



The Hawk Talk

NELLES PUBLIC SCHOOL

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October 3, 2011

THINGS TO WATCH FOR THIS MONTH:

- **Nelles Clothing Orders are due back Oct. 14. Forms and size samples are in the office.**
- **School Council Dance-a-thon Pledge Forms are coming home this week.**
- **Please complete the School Council Parent Survey when it comes out to determine how to spend funds this year**
- **Hot Lunch Forms for October, November and December will come home soon**
- **Terry Fox 2011 shirts are available at the office for \$15**
- **Apple Days are back—each Tuesday at 1st break**

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J. Slade, Principal



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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It was great to see everyone at the Welcome Back BBQ. Thank you to School Council and especially to Mrs. Abernot, Mrs. Oldfield and Mrs. McIntosh for organizing the event. There were many hands helping out and we thank you all!

Communication with both your child's teacher and the school administration is key to your child's success at school. Most of you know that you can email or call me anytime, or drop by the office. Teachers are available by phone or email before and after school or you can call and make an appointment to see them. All DSNB employees emails are the same; first name.last name@dsbn.org.

We are continuing to focus on Daily 5 in junior and primary language classes. Right now students are working on building their stamina with Read to Self. Ask your child what the goal is. In math, our focus is on problem solving and mental math. Staff will be working with Mrs. Fleming, our instructional coach.

Welcome to Shirley S. a coop student from GSS, in Ms. Dickson's PM class and Laurisa R., a coop student from Niagara College in Mrs. Neufeld's AM class.

Thanks to all the students who ride bikes to school. Students are to walk their bikes on school property and wear a helmet when riding. Thank you for going green!

We love pets but family pets intimidate many of our students. Please do not bring your pets on school property during school hours. If you are walking your dog in the park after hours, please pick up after your pet.

We hope to have our newsletter sent out electronically for November.

Sincerely—Janice Slade, Principal

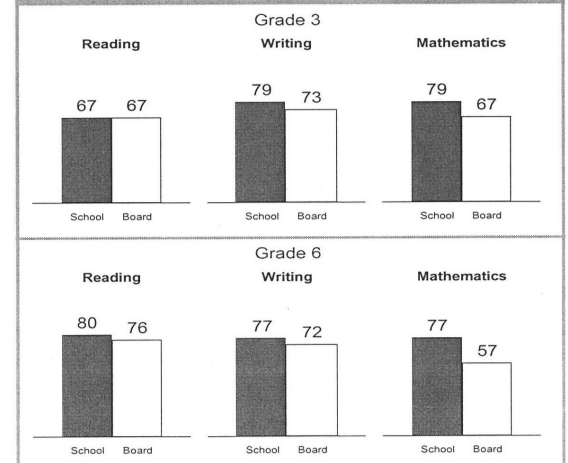
Check out our website at: Website: <http://www.dsb.org/Schools/Nelles>

ACHIEVING SUCCESS TOGETHER

Recently, our Primary and Junior EQAO test results were released (results below). Teachers and principals use this information in many ways to improve student achievement, which includes looking at "grouped" scores as well as individual student results. We look at this information as a snapshot of one class at one time as well as a trend over a number of years. We combine the information from this assessment with everyday classroom indicators of success to ensure that the strategies we are using are contributing to the most learning possible.

On the PA Day on Oct. 7 staff will discuss in detail, the EQAO results as well as classroom observations and assessments, in order to set goals for the year that will improve student learning. School goals will be discussed at the November School Council meeting and will be published in the November newsletter and on our website. Individual EQAO student reports will be sent home later in the month.

PERCENTAGE OF ALL STUDENTS AT OR ABOVE THE PROVINCIAL STANDARD (LEVELS 3 AND 4), 2010-2011



Hallowe'en will soon be here. Students will parade to Killean Lodge and Maplecrest at 1:45 pm on the 29th. Students can change into costumes at 2nd break. Please avoid costumes with blood, gore and weapons. Parents are welcome to parade with us.

