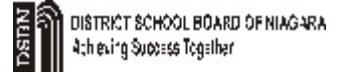


McCulley Messenger

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OCTOBER 2009 NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

All staff and students are to be commended for their part in ensuring a very smooth start to the school year. Both curricular and extra-curricular activities are in full swing. Encourage your children to participate in all that our school has to offer.

There has been a change in our staff since the beginning of the school year. We welcome Mr. Hannigan who will be teaching music. We wish Mrs. Ferretti all the best at Alexandra!

It was great to see many of you at our Open House. If you have not had a chance to come in and meet your child's teacher, please do so as soon as possible. This will help to establish a strong home-school partnership.

If you haven't visited the back of the school lately, you will want to check out the three new trees that were planted last week. They are absolutely gorgeous! We thank our School Advisory Council for pursuing the grant from the Toronto Dominion Bank. A special thanks goes out to Mrs. Unruh who made all of the final arrangements. We ask our community to help us keep these new trees safe by ensuring your children keep away from the roots, and refrain from pulling leaves or branches. **Please call the following number (in confidence) if you witness any vandalism to our trees, or to our school: 905-682-8065.**

As the cool crisp days of Fall are upon us, we remind all students to come prepared for the weather. As students are expected to go outside for both fitness breaks, it is important for them to be dressed appropriately.

We have many parents and guardians who have come forth and offered their services as volunteers. We thank them for sharing their time with us. If you are interested in volunteering at the school, please pick up a volunteer form at the office.

Take the time on Thanksgiving weekend to reflect on all of the things in your lives for which you are thankful. Enjoy your time with family and friends!

Mrs. R. De Luca-Gates

SEPTEMBER STUDENT STARS



JK/SK am.-	Keaghan, Om
JK/SK pm -	Evan, David
SK-F -	Lucas, Daisy
GR. 1-R -	McKenna, Kailyn
Gr. 1/2-C-	Matthew, Arhum
Gr. 2/3-B-	Brennan, Carley
Gr. 2/3-S-	Lana, Owen, Emily
Gr. 3/4-D-	Katrina, Manuel
Gr. 4/5-S-	Victoria, Jeffrey
Gr. 5/6-G-	Ethan, Lucy

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL 09-10

This year's Council members are:

Margaret Unruh (chair)	
Dawn Holmes	Rebecca Smit
Jan Levesque	Cathy Chorro
Cindi Sonnenberg	Rose Jerry
Alicia McDonald	Amanda Fleler
Nancy Mokrzyński (community rep)	

Meetings are held in the library at 6 p.m. and babysitting is provided. Dates for the year are:

Oct. 14, Nov. 11, Dec. 9, Jan. 13, Feb. 10, Mar. 10, Apr. 14, May 12 and June 9.

One vacancy on our Council does still exist. Please let the office know if you're interested in this position. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend all meetings. Please consider joining one of the committees needing volunteers.

Our first Boston Pizza Lunch will be on Monday, October 19th. Order forms will go home on October 7th. We plan to offer a hot lunch once a month.

Please mark your calendar for our Annual Norcard fundraiser (orders will be due at the school Nov. 11), as well as the MacMillan's fundraiser (orders will be due at the school by Nov. 20th). More information will be sent home by your Council.

PLAYGROUND USE AFTER SCHOOL

Students are reminded that it is the expectation that they head directly home upon being dismissed at 3:10. Staff members on duty after school are there to supervise the safe dismissal of students. Students are **not** to be on the playground equipment, unless directly supervised by a parent or guardian. We ask that parents or guardians be in **close proximity** to the equipment when supervising their children. Thanks for your co-operation!

STUDENT DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

Our parking lot can be a very busy place, both, before and after school. We need your co-operation in ensuring the safety of our students. Please keep the following in mind:

► There is no parking in the drive-through area – this is both the bus loading zone and a fire route.



► Our parking lot is a no-idle zone – please turn your engine off when you are parked.

► You may stop your car in the drive-through area if your children do not require assistance when being dropped off – if they do need help, we ask that you park your car.

