



Hello Parnall Families,

We have had a great start to the school year. September was busy and full of activities. Our Cross Country Team showed great dedication and ran most days after school this past month. Their final race is today and we wish them well. Our junior soccer team had a great day of play and our intermediate soccer team is looking forward to their tournament later this week. Our older students have taken on different leadership roles within the school, including student secretary, student announcers, recycling and composter leads. We have also chosen our leadership team for the 2023-2024 school year and they have a plethora of ideas to make the year great. The enthusiasm to support our school community has been lovely to witness and I am so proud of our junior and intermediate students for all the activities they are getting involved in. Our junior and intermediate choir has been preparing to sing at the Ice Dogs game October 20. More information on this on Cash Online. Also this month, volleyball will start for intermediate students that have made the team and Lego Robotics will start.

In addition to these activities we have focused our learning this month on getting to know each other, celebrating our talents and learning what makes us unique and brings us joy. We are also focusing this year on some goal setting and answering the question "This is my year to...". Many students have shared that they want to try to make a new friend, take a risk or speak up when they would otherwise stay quiet. I am so proud of our Parnall students for embracing this new school year with excitement and optimism.

Our school website is a place to visit if you are looking for additional information. Please know that I will post the newsletters on our website at <https://parnull.dsbk.org/>. We understand that not all families have access to a computer, so the office will send a hard copy home upon request. (please contact the office). I will also send a weekly update with a calendar of events for the coming week on Fridays. Some weeks will be busier than others but this might help us all keep up to date throughout the month.

Please remember that you can always reach out to your child's teacher at any time if you have questions. Their email addresses are on the website.

Looking forward to another great month at Parnall.

Sincerely,

Kara Veld (Principal)

Parnall School Advisory Council Meeting

We had our first meeting of the 2023-2024 school year on Tuesday, September 26. We had a fantastic turn out and we thank everyone for joining us.

Our School Advisory Council Members that are holding specific positions for this year are as follows:

Chair– Lauren Hoogasian

Vice Chair– Melissa DeBeau

Treasurer– Meg Parsons

Secretary– Nancy Harris

The Parnall Advisory Council will be sending information home regarding a fun fundraising Dance a thon (Professor Jamz) that will be happening at the end of the month– October 27. More information to come.

We will also be starting Can Tab Collection again this year. Our Captain Tabby recycle container is hungry and ready to be filled . Please send in your tabs from cans. Each class will have a container for collection. Let’s see what class can collect the most. Last year we made close to \$500 by recycling tabs as a community. This funding goes directly back to our snack program sponsor Niagara Nutrition Partners.



Snack Program is up and running. Please note that any child has the option to take from the snack bin without question. All snacks are prepared by our team of volunteers from a local retirement home and follow the strict nutritional guidelines for schools.



All Parnall Parents/Guardians are welcome to attend meetings. Our next meeting will take place on **October 24, at 6:00 pm in the Learning Commons**. We also offer babysitting.

October 2– Cross Country

October 4– Ice Dogs to visit Parnall 9 a.m.

October 5– Picture Day

October 5– Intermediate Soccer Tournament

October 6– P.A.Day

October 9– Thanksgiving– no school

October 12– Pizza Day

October 20– Ice Dogs Game— 7 p.m.

October 24– PAC Meeting 6 p.m.

October 26– Sub Day

October 27– Professor Jamz– Dance-a-thon

October 31– Halloween (more information to come) costumes are welcome.