What's Happening ? 6 + 1 Writing Traits Beginning in October, our Writing Traits parent volunteers will begin their work with our students. For parents new to Nelles, the writing traits are the key elements of writing which we support throughout all classes. They are: **Ideas, Word Choice, Voice, Organization, Sentence Fluency, Conventions and Presentation.** Parents work one-on-one with students engaging them in oral discussions centred around the various traits. This year our volunteers will be working twice a month with their particular class. Our heartfelt thanks to these folks who are working hard to help our students with developing their writing skills. Thanks to Mrs. Razzaque, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Backman, Mrs. Colyer, Mrs. D. Lozecki, Mrs. Address and Mr. Bell for volunteering for our program.

THANK YOU HOMELIFE POWER REALTY INC for providing our school with peanut free snacks for students who forget theirs. Snacks are available at the office each break.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Nelles School Advisory Council welcomes all of our families, returnees and newcomers, for the 2011/2012 school year. We are all looking forward to an exciting, busy and fun new year – with our Welcome Back BBQ, Dance-A-Thon, Holiday raffles, end of year Fun Fair, and much, much more. It is our job to help Nelles continue to be a standard of excellence in education and in our community.

As a member of the Nelles School Council you will find that participating in various activities and events gives you an added perspective on decisions and projects going on at your child's school. Participating allows you to be a part of the accomplishments made, gives you a better understanding of the activities that Nelles families can experience and the problems and solutions that may arise. You will also gain a better understanding of what is available to support our learning environment and hopefully make some new friends as well.

We are fortunate to have such a dedicated team of parents working together in support of Nelles School and our children. However, we are always looking for new members!! Please feel free to come and join us – School Council meets on the 4th Monday of every month of the school year (except for December and June) beginning at 6:30 pm in Room 111 (Mr. Hodgson's room).

Welcome to new executive members: Mr Ferriera, Treasurer, Mrs. Backman and Mrs. Razzaque, Hot Lunch Coordinators, and welcome back to Mrs. Abernot, Secretary.

Sincerely—Daniel Schultz, Chair

PEANUT / NUT ALLERGY



We have several students with nut/peanut allergy causing anaphylaxis. *An anaphylactic reaction is an allergic reaction so severe, it can be life threatening.* Prevention is the best approach. Please refrain from sending any snacks containing peanuts/nuts or peanut products. This is a school wide policy. Our staff has been trained to use an epi-pen and safety procedures are in place to communicate emergency response plans. We also encourage our students not to share snacks with others and to wash their hands well before and after eating. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Birthday Book Club

Welcome back to another exciting year at Nelles. We are thrilled to add 13 new Birthday Books to the Nelles Library for this month, bringing OUR NEW TOTAL to 1397. We'd like to thank our Principal Mrs. Slade, who is our new Librarian and Mrs. Naylor, our lovely new School Secretary for all their help. Thank you again to all the Nelles Families and Nelles Staff for your continued support! You make The Birthday Book Club possible! From Mr & Mrs. Nethery and Mrs. Slade.

September Birthday Book Wishes go to:

T.J. W.—Gr 3 "Incredible Animals"

Maya K.— Gr.3 "Chronicles of Narnia:The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe."

Griffin R.—Gr. 4 "You Can Draw Star Wars"

Maddy S-C.—Gr. 3. "Snow White"

Tyler G.— JK, "Thomas and Friends"

Payton T.—Gr.2, " One Little Flower Girl" &" Encyclopedia Brown Cracks the Case"

Jackson W.— Gr. 4, "One Hockey Night"

Jack L.— Gr.2, "Scooby Doo and the Ghost" &"Chameleon"

Abbey S.—Gr.4, "Interrupting Chicken"

Aiden M.— Gr.2, " Scooby Doo-The Haunted Pumpkins"

Emma R.—Gr.3, "Rainbow Magic: Jasmin The Present Fairy"

Isabelle A.— JK, "Scaredy Squirrel At The Beach"

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..

From the Office

Attendance

When your child is going to be absent, please phone the school to let us know. The phone number is 905-945-8022. Nelles Public School has an answering machine so you may leave a message at any time, if we're not able to get to your call.



Visiting the School

Visitors are asked to check in at the office. If you are a volunteer at the school, you need to check in at the office, sign in, and wear a volunteer badge. When coming to meet your child at dismissal, please wait outside at their exit doors. These precautions are for the safety of our students.

Address and Phone Number Changes

Please advise the office of any address and phone number changes. It is very important that this information is kept up to date, in case of emergencies and we need to call home.

