

PARNALL PIRATE'S TREASURE

The Newsletter of Parnall Public School



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WELCOME BACK

We hope that everyone enjoyed the holidays and are well rested. We begin the new year and a new month at Parnall as usual, in full swing. The "Science Fair" is quickly approaching, Chess Club and Speech Club are both starting up this week, some class trips have been booked, including the grade 3 visit to Jordan Museum and the after school homework club will continue on Tuesday's with Miss Tonnos. Of course, at the foundation of all this, is the curriculum which is in full swing as we settle into Term 2. During the month of January, the star strategy that will be taught during Literacy will either be "retell" or "inferencing" depending on which class your child is in. Starting in February, the focus for the whole school will be "Main Idea". Many teachers are sending out newsletters which will outline what is being studied right now in class. If you are not sure, ask the teacher for ways you can help your child this month at home.

As usual, please contact any of us at school if we can be of help in any way and to keep us informed of any major events in your child's life - it really helps us to better service their needs.

INDOOR SHOES



At this time of the year, with all the inclement weather, it becomes necessary to have indoor shoes at school. Please make sure that your child's name is on these shoes, and that you do not mind having the shoes remain at school for the next few months.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Decisions about closing schools due to the weather are made by the Board Office. Rather than calling the school, parents are asked to listen to one of the following radio stations at 7:00 a.m.

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| CKTB 610 | CHTZ 97.7 |
| CHSC 1220 | CKEY 101.1 |
| CKOC 1150 | CHRE 105.7 |
| CHML 900 | K-LITE 102.9 |
| CHAM 820 | SPIRIT 91.7 |



If children are at school and will be dismissed early, this information will also be announced on the radio. Please take time to review with your child early dismissal arrangements.

SNOW AND SNOWBALLS



To ensure the safety of students on our playground during the winter months, it is necessary for us to ban the throwing/kicking of snow/ice. The students are constantly reminded of this rule during in-class discussions, at assemblies, and over the morning announcements. Should it be found that a student has violated this rule, his/her name is recorded in the office and the appropriate consequences will be given. These include suspension for repeat offenders who endanger the safety of others. **Please reinforce these rules with your children at home!**

PARNALL SCIENCE FAIR

Don't forget the Science Fair is on **Thursday, January 21st, 2010**. The judging will take place at 12:30 p.m. The finalists will be announced that evening at the Science Fair Open House. Circle your calendar!



CHESS CLUB



Mrs. Coveney will be running Chess Club again for Grades 3 - 6 at lunch. **You must already know how to play in order to join the club.** See you there!

CONGRATULATIONS

The Boys and Girls Volleyball Teams both had very successful seasons. Both teams won the area championships and the girls moved on to the DSBN finals.



Members of the teams include:

GIRLS	BOYS
Sammy Broadley	Troy Holowchuk
Brianna Foley	Chris Cotton
Alyssa Muir	Nicholas Pringle
Erin Pagnotta	Richard Vanderlaan
Alyssa VanZalen	Aiden Loughlin
Stevie Watton	Matthew Chamberlain
Emily Arseneau	Joseph Stefanishyn
Madisyn Gionet	Jacob Stefanishyn
Alli Philavanh	Jay Stefanishyn
Enna Sabic	Erik Kennedy
Leah Suk	Isaiah Bennett
Haley Esau	Chris Fraser
Donna Troung	Griffin Jackson
Avery Goertz	Nathan Lortie
Allyson Gauvin	Erik Piggot
Hana Chamberlain	Josh Weeks

PARNALL ROBOTICS

Congratulations to the Robotics team which won two medals at the Regional Championships that was held at Niagara College on Saturday, December 5th. The team has qualified to compete at the Provincials Championships which will be held in Oshawa on ***Saturday, January 16th***. Good luck!

Team members: Josh Weeks, Kaleb Dodd, Jillian Wilson, Ashley Lennox, Erin Pagnotta, Enna Sabic, Leah Suk, Alli Philavanh, Ashley Upshaw, Allie Hunter, Alyssa VanZalen.



DECEMBER SUPERSTARS

JSA1 Kiera Harlan, Preston Bennett

JSA2 Angelin Brown, Owen Panici, Evelyn Crowley

1-1 Cole Morningstar, Isaac Atmekjian

1 /2 Anthony Drakeford

2-1 Michaela Arseneault, Alex Smith, Ethan Tyler

2/3 Larissa Atmekjian, Kailey Harvey

3-1 Morgan Goodman, Jack Hunter, Zoe Irwin

3-2 Josiah Esau, Madeline Roberts

4-1 Breanna Harvey, Hunter Reid

4/5 Devon Spiers, Jacob MacDonald

5-1 Mackenzie Cowdrey, Danielle Storin, Hana Chamberlain, Brooke Hedden

5/6 Jillian Wilson, Olivia Wyatt, Madisyn Gionet, Chris Anderson, Dawson Burke

6-1 Isaiah Bell, Isaiah Bennett, Katie Juritsch, Alyssa VanZalen

SESN Abigail Janzen



RESPONSIBILITY WINNERS FOR DECEMBER

JK/SK Mrs. Chiarelli

JK/SK Mrs. Black

Harrison Watson
Samantha Colbey

Rilen McCallum
Grace Fancy
Victor Fedj

1-1 Mrs. Penner

1 / 2 Miss Tonnos

Kyle MacLean
Madeline Emlay

Taran Cline
Isaiah McPherson

2-1 Mr. Pickett

2/3 Mrs. Chuchman

Christian Shugan

Emily Balan

3-1 Mrs. Cosby

3-2 Mrs. Cogswell

Kiya Camelleri
Matt Jackson

Eden Beecroft-Penner
Alexia Filipov

4-1 Mrs. Snider

4/5 Mrs. Schular

Morgan Pagnotta
Josiah Beecroft-Penner

Sarah Hulme
Madison Wegener

5-1 Mrs. Tallman

5/6 Mr. Chubb

Cyrus Ferri
Kenny MacLean

Shannon Alderson

6-1 Mrs. Coveney

Jay Stefanishyn
Josh Weeks



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

At what age should my child attend Kindergarten?

