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PARNALL PIRATE'S TREASURE

THE NEWSLETTER OF PARNALL PUBLIC SCHOOL

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MR. R. SALTER, PRINCIPAL

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

On behalf of the Parnall staff I'd like to say, "Welcome back". Summer holidays have ended, and a new school year has begun. The staff of Parnall have been busy preparing for the students to arrive, and we look forward to a wonderful year of learning and growing together.

Although we had eleven of last year's grade fours move on to Dalewood for the French Immersion program, we have gained back many new students. We offer a special greeting to the families new to our community - we have over 40 new students at Parnall this year and we are confident that they will enjoy their new school and community.

We also have a number of new staff members joining our team. I would like to welcome Mr. Blanchard, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Mestek, Mrs. Roblin and Miss Pryor. Mr. Blanchard (0.25 at Parnall and 0.75 at Carleton) will be here every other morning teaching some of the primary classes gym. Mrs Cooper is currently the school custodian and she is replacing Mr. Kemp who has moved to Meadowvale School. Mrs. Mestek is our new Youth Counsellor and comes to us with a lot of experience in this field. Mrs. Roblin is an Educational Assistant in the Special Needs class while Miss Pryor is also an E.A. and she will be working in Mrs. Pringle's morning kindergarten classroom.

We all look forward to working together with you to provide the best possible education for our children. It is our goal to provide sound, positive learning experiences for all of our students. We anticipate an exciting and productive school year as students participate fully in their respective activities.

*I would ask that if you have questions or concerns or hear information that puzzles or worries you **call directly to the school and ask us.** We are approachable [although we may not always give you the answer you want!] and we do our best to explain things to you. Open communication is key to a good year.*

Have a great year everyone!

Mr. R. Salter
Principal



SCHOOL BELL TIMES

8:45 a.m.	Entry
8:50 a.m.	Period 1
9:40 a.m.	Period 2
10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	A.M. Recess
10:45 a.m.	Period 3
11:15 a.m.	JK/SK Dismissal
11:35 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Lunch
12:30 p.m.	Period 4
12:45 p.m.	JK/SK p.m. Arrival
1:20 p.m.	Period 5
2:10 p.m. - 2:25 p.m.	P.M. Recess
2:25 p.m.	Period 6
3:15 p.m.	Dismissal



2011-2012 SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

The following will be our organization for the 2011-2012 school year. As in every year, this organization could change during the first couple of weeks of school. It is during the second week of the school year that we receive our final staffing allocation and it is also a time when we may need to

move students from one home room to another in order to comply with government regulations on class size. If our numbers change significantly and if we need to adjust our homeroom assignments, we will keep you posted – I am hopeful that we will not have to reorganize the primary division like we did last year.

Mr. R. Salter	Principal
Mrs. King	Secretary
Mrs. T Coveney	Grade 6
Miss Erwood	Grade 5/6
Mrs. Tallman	Grade 4/5
Mrs. Chuchman	Grade 4
Mrs. Cogswell	Grade 3
Mrs. Cosby	Grade 3
Mrs. Hughes	Grade 2
Mrs. Penner	Grade 1/2
Mr. Pickett	Grade 1
Mrs. Chiarelli	Kindergarten AM/PM
Mrs. Pringle	Kindergarten AM/PM
Mrs. Unger	SESN
Mrs. Cornelius	Library / Computers
Mme Best	FSL
Mrs. Roblin	E.A.
Miss VanReenan	E.A.
Mr. VanBreda	E.A.
Miss Beauparlant	E.A.
Miss Pryor	E.A. - AM
Miss Zahos	LRT
Mrs. Cooper	Head Custodian

SAFETY FIRST

For the safety of all concerned, please note the following:

1. Please call the school by **8:45 AM** if your child is going to be absent / late. Safe School policy dictates that we must make every effort to contact you if you do not call us and this can be very time consuming for our secretary.

2. If your child needs to take any medication on a regular basis at school you **must** fill out a

permission form and make sure the medication is handed into the office, so that it may be administered properly. No child is allowed to carry medicines of any type on their person.

3. The school playground is open at 8:35 AM each day. We recommend that you do not send your child to school before this time since the playground will not be supervised. By 3:30 PM the playground also is unsupervised, so all children will be encouraged to head home when the bell rings at 3:15 unless they are staying for a supervised activity.

4. If your child is to stay for lunch, you need to fill out the permission form that went home last week and return it to your child’s teacher.

5. Parents please note that the Niagara Regional Police Community Services Branch highly recommends that students be in grade 4 before they can safely ride their bikes to school. Bicycle helmets must be worn by all riders who are younger than 18.



PEANUT ALERT

We have a few students who have a severe allergy to nuts of any kind as well as nut products, oils, etc. These allergies caused from nuts and nut products can be fatal. We thereby require nut-free lunches and snacks to be brought by students. Although we cannot guarantee a peanut free environment, we appreciate your continued efforts with this delicate issue.

MEDICATION FOR STUDENTS

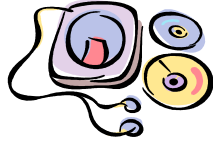


There may be instances where students need medication during school hours. Students are not allowed to have medication in any form in the classroom. Upon parental request, medication may be given by either the principal or designate, provided that the required form, available from our secretary, has been completed by the parent and the

prescribing doctor. The medication will then be kept in a secure place.

The dispensing of non-prescription medicine by school staff, without parental permission and direction, is prohibited. Students with epipens should carry these on their persons in a fanny pack and have another one dropped off at the main office. Thank you!

