

The Parnall Post

Mr. R. McLean, Principal

From the Office...

Dear Parents,

I am so excited to be entering my second year as Principal at Parnall. I know that this year will bring many wonderful things!

The Parnall School Staff would like to welcome back our students. We would also like to welcome new students and their families to our school community.

We hope that you and your family had a wonderful summer. A big thank you goes out to Mr. Laurin our new caretaker, for getting the school in such great shape for school opening!

To keep you informed about the many activities and events at Parnall, we will post a newsletter each month on our website:

parnall.dsbni.org

We look forward to a great year with our dedicated and energetic staff as we work with you to:

ACHIEVE SUCCESS TOGETHER!



Staff List

The Parnall Public School staff for the 2017-2018 school year is as follows:

Mrs. E. King	Secretary
Mr. R. McLean	Principal
Mr. C. Sotola	Gr. 8
Mr. P. Waldie	Gr. 7
Mr. B. Keyes	Gr. 6
Miss L. Erwood	Gr. 5 / 6
Mrs. C. Cosby	Gr. 5
Mrs. T. Coveney	Gr. 4
Ms. S. Watson	Gr. 3 / 4
Mrs. R. Beresh	Gr. 3
Mrs. M. Gayder	Gr. 2
Mrs. S. Chuchman	Gr. 1 / 2
Mrs. S. Nichols	Gr. 1 / 2
Mrs. T. Chiarelli	Gr. 1
Mr. J. Pickett	JK/SK
Miss A. Pietrobon	ECE
Mrs. G. Penner	JK/SK
Mrs. M. O'Neill	ECE
Mrs. L. Cornelius	JK/SK
Ms. M. Zahos	LRT
Mrs. L. Tallman	library/ rotary
Mrs. P. Best	rotary
Mr. L. Palmer	French
Ms. M. Disher	E.A.
Mrs. J. Friesen	E.A.
Mrs. L. Hood	E.A.
Mrs. S. Fleming	E.A.
Mr. M. Chubb	Inst. Coach
Mrs. C. Pennington	ESL
Mr. J. Laurin	Custodian
Mrs. M. Clarke	Youth Counselor
Mrs. T. Sartor-Fry	Social Worker



Information Sent Home

Over the first week, a considerable amount of information will be sent home to you. **Please carefully read over the material and send back forms promptly.** Thank you!

Please find a PERSONALIZED information sheet in the package. For our records and your child's safety, **carefully** check all the data on the form and make any necessary corrections/updates. Please return this form to school as soon as possible so your child's records can be updated.

PLEASE RETURN STUDENT VERIFICATION FORMS BY WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12!

Please note... student organizers are sent home during the first week. We ask that parents cover a portion of the cost by sending in \$6.00 per student or paving online using Cashonline.

BELL TIMES!!!



Morning Entry:	8:50am
Morning Break:	10:35am- 11:15am
Afternoon Brk:	12:55pm - 1:35pm
Afternoon Dismissal:	3:15pm

Students who are repeatedly late may be detained after school and/or during breaks to compensate for lost class time.

Student Photo Day!

On Monday, October 1st, Edge Imaging Photography will be coming to school to take student and class photos.

Please be sure you have dressed your children appropriately for the day and **PRACTISE THOSE SMILES!!!**



Early Release Day

Across the entire District School Board of Niagara on **Friday, September 14th**, all students will be dismissed at the end of morning classes (12:05pm). There will be no afternoon classes for students since all teachers will be involved in meetings.

PLEASE MARK THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR SO DAY-CARE ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE AS NECESSARY.

Absences / Lates

To help out our secretary, Mrs. King, parents are reminded to call the school prior to 8:40am if your son/daughter will be absent or has an appointment first thing in the morning.



Students who are repeatedly late will likely be detained after school and/or during breaks to compensate for lost class time.

Calendar

Check the attached calendar to keep up-to-date on our planned events. A calendar is also included on the school website:



parnall.dsbni.org

Medically At-Risk Students



Please call **the office** if your child has anaphylaxis, asthma, epilepsy or diabetes, or has another serious medical condition.

Forms for you to complete (available at the office) should outline the expected symptoms and your requested intervention from school.

No Nuts, Please!!!



We have several children in our school with severe nut allergies. It is requested that you do not send nut-based foods to school with your child. We know that you're caring parents and we appreciate your support with this very important matter. Thank you!

Medication for Students

Any prescribed medication that is to be administered to students during school hours must have an authorization form completed by the parent/guardian AND prescribing physician. These forms are available at the school office and must be updated on a yearly basis. The medication must be sent to school in the original container with the label attached. It is the responsibility of the student (if able) to go to office at the appropriate time for his/her medication.



Entry / Dismissal & Student Pick-Up



Students will be informed through which doors they are expected to enter and exit. This will become routine for students quickly in September.

The front doors are NOT to be used for student entry/exit (unless arriving late).

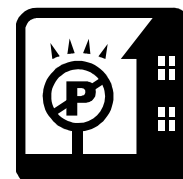
If you are picking up your son/daughter from school, we ask that you **wait outside their exit door** or instruct them where to meet you. If older students are picking up younger siblings, they too are expected to follow these procedures. This is *for the safety of your children*. Also for safety reasons, all visitors must be acknowledged at the office.

We appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

Also, students are expected to go directly home once dismissed unless they have a written note. We want to ensure all our students arrive home safely. Please remind your children of this policy.

If you are driving to pick up your son/daughter, please adhere to the parking signs and laws. Be aware of bus loading zones. Just one vehicle parked illegally can cause quite a back-up and jeopardize the safety of our students. It may be safest to park your car further away and walk to drop your child off or meet your child upon dismissal.

Note: PLEASE do NOT park, or even idle your car in the driveway. It causes a dangerous situation for those needing to move through that area.



Student Accident Insurance

Each year a Student Accident Insurance Plan is made available for all students on a voluntary basis. The plan provides protection for **dental**



damage due to accidents, fracture benefits and other important coverages, which are **NOT** covered under the Provincial Health Plan. Some parents may have Dental Plan coverage through their work but many of these plans are limited in one way or another, while this accident coverage is not. You should compare to make sure you have the coverage you need or desire.

Under the Education Act, the Board is not permitted to provide coverage for accidents to pupils, therefore, the Board recommends consideration of this plan to any parent who wishes to obtain this kind of insurance. Although the policy has all the advantages of a group plan, it is essentially a direct contract between the parent and the insurance company. Details of these plans are described on the application form that was sent home. If you require further information, you may contact **InsureMyKids toll free at 1-800-463-5437 or look online at www.insuremykids.com**. If you wish to subscribe to this insurance, please go online OR complete the form and mail it *directly* to the Insurance Company in the enclosed stamped envelope immediately, but preferably before the end of **September**. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH.**

You may also enroll online at www.insuremykids.com

If the enrolment form for the Student Accident Insurance Plan has not been received or it has been misplaced, please contact the school office.

Terry Fox

Parnall School will be holding our annual Terry Fox Walk on Friday, September 28th at 2:00pm. All monies raised go to support Cancer research. Please look for additional communication about this coming home later this month.



DSBN Instrumental Music Program

The DSBN instrumental music programme starts up again in mid-September. This programme is offered to all students from grade 4 to grade 8 and is a convenient, affordable way to learn an instrument. For more information, contact the N.E.I.M. programme by phone at:

905-641-2929 ext 30630

or by e-mail at:

Elementary.instrumentalmusic@dsbn.org

or look up information at

www.neimusic.com

Parent Advisory Council

The Parent Advisory Council is always looking for new members! The more, the merrier! Please read the attached information to be part of this important group which helps shape what happens at Parnall School!



Milk Orders

We are pleased to facilitate students drinking a healthy beverage daily. We will have MILK ORDERS available on SchoolCashOnline (click the link on parnall.dsbm.org) If you wish your child to have milk, please complete the form online. Orders are for a milk card, good for 20 milks for \$15. Students bring their milk card to the milk station each day they wish to get milk.



Pizza Days



Pizza will continue to be offered at Parnall School on most Fridays, beginning Friday, September 21st. Cost is \$1 per slice and it remains a healthy option with whole wheat crust and pepperoni, or plain cheese. We are pleased to be working with Pete's Pizza again this year! We will have PIZZA ORDERS available on SchoolCashOnline (click the link on parnall.dsbm.org)

No Internet?

Most of our communications and money transactions are done online. If you do not have access to internet and require a paper copy of the monthly newsletter, please contact the school and we will arrange paper copies to go home.

Also, we do not want your child to miss out on activities where money is collected through SchoolCashOnline. If you are unable to sign up for SchoolCashOnline, please feel free to pay for items with cash sent to the school. **We ask that no cheques are used for payments.**

Calling parents/guardians:

Join the Parnall Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

**Attend meetings
Have a voice and a vote
Learn about the school & the board
Support your child's learning & school community**

**First meeting
Tuesday September 25th
Parnall Library
6:30pm**

**To become a voting member, fill out & return the
Intention Form with this newsletter (also available at the
office), and come to meetings!**

**All parents are welcome to attend any meeting
... come see what we do!**



**PARNALL ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)
INTENTION FORM**



Dear Parents/Guardians:

We look forward to establishing our Parnall Advisory Council for 2018-19. We hope to involve those who were with us last year and also those new to the Parnall community. Welcome, all!

Please consider supporting your child's learning and school community by completing the form below and returning it to the Principal or Secretary by **Tuesday, September 25th**. All nominations will be presented at the first meeting of the PAC. If more than 15 parent/guardian nominations are received, a school-wide election will take place at the second PAC meeting. Once the PAC membership has been decided/elected, executive positions will be elected. The first Parnall Advisory Council meeting will take place on **Tuesday, September 25th** at 6:30pm in the Library.

Please contact parnallpac@gmail.com with any questions you may have about the PAC!

I have read and understand the PAC Constitution.

Name: _____

I am the parent/guardian of _____, who attend(s)
Parnall in grade(s) _____.

I am an employee of the District School Board of Niagara: Yes ___ No ___

I am interested in standing for the following position:

Chair* ___ Vice-Chair ___ Secretary ___ Treasurer ___

Voting Member ___ Non-Voting Member ___

*(*The PAC Chair must have been a member for a minimum of one year previously.)*

(Alternate) I would like to nominate _____
for the position of _____. I have confirmed that he/she
is willing to stand for this position.

Signature: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Date: _____