If you have a child who will be:

Four years of age by December 31, 2010:

He/she will be eligible to attend Junior Kindergarten in September 2010;

Five years of age by December 31, 2010:

He/she will be eligible to attend Senior Kindergarten in September 2010.

Children who currently attend JK in the District School Board of Niagara do not need to register for Senior Kindergarten.

Registration packages will be available at the school office after February 1st, or you may wish to complete the registration at our Kindergarten Open House on **Thursday, February 4th from 4:00 PM until 6:00 PM.** At our Open House, you will be able to see the classroom, speak to staff about the program and receive a special gift.

What do I need to bring with me to the school when I register my child?

The following documents are required to complete registration:

1. A Birth Certificate, Birth Registration or Baptismal Certificate
2. Immunization Certificate
3. Provincial Health Card



You may also be asked to show proof of address such as a recent utility bill or driver's license.

To save time you may bring a completed registration form, however, this is not necessary.

THANK YOU, PARNALL

On behalf of all our staff, I would like to thank all of the members of our community who made donations to our various fund raising activities which took place last month.

- 268 Tim Cards were donated for the "Have A Cup For A Brave Cannuck" program.
- A full bin of food items was donated to the city food bank.
- The hat, scarf and sock tree was completely covered with items donated to Woman's Place.

ECO CLUB BOTTLE DRIVE

The Parnall ECO club is holding their 2nd bottle drive on January 16th from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. All money "recycled" will be funding the outdoor classroom and learning/community garden we have planned to create in the spring.

We will be collecting all cans, bottles and containers that once contained beer, wine or alcohol.



Make sure to tell your Family, Friends and Neighbours. Donating your cans and bottles will help all Parnall students "grow" together.

Thank you for your support. We can't wait to see you there!!

PARNALL NIGHT AT CHEEKY MONKEYS'

Looking for something fun to do? Why not come out to Cheeky Monkeys' on January 19th from 4-

8pm. Make sure to tell your friends, family and neighbours...the night is not just for PIRATES... everyone can come and have FUN!!!

CHARACTER EDUCATION

The month of January marks a new character trait at Parnall School - Integrity. The common definition for our school is "We are honest, trustworthy and genuine in that our actions match our words."

Integrity means being what you say you are, or think you should be, and doing what you believe to be right, even if it may not be the most popular choice.

Here are some things you can discuss with your child:

- Stand up for what you believe.
- Be your best self. Show honesty and trustworthiness in all you do and say.
- "Walk your talk." Show commitment and courage by doing the right thing no matter what.
- Stand up for your beliefs
- Be honorable in your actions
- Have the courage to do what is right and try new things when it is hard
- Build and guard your reputation
- identify examples of Integrity in characters when reading a story or watching a movie

Integrity means using your beliefs about right and wrong as the rules for your life.

FROM THE LIBRARY...

Great Big Thanks

Thank-you to the many families that made a donation to the Parnall Library as a gift to their teachers for Christmas. The staff appreciates the thoughtfulness and the Parnall students will enjoy the new, great selection of books! Labels have been placed inside of the books to acknowledge your generosity!



Forest of Reading

This month our Forest of reading Clubs will begin for all ages at Parnall School. We will join kids all across Ontario by participating in the 2010 Ontario Library Association (OLA), Forest of Reading Book Awards. This program is a children's choice award. Students read from a selected list of recent Canadian books. Students who read a **minimum** of 5 books from one of the lists are eligible to vote for their favourite book. The OLA coordinates the election and the winning books receive the award.

The Blue Spruce Club includes all students from Kindergarten to Grade2 during Library classes. Grades 3-6 will be involved in an extra-curricular Silver Birch Club.

The **Silver Birch Express Club** list is designed for students in **grades 3 and 4**. It includes fiction and non-fiction titles.


The **Silver Birch** non-fiction and fiction lists are designed for readers in **grades 5 & 6**.

Participation in the Forest of Reading Book Club at Parnall Public School involves quite a commitment so it is very important that you think this through before making the commitment! You must commit to reading at least five rather "wordy" books (you can read all the books if you want!), attending Book Club Meetings, participating in discussions and activities, and voting for your favourite book at the official polling station in our school library in April. Student contracts will be sent home by the end of the month.

Family Literacy Day

Celebrations for Literacy will take place throughout Canada on January 27. This year's theme is **Sing For Literacy**. Singing is a great Literacy activity for families because it provides fun ways to expand vocabulary, learn patterns of words, rhymes, rhythms, and is strongly connected to language skills. Stay tuned for updates!!!



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<h1>January 2010</h1>				
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4 Day 2	5 Day 3	6 Day 4	7 Day 5	8 Day 6 Pizza Lunch
11 Day 7	12 Day 8	13 Day 9 Mrs. Cogswell's class goes to the Jordan Museum Parent Council Meeting @ 7:00	14 Day 10 Mrs. Cosby's class goes to the Jordan Museum	15 Day 1 Good Luck to the Lego Robotics Team competing in Oshawa tomorrow! Bottle Drive tomorrow 10 - 1
18 Day 2	19 Day 3 Parnall Night at Cheeky Monkeys	20 Day 4	21 Day 5 Science Fair	22 Day 6 Pizza Lunch
25 Day 7	26 Day 8	27 Day 9 Family Literacy Day	28 Day 10	29 Day 1