FRIENDLY REMINDERS



We do not encourage students to bring expensive toys such as Gameboys, CD Players, MP3 Players, CD's, Pokemon or Yughio cards, etc. to school. Although they may provide much pride and pleasure for your child, we cannot be responsible for loss or breakage of those items. Students also run the risk of having their items confiscated if they are being used at inappropriate times, such as during class.

GYM SHOES



Shoes need to be worn at all times during the school day. We are asking students to wear soft-soled, non-marking shoes for gym. Our floor is a surface that marks easily and cannot be cleaned even with washing. In order to keep the gym attractive everyone needs to wear appropriate footwear whenever the gym is in use. Thank you

PARENT VOLUNTEERS



If you are interested in volunteering some of your time to assist in the classroom please contact the main office. Your time is greatly appreciated and without you some programs just could not happen. Thank you in advance to those who are able to volunteer.

CODE OF CONDUCT

The Code of Conduct is printed on the inside of the student organizers for all students. Please take time to read and discuss it with you child. Organizers should be going home this week. We are asking for a **\$2.00** donation towards the organizer.

EARLY RELEASE DAY

On Friday, *September 23rd*, the District School Board of Niagara has scheduled an "Early Release Day". On this day all students in grades 1 to 6 will attend school in the morning only. **There will be no school for all JK/SK students on this day.** **The bus will be here to pick up the children in Mrs. Unger's room at approximately 12:00 p.m.**

STUDENT VERIFICATION FORMS



An "information verification form" will be sent home with each student.

Parents are asked to read the form carefully, make any changes to the form if needed, and return it **signed** to the school as soon as possible. Please pay special attention to filling in any changes in medical information. Please make sure the signed form is returned to school even if there are no changes.

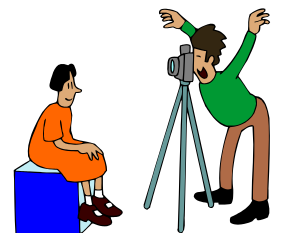
PIZZA BY THE SLICE



We will be running our pizza day program again this year. Pizza days will be scheduled for every other Friday, starting **Sept. 16th**. Most months will have 2 pizza days except for March, April and June.

CLASS PHOTOS

Our student and class photo day is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 4th, 2011**. Photo re-take day will be **Wednesday, November 2nd**.



TERRY FOX RUN



Our Terry Fox event led by Mrs. Cosby, will be on **Wednesday, September 28th** (weather permitting). We will be starting at 9:00 a.m., so you may wish to stay once you have brought your child to school and participate with us. Mrs. Cosby will be sending more information home next week. We will be accepting any donations to assist in cancer research.

CROSS COUNTRY

Cross Country practices will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 13th, at 3:20 p.m. Practices will be every day Monday to Thursday from 3:20 - 4:00 p.m., and on Friday mornings at 8:00 a.m. Regular attendance at practices is a must in order for your child to be chosen to participate in the meets at Burgoyne Woods on Wednesday, September 28th, and Monday, October 3rd (rain dates are September 30th and October 6th). Permission to participate forms have been sent home with your child if he/she expressed an interest.

Mrs. Penner and Mr. Pickett

PARNALL ADVISORY COUNCIL(PAC)

WE NEED YOU!!!! PAC is ready for another year of fun filled activities to support our students. We are a group of parents who meet with our school principal, a teacher and staff member to discuss school issues and plan ways to improve our school. If you are interested in being part of our Parent Council, please join us at our first meeting, **Tues. Sept. 20, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.** in the Library. Self Nominating forms will be sent home by Monday, Sept. 12th, or you can pick one up at the school office. All parents are welcome to join council, attend meetings and/or get involved with the various committees. Your participation is always appreciated. September activities: PAC to host 5th annual **BBQ** on Open House night; **Fruit Kabob Day** and our first issue of "*The Grapevine*"

Looking forward to seeing you on **Sept. 20th!!**

BREAKFAST CLUB



Our breakfast club will be starting up on Monday, September 12th. It will run from 8:15 a.m. until 8:40 a.m. in Room 17.

LEARNING COMMONS



I am delighted to welcome all my new friends and old, to Parnall's Learning Commons. Learning Commons is the new name for Library/Computer Lab. I also like to refer to the space as "The Hub of Parnall School" because it is always buzzing with the sound of students doing research, homework, extra-curricular, working on the computer and of course, reading! It is an expectation on Library days that students check out at least one book and have it read by the next Library period. Please encourage your child to keep their books in a spot that is easily accessible to them for reading and returning. If the book is not read, some are very lengthy, by next period, your child is encouraged to keep the book until it is read. Sometimes, the book is not as interesting as we thought and in that case, students are encouraged to exchange their book at morning or afternoon recesses. I look forward to teaching your children many curriculum expectations using our Learning Commons! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. Volunteers are always welcome as well! Happy Reading!

Mrs. Cornelius
Teacher-Librarian/Computer Administrator

VENDOR FAIR

Our annual Parnall Vendor Fair will take place on Saturday, November 19th. Tables are rented for \$30.00 each - **\$25.00** for Parnall parents. For more info, please call Lianne Wyatt at 905-937-7098.



FROM MME BEST

The following letter was sent home this week outlining the French Program and the expectations for your child. Please take the time to go over this letter with your child(ren) as it provides important information on how the program is taught and the importance of **regular home review** of the vocabulary.