Oct.31 is the Hallowe'en Raffle. Please bring your donations in before school that morning. Tickets are 25 cents or 5 for \$1. Volunteers are needed on that day. Contact Kelly Williams if you can help. 905-802-6555



Thank you Nelles student helpers.

Milk Crew: Cole, Jacob, Ethan, Logan, Kyle, Boris, Colin & Anthony

Sign Crew: Maddie, Hailey, Taylor, & Aaron

Tech Crew: Christopher, Louis, Andrew, Eden and Alana

Lunch Monitors: Molly, Paige, Alicia, Liam B., Mason, Loganne, Ava, Megan, Madisyn, Hannah, Elly, Bailey, Juliet, Pierce, Daniel, Olivia, Aiden, Karly, Craig, Rowan & Xavier

Recycle Crew: Alyssa, April, Sydney & Karly

Library Helpers: Logan, Jacob, Hailey, & Olivia

Virtue of the Month

Our virtue for the month of October is friendship. Friendliness is being a good friend. What is a good friend?

- someone who will support you no matter what
- someone you can trust and won't judge you
- someone who won't hurt you or deliberately put you down
- someone whose company you enjoy and whose loyalty you can depend on
- someone who is trustworthy and not afraid to tell the truth
- someone who can laugh when you laugh
- someone who can accept you just the way you are

Mrs. Courson's class will be leading this month's assembly on Oct. 27 at 1:40 pm.





Halloween Safety—Some pointers to keep the trick or treaters safe.

- Children under nine years of age should go out with an adult or responsible older child.
- Be sure your child stops at all curbs, looks left, right and left again to check for traffic. Remind children to cross at crosswalks, street corners or intersections. It is important they walk on the sidewalk, or walk facing the traffic if there is no sidewalk.
- Bright coloured costumes make your child easier to see. You can use reflective tape on a costume to make your child more visible. Face paint instead of a mask helps them to see well. Have your child carry a flashlight.
- When they get home, check all of their treats carefully. Throw out any treats that aren't wrapped, if the wrapping is torn or loose, or if the wrapper has a hole. Remember that small treats can cause your child to choke.
- You might want to offer an alternative to sugar based treats. Stickers or multicoloured pencils can be a nice surprise in place of, or in addition to, traditional treats.



SCHOOL NURSE The school nurse assigned to our school is Susan Munford. She will be promoting optimal health among our students and assisting us to develop a healthy school environment. Her role is to influence Niagara's children and their families to make healthy lifestyle choices. Our nurse can be reached at the Niagara Region Public Health Department at 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7228

Zumba For Kids happens each Tuesday at 2nd break in the Nelles gym. Sign up sheets are in the office. Thanks to Mrs. Pollock and Trinity Health for organizing this.



STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

NSTS manages the transportation services for students in JK/SK. If you have any concerns about your child's transportation arrangements, routes or drivers please contact NSTS directly at 905-346-0299.

Parents are invited to attend the DSBN Parent Involvement Conference, Nov. 2 at Eden High School in St. Catharines. It's free, dinner and child care are provided and there are lots of great workshops to attend. Pick up a form at the office or register online at www.dsbn.org. Click on "Parents" then Parent Involvement to get to the registration button. Join us –it should be a fun night!

WELCOME BACK NELLES KARATE KIDS



It's great to have everyone back practicing in the Karate Club. Parents, you are always invited to stop in and see what we are doing. Karate happens every Thursday at 12:50 in the gym. It's going to be a great year! From Blake Patterson, The Karate Guy.

Support for Families Living with ADHD

Niagara Region Public Health continues to provide ongoing support to families who are living with the challenges of ADHD. How are we doing this?

- This year Niagara's four HOPE groups have been combined into one group facilitated by a public health nurse. Meetings will be at the St. Catharines Regional Day Care Centre located at 179 Carleton Street, next to St. Denis School.
- The first two meetings will take place on September 15 and October 6 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. The entire fall schedule is available on the website listed below. All adults are welcome.
- Support is also available by calling 905-688-8248 ext. 7400, or 1-888-5055-6074.
- Contact us via email at hope@niagararegion.ca or find us online by searching ADHD at www.niagararegion.ca