► If there are no parking spots left in the lot, you may park on the north side of Berkley Drive.

**Please remember that it is all about
SAFETY OVER CONVENIENCE.**

Please share this information with family members or friends who may be picking up your children.

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO
THE E.I. McCULLEY
COMMUNITY!**

(no school on Monday, Oct. 12th)



CHARACTER THEME FOR OCTOBER IS RESPONSIBILITY

For the month of October, we will be focusing on the character trait of RESPONSIBILITY. Being responsible means that others can depend on you, and you are accountable for your choices, your words and your actions. When things go wrong and you make a mistake, you try to make the situation better, and learn from your mistake, rather than make excuses for yourself. By taking responsibility for your actions, others can trust you. When you are responsible, you keep your agreements, and you give your best to any job that you do. When you are responsible you demonstrate self-discipline, and self-control. A rule to live by is "If you mess up, fess up". Abigail Van Buren (Dear Abby) offers the following advice to parents: If you want children to keep their feet on the ground, put some responsibility on their shoulders.

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE

Make sure you check out our new website at www.dsbnc.edu.on.ca/Schools/EIMcCulley/ You will find a great deal of important information. Some updates have yet to occur, so please check back often. Thanks to Mrs. Ditto for her work in getting us on-line!

DANCE-A-THON

We will be having our first ever Dance-a-thon on Friday, October 23rd. Information sheets and permission forms will be sent home the week of October 5th. Once permission forms are returned to the school, pledge sheets will be issued to students. Thanks in advance for supporting our students!



TERRY FOX FOUNDATION

We are pleased to announce that our school community raised \$250.00 for the Terry Fox Foundation through our school walk. Thanks to everyone who supported this worthwhile cause.

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION BULLETIN BOARD

A new bulletin board has been set up in the hallway by the main office for parent/guardian information. Please stop by have a look!

EVERY FRIDAY IS PIZZA DAY

\$1.00 a slice – money is due on Thursdays by 9 a.m. – no late orders accepted – no exceptions!



HALLOWE'EN PARADE

On Friday, October 30th, students will participate in a neighbourhood walk beginning at 1:40 p.m. This will be followed by penny games in the gymnasium.



ROOTS OF EMPATHY

We welcome baby Micah who along with his mother and a trained instructor will be part of the Roots of Empathy programme that is being offered to the students in Mrs. Resney's class. The aim of this programme is to build a caring society through developing empathy in children

PHOTO RETAKES are Friday, Oct. 16th

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9TH IS A PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DAY (no school for students)

SCHOOL NURSE

Our School Nurse is Glenda Kerrigan. She can be reached at 905-688-8248, ext. 7583.

JUNIOR CO-ED SOCCER

Mr. Shanahan, Mr. VanBreda and our soccer team have been working hard at both practices and during games. Team members are:

Dakota	Lucy	Jamie	Joshua
Oti	Travis	Dainon	Teeshk
Makayla	Mikayla	Monique	Michael



NO DOGS, PLEASE!

Due to allergies, fears and children's safety, we are asking parents to please refrain from bringing pets on school property. By doing this, you will be helping make our school a safe environment for all children.



STUDENT ARRIVAL ON RAINY DAYS

It would be helpful if students who walk or are driven to school could arrive as close to bell time as possible when it is raining. For our JK/SK p.m. students, supervision does not begin until 12:35 p.m., so please plan to arrive at that time. Thank you for your assistance.




OCTOBER NEWSLETTER DRAW

My child(ren) _____
Class(es) _____
and I have read the newsletter.

Question: *What is the date for the Dance-a-thon?*

Answer: _____

Signature: _____

 - Please answer the question and return this ballot to the office for a chance to win a prize!

September Newsletter Draw Winner

Congratulations to Faith in Gr. 1R

EQAO RESULTS FOR 2009

Our results for 2009 are shown below. On our P.A. Day next week, staff will be examining the particulars of our students' achievement on EQAO in order to better meet the needs of all students.

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