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# PARNALL PIRATE'S TREASURE

THE NEWSLETTER OF PARNALL PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## REMEMBRANCE DAY

Any student associated with Scouts, Guides, and Cadets are asked to wear their uniforms to the 10:30 a.m. **Remembrance Day Assembly on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**. All family members are welcome to join us for this assembly.



## MOVIE NIGHT



Parent Council is looking at having a "Movie Night" on the evening of **Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>** in the gym.

More information will be sent home as we get closer to the date.



## GRADE 3 SWIM PROGRAM

Grade three students will be involved in the "Swim To Survive" program. Beginning in the month of November the students will receive three free swim lessons at the YMCA. This program is being funded by both the "Y" and The Red Cross Society.



## PROGRESS REPORTS

Term 1 Progress reports will be sent home on Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. Interviews with your child's homeroom teacher will be available on the evening of Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. If this time is not convenient, you can contact the teacher in order to book a more convenient time.

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The dates for the primary Christmas Concert are the afternoon of Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> and the evening of Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Please mark this date on your calendar.



## PARKING LOT

Please remember that the entrance into the school parking lot is from Geneva Street only! The Linwell Road opening is only an exit from the school.

The students in the Special Needs class arrive by bus each morning at 8:45a.m., and they leave school at 3:00 p.m. Please make sure you are not parked in front of the school so that the bus may park and unload. Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated.

## PARNALL'S 4TH ANNUAL VENDOR FAIR AND CRAFT SHOW – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26 FROM 10-3

We've grown again! Every year this popular event gets a little bit bigger and this year is no exception – we're up to 60 tables now! The Vendor Fair is not a fundraiser for the school. It is part of Parent Council's Community Outreach Program promoting local artists and entrepreneurs and the proceeds from this event will support families in need within the school community. A food drive will also be held that day in support of Community Care.

**Please help us promote this worthwhile endeavour by spreading the word to friends, family and co-workers, as well as on Facebook and Twitter. We'd love to see a record turnout!** Many thanks to everyone who was able to distribute the flyers that were sent home last week. Please send a note to the PAC through your child's teacher if you'd like additional flyers to hand out. Hope to see you there!

## HAPPY BEING ME FUNDRAISER - CATCH THE "CODE" - PARNALL 11

Each year, the PAC endeavours to find new ways to raise monies (without over taxing families), in order to enrich the learning opportunities and environment for our students. This year we are working toward paying for the new playground that was recently installed for our juniors.

Toward that end, we have set up a promotion through Happy Being ME, offering eco-friendly clothing and inspirational accessories that feature Happy Being ME and a variety of prints to celebrate you and what you love to do! The message is inspiring and helps to promote mental health and well-being.

**For every purchase made using our special code "Parnall 11" at Happy Being ME** (in store at 4 Secord Dr. in St. Catharines, on line at [happybeingme.com](http://happybeingme.com) (please put the code in the comment section so your order will count) or by phone at 905-935-2082) **10% of the purchase price (before tax, S & H) will be returned to our school!** This promotion will run from now until the end of this school year.

## CROSS COUNTRY UPDATE



Congratulations to our Cross Country Finalists who competed at Fireman's Park in Niagara Falls on October 12th: Thomas Coles, Jacqueline Campbell, Breanna Harvey, Morgan Pagnotta, Zach Morningstar, Devon Copeland, Michael Payne, Noah Jeffery and Josiah Esau.

- Jacqueline Campbell earned a 9th place ribbon for Pee Wee Girls.
- Thomas Coles was our only Atom Boy competing and he came in the top one third.
- Zach Morningstar also came in the top 30 for Pee Wee Boys! **Well done everyone!!**

## CAN TAB UPDATE



Parnall's "Can Tab Challenge" is off to a great start... thanks to everyone who has participated thus far. A big "CAN-GRATULATIONS!" goes out to Mrs. Coveney's class for filling their 5-gallon bucket and a big, big "CAN-GRATULATIONS!" goes out to both Mrs. Tallman and Mrs. Unger's classes for filling **TWO** 5-gallon buckets. Way to go Pirates!!! Keep collecting those tabs from all your Family, Friends and Neighbours because the Challenge runs until Earth Day in April!

## FREE DENTAL SCREENING COMING TO PARNALL



A Public Health registered dental hygienist is scheduled to visit our school on November 14 and 16 to provide dental screening to students in grades JK, SK, 2, 4 and 6.

During this time the registered dental hygienist will perform a visual inspection of each child to determine his/her dental needs. Parents will be contacted if their child requires immediate dental care. Public Health dental programs may financially assist children who do not have access to required dental care.

Please contact the Public Health dental program for any of the following:

- If you do NOT wish your child to participate in the dental screening.
- If your child is not in one of the targeted grades and you would like him/her to participate.

Call the Dental Health Information Line at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7399 or email [dental@niagararegion.ca](mailto:dental@niagararegion.ca).

## INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES

There may be times during the school year where inclement weather or other situations could cause transportation cancellations or school closures.

At times when student transportation has been cancelled and schools remain open, the decision of whether or not to have children in school on that day rests with the parent or guardian.

