamas on October 24th.

Mrs. Brittain
Principal

From the Board of Education...

Please read the newsletter on “How to get Help with a Concern.”

From our Special Education Department...

Please read the invitation for the Special Education Advisory Committee.