



# Welcome Back To School !

Welcome back!! I hope you all had a wonderful summer and were able to take some time to spend together with your family. My husband and I drove out to Newfoundland for a few weeks and also had some time to go camping and kayaking up north here in Ontario.

We continue to be on the Balanced Day. Please find the school times on the insert and remember to pack two smaller lunches or remind students to pack 2 smaller lunches for themselves. Milk will be sold during the second break and any special lunches (ie. Pizza) will take place during second break. Because students are sitting down to eat at each break, no food or drinks (beside water) will be taken outside.

The school looks beautiful and our warmest thanks go out to Mrs. Walters for taking care of our school and getting it in such lovely shape for opening! Mrs. Cormier is still recovering from her back surgery so we welcome Mrs. Walters back this fall. Thank you also to the Nelles staff who have been in over the summer making sure their rooms are welcoming and ready for students.

Welcome to our new and returning staff members. You will find the staff and their classes listed below. A warm welcome goes out to our new secretary, Mrs. Naylor, our two new educational assistants, Mrs. Put in Gr. 1 and Mrs. Herstek in AM Kindergarten and we also welcome our new Youth Counsellor, Ms. Oakes.

Please read through the information included in the newsletter and the accompanying material and return any forms and money promptly. There is NO cost for student agendas as they will be subsidized by the school this year. If you have any questions or concerns throughout the year, please drop by the office, call or email.

Have a great year! - From Mrs. Slade

Included in this Opening Day Package:

- ✓ Confidential Information Form (please update with changes and return ASAP)
- ✓ Acceptable Use Agreement for Students Using Information and Communication Technologies (goldenrod)
- ✓ Nutrition Break Arrangements Form (blue)
- ✓ E group sign up form (blue)
- ✓ School Year & Monthly Calendar
- ✓ DSBN Insurance

Nelles Staff 2010/2011

JK/SK	Ms. S. Dickson
JK/SK AM	Mrs. M. Neufeld
Gr. 1/2	Mrs. R. Courson
Gr. 1	Mrs. L. Hall
Gr. 2	Mrs. D. Raymond
Gr. 3	Mrs. J. Orosz/Ms. J. Romany
Gr. 3	Mrs. L. Nawrocki
Gr. 4/5	Ms. S. Schroeder
Gr. 5/6	Mr. W. Hodgson
Prep	Mrs. C Inneo, Mrs. N. Neufeld
Music/Choir	Mrs. M. Doherty/Ms. J. Romany
Learning Resource	Mrs. D. Wasilewicz
Educational Assistant	Mrs. K. Crooks, Mrs. C. Put, Mrs. S. Herstek
Youth Counsellor	Ms. A. Oakes
Head Caretaker	Mrs. D. Walters
Night Caretakers	Mrs. M. MacIntyre, Mrs. W. Soldo
Secretary	Mrs. P. Naylor
Principal/Librarian	Mrs. J. Slade
Lunch Supervisors	Mr. A. Rutledge, Mrs. J. Roberts, Mrs. H. Robertson

- ◆ **PARENTS & VISITORS ARE REMINDED TO SIGN IN AT THE OFFICE AND WEAR A VISITOR BADGE**
- ◆ **PLEASE MAKE THE OFFICE AWARE OF ANY ALLERGIES YOUR CHILD MAY HAVE, COMPLETE THE APPROPRIATE FORM AND RETURN IT TO THE OFFICE**
- ◆ **ALL STUDENT MEDICATIONS ARE TO BE KEPT AT THE OFFICE**
- ◆ **MAGAZINE CAMPAIGN BEGINS SEPT. 12**
- ◆ **WELCOME BACK BBQ SEPT. 29**
- ◆ **EARLY RELEASE DAY SEPT. 23**

## SAFE SCHOOL POLICY

In order to maintain a safe school environment for our students, and also to reduce the number of disruptions in the classroom while learning is going on, we ask parents, guardians and visitors coming into the school to comply with our safe entry procedure.