**Should you decide not to send your child to school in the event that transportation is cancelled but schools remain open, or if your child is ill or late, please ensure that you call the school to inform us of your child's absence.**

Information about transportation cancellations and school closures will be available as soon as it is available through the following channels:

### Websites:

[www.dsbns.org](http://www.dsbns.org)

[www.nsts.ca](http://www.nsts.ca)

### Subscription Features:

DSBN Facebook or Twitter

NSTS Transportation Delay or Cancellation Alerts

### Phone:

Niagara student Transportation Services 905-346-0290

Voice Auto Attendant

### Radio Stations:

CKTB (610 AM)

CHRE (105.7 FM)

CHTZ-FM (97.7 FM)



## M & M MEAT SHOPS FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY

Once a month M & M Meats will be hosting a "School Day" event which will run from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. the last Thursday of the month of Nov., Jan., Feb., Mar., Apr., and May and **10% of any purchases made for your school that day will be donated back to Parnall.**

It is an opportunity for teachers, parents, and relatives of Parnall students to go in, sample some M & M products and support Parnall's fundraising efforts. All you need to do is go in anytime during the dates listed below, identify yourself as a supporter of Parnall School and make a purchase. **It's that easy!!!**

### 2011/2012 School Days Schedule:

Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>

Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup>

## NEW FROM THE LEARNING COMMONS

**eBooks are here!** Grades 2-6 will be introduced to ebooks during Library classes this month. DSBN has purchased over 100 titles (some with multiple copies) for students in the board to access and read through Destiny (our library website). These are books that you can check out and read them on your home computer for two weeks. The books are automatically

checked in at the end of the loan period. To search for eBooks and check them out, go to <http://destiny.dsbm.org> and log in with your child's username and password (the same one they use at school). In the catalog tab under the material type, select eBook. This will search for ALL eBooks in DSBM, some will be high school age and some will be elementary age (you can also limit the search by reading level and interest level). Click on an eBook that you may want to read and to check it out, select the on-line option. This way, your child can access the book from any computer as long as they are logged into Destiny. Some eBooks will read to your child and some you will have to read with and to your child (or they can read it on their own). They have a book mark option to hold their spot until they read it again. This is another great way to READ using technology.  
Happy Reading, Mrs. Cornelius

### OCTOBER SUPER STARS

#### JSP1 – Mrs. Chiarelli

Griffin Gallant  
Justin Kung  
Peter Vander Deen  
Ava Phommaseng

#### 1-1 – Mr. Pickett

Cameron Eke  
Tommy Mitchinson  
Orlin Chowdhury

#### 2-1 – Mrs. Hughes

Andrew LaPlante  
Maya St. George

#### 3-2 – Mrs. Cogswell

Sydney Battel  
Ryan Segato  
Cody Cormier

#### 4/5 – Mrs. Tallman

Matthew Brisebois  
Alexia Filipov  
Mikka Hanneman  
Maya Jackson  
Dane Sedore

#### 6-1 – Mrs. Coveney

Alaina Kelly  
Madelynne McClelland

#### JSP2 – Mrs. Pringle

Cameron Pallante  
Hailey Snure  
Emily Koopman  
Sam Jones

#### 1/ 2 – Mrs. Penner

Jacob Brisebois  
Ty Oates

#### 3-1 – Mrs. Cosby

Anthony Drakeford  
Benjamin Magueta

#### 4-1 – Mrs. Chuchman

Devon Kopeschny  
Jennika McIntosh  
David Picard

#### 5/6 – Ms. Erwood

Hanna Kelly  
Cody McKindsey  
Jessica Felice  
Evan Watton

#### SESN – Mrs. Unger

Abigail Janzen

### OCTOBER RESPECT WINNERS

**JSP1** Silas Burrowes, Olivia Merrick, Madison Tucker

**JSP2** Celina Langohr, Ben Osowiec, Ethan Pennington

**1-1** Kylie Pallante, Kennedy Ruthven  
**1/ 2** Summer Hradsky, Adon Langohr

**2-1** Julia Picard, Harrison Watson

**3-1** Brynn Esau, Katharina Nisbett

**3-2** Allison Addy, Siera Salmond

**4-1** Christian Shugan, Emily Balan, Brandon Cline

**4/5** Dane Sedore, Mikka Hanneman

**5/6** Paige Di Paolo, Sean Davidson

**6-1** Hunter Reid, Kaitlyn Weeks

**SESN** Clayton Hirniak



### GLEE CLUB NEWS

The Parnall Glee Club has been invited to sing “O Canada” for a special DVD that will be used before Board meetings and other community events! Videotaping took place on Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, at Governor Simcoe Secondary School.

We will be featured at the Remembrance Day Assembly on November 11<sup>th</sup>, where we will perform “Strive for the Highest”.

The “Oliver” cast has been selected, and will begin rehearsals next week. We perform at Governor Simcoe in April.

Finally, we will let you know as soon as we get the date for our performance at the Pen Centre. It will likely feature many of the songs from this fall, as well as some Christmas songs!

### SCIENCE FAIR



Congratulations to all the students who have signed up for the Science Fair and have already completed Checkpoint #1! Please continue to listen to announcements and check your schedule for the due dates of the next checkpoints. See Mrs. Coveney at any morning recess if you need help or have any questions.

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Students in Mrs. Coveney's Grade 6 class will be participating in “*Operation Christmas Child*”. Shoeboxes filled with school supplies, small toys and hygiene items will be sent to boys and girls, ages 2–4, 5–9, or 10–14, in developing nations. If you are interested in helping with this project, please check out the website [samaritanpurse.ca](http://samaritanpurse.ca) and deliver completed shoeboxes to Room 22 by **November 18<sup>th</sup>**.