



Dear Parnall Families,

Welcome to Spring. As we enter into what might be a wet month we will be reminding students to have an extra set of socks and pants in case they get wet or fall on the field and to wear rain gear on those wetter days. We do stay inside when it is pouring but try to get out for a walk and talk and some fresh air if it is just spitting out.

We are trying something new for hot lunches this month– HOT DOG DAY. Our Grade 5 –1 class worked very hard to pitch an idea to have outdoor volley ball nets here at Parnall. During their financial literacy unit and persuasive writing literacy lessons they worked to develop and cost out a plan that including fundraising through hot dog days. We are working in Partnership with Heat is On Catering to make their pitch a reality. The grade 5's have mapped out that it will likely take 3 hot dog days to achieve their goal. Our hot dog days will be April 4, May 2 and June 6. Well done 5-1!

We were hoping to have a Mind Up event for Parents and Guardians before the end of the year, however we were not able to coordinate a date. We will be hosting an event in the fall. If you would like to learn more about this now please visit <https://www.dsbm.org/programs-services/well-being/school-support> on the DSBM website under Mental Health Video Series.

Our DSBM Parent Involvement Committee also host many virtual sessions for families which you can also check out, if interested. They have explored topics that include Emotional Coaching, Parenting in the Digital Age and Supporting Your Anxious Child. The links to these taped sessions can be found at <https://www.dsbm.org/programs-services/well-being/workshops>

We are a team and working closely with home and school supports student success. If you need to speak to your child's teacher you are always welcome to email them directly or call the school and leave a message to have the teacher call you back. Thank you for your continued support.

Looking forward to a great month ahead.

Kara Veld

Principal

Dates to Remember

April 2– Autism Awareness Day– wear blue

April 4- Hot Dog Day

April 5– Our first Colour Pack activity– Community Assembly in PACKS

April 8– P.A. Day (the day of the Solar Eclipse) no school

April 10– International Day of Pink

April 11– Pizza Day

April 18– Antipasto hot lunch

April 22– Earth Day– Wear Green and Blue

April 23- Parnall Advisory Council Meeting 6:00 pm

April 24– Intermediate Badminton Team Tournament at Governor Simcoe

April 25– Sub Day

April 26– Earth Day Colour PACK activity periods 5 and 6

April 29-30– Dental Screening– email was sent– information is also found on Page 3



May 7– Track Day for Grades 3-8 at Governor Simcoe (paper note to go home April 9)

May 9– Field Events Grades 3-8 at Parnall

May 17– Rankin Run at Parnall

June 18– Grade 8 Graduation

June 20– Parnall Fun Fair

June 25– Grade 7 and 8 trip to Canada's Wonderland– more information to come in April.

Safety

With the warmer weather more and more children are walking to school and that is amazing. We also have bike racks where children can lock their bike during the day.

We are grateful to have 3 locations where our crossing guards support students to get to and from school safely (at the corner of Linwell and Geneva, on Linwell Road and on Geneva Street). These are the three areas that should be used to cross the street on foot or on their bikes (walking their bike across the road). Please remind your children of the importance of crossing with a crossing guard in these locations as opposed to crossing the road where it might be a little more convenient for them. We want to make sure everyone is safe. Thank you.



At the DSBN we have a scent aware environment for all students, employees and visitors. We kindly ask that staff and students are mindful of fragrances that they come to work in. This includes personal hygiene/ care products, cleaning products, perfumes/cologne/body sprays, creams etc. Scents can have adverse health concern to other students and staff in our building.

If you can please be mindful of this, that would help all. Thank you.

School Dental Screenings

Niagara Region Public Health Dental Program will be offering [Dental screening](#) to grades JK, SK, 2, 4, 7 and 8 on April 29-30, 2024.

A registered dental hygienist will take a quick look in the child's mouth using a sterilized mirror and light. Staff will be wearing a mask, eye protection, gloves and performing hand hygiene between each student.

The [Healthy Smiles Ontario](#) program may financially assist children who do not have access to dental care.

If you do not want your child(ren) to take part in the dental screening, you MUST complete the online [School Dental Screening Nonparticipation Form](#) or call the Dental Health Line at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7399 each school year.

If your child(ren) is not in one of the grades listed above, they may have the opportunity to participate in the dental screening. If you would like your child to be screened, please complete the School Dental Participation Form.