If visiting or volunteering in the school, parents/guardians are asked to go to the office first to sign in and to receive a visitor's badge. If needed Mrs. Naylor, our secretary, will inform the teacher and/or direct visitors to the appropriate classroom. Parents/guardians delivering lunches or other items are asked to leave them at the office; Mrs. Naylor will page the student to come and collect the items.

When picking up children for appointments, parents/guardians are asked to come to the office and Mrs. Naylor will page the child to come and meet them.

Parents/guardians, volunteers or visitors are asked not to wander throughout the school without first signing in at the office. While we make a great effort to be aware of everyone who is in the school, it is difficult for the staff to recognize everyone.

Thank you all for helping to keep Nelles safe for students.

## PARKING

- ◆ Our Nelles parking lot can be a busy place at pick up and drop off times. Here are a few reminders so that congestion can be avoided. The 5 spaces in front of Kidzdome Daycare are reserved for Kidzdome parents. The short term parking in front of the school is reserved for Kindergarten parents who are required to drop off their children for school. Long term parking is available along the east side of the parking lot. We encourage you to walk or ride to school, but if you must drive, please use the Kiss and Ride Drop Off Zone. We have two Kindergarten busses at Nelles so it is very important that the circular drive in front of the school remain clear. That area will be blocked off with pylons the first few days of school to remind folks not to park there. The Police Department has been known to cruise through the lot and ticket vehicles that are improperly parked. Our neighbours at Centennial Baptist kindly allow us to park in their lot at pick up and drop off times or you may want to park at Centennial Park and walk across the bridge.
- ◆ When students arrive in the morning they are asked to walk around the building (not through) to the playground areas at the back of the school. When the bell rings, students will line up at the following locations:

JK/SK	Double doors on West side of building (opposite Centennial Park)
Primary (gr. 1-3)	Double doors at the back of the building (South)
Junior (gr. 4-6)	Double doors on the East side of the building (opposite the church)

## HOMEWORK ROOM

The library and computer lab will be open again this year during the 2nd break (1:10—1:40) each day. This area will be supervised by a teacher. The purpose of opening up this space is three fold.

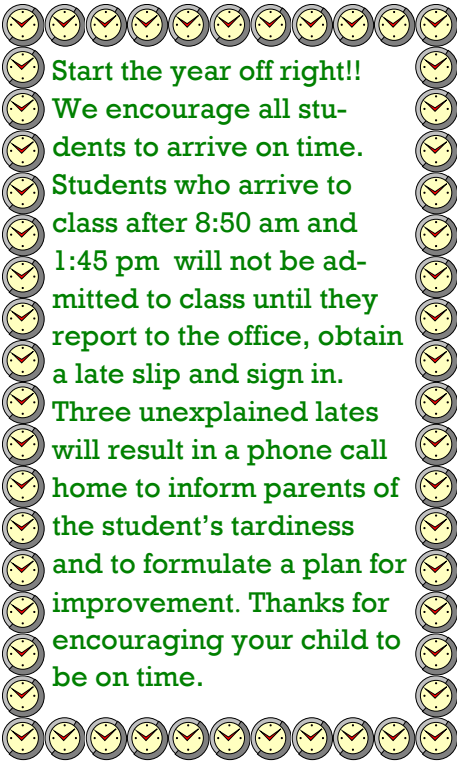
- ◆ First, it will be a quiet area where students can come at 2nd break to work on the computer or read. Each home room teacher has 2 Library passes and 2 Computer passes. They will hand out these passes to students who either need some extra time to finish assignments or to students who have earned the privilege of staying in as determined by the teacher.
- ◆ Secondly, this space will be open for students who did not finish assigned homework by the due date. They are required to report to the Homework Room and finish the assigned material. Even if students complete the assigned work before the lunch hour is over, they are asked to remain in the homework room, reading quietly or getting caught up on other work.
- ◆ Finally, the library will be open for students who have lost the privilege to play outside. Sometimes students' behaviour is such that they need a break from the playground or other students. In these cases, students will be in the library working on an improvement plan, writing an apology letter and reviewing the Nelles Code of Conduct.



## 6 + 1 WRITING TRAITS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

After a very positive response to our parent volunteer writing support program, we have decided to continue again this year. We are looking for parents who are interested in working one-on-one with students of all ages and engaging in oral discussions supporting various writing traits. The program will require approximately an hour and a half of your time, twice monthly, during our morning literacy block from 9:00 to 10:30. All activities are prepared by teachers for the volunteers to use and training will also be provided for any interested parents. If this sounds like an area that you would be interested in being involved with, please speak to Mrs. Courson or Mrs. Slade.





**Start the year off right!!**  
 We encourage all students to arrive on time. Students who arrive to class after 8:50 am and 1:45 pm will not be admitted to class until they report to the office, obtain a late slip and sign in. Three unexplained lates will result in a phone call home to inform parents of the student's tardiness and to formulate a plan for improvement. Thanks for encouraging your child to be on time.

**WELCOME BACK BBQ**

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 29, 5-7 pm**

Please plan on joining us for our annual WELCOME BACK BBQ.. This is an opportunity for the whole school to gather informally and visit with each other after a glorious summer.

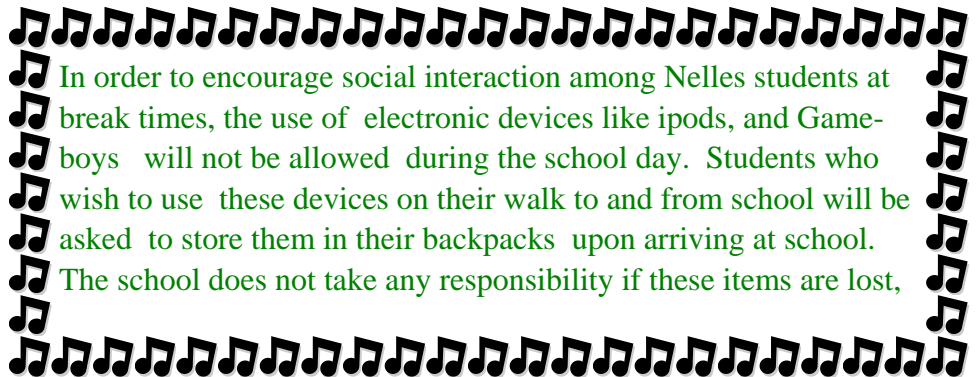
Students are encouraged to bring their parents and family members and introduce them to their teacher. Our School Council and staff will be serving a BBQ dinner to our families.

**PLEASE MAKE A POINT OF JOINING US!**

**Please take the time to read over the Nelles Code of Conduct with your child and sign that you have read it. It is located in the front of the student agenda.**

**Student cell phone use is not permitted at school. The office phone is available for student use, with permission from a teacher. If students choose to bring a phone to school, to use on their way to and from school, the phone should be stored in their backpack in their locker. The school takes no responsibility if these items are lost damaged or stolen. If students are found to be using phones during the school day, the phone will be held at the office for the student to pick up at the end of the day.**

**You can order your Nelles Spiritwear at our Welcome Back BBQ on Sept. 29. Size samples will be available to help you make your decision. More information will come home in the next**



In order to encourage social interaction among Nelles students at break times, the use of electronic devices like ipods, and Gameboys will not be allowed during the school day. Students who wish to use these devices on their walk to and from school will be asked to store them in their backpacks upon arriving at school. The school does not take any responsibility if these items are lost,

It has been our Nelles tradition to support our School Council fund raising activities, the school's fund raising activities and certain charitable groups. In order for you to decide which fundraisers you would like to support (if any) they are listed below by month. Please remember that all of these activities are optional.

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| September: Magazines (school), Terry Fox Run (local charity) | February: Valentine's Cake Raffle (School Council) |
| October: Hallowe'en Cake Raffle (Council)                    | Silver Wishes Campaign (local charity)             |
| November: Dance-a-thon (School Council)                      | March: Big Brothers, Big Sisters (local charity)   |
| December: Grimsby Benevolent Fund (local charity)            | April: Jump Rope For Heart (local charity)         |
|  | May: Mitochondrial Awareness (local charity)       |