



GARRISON GAZETTE



Home of the Mighty Greyhounds!

From the Vice Principal's Desk

Ms. S. Cocco, Principal

December already? It's hard to believe that we've almost reached the end of 2011, and the holidays are almost here. Our students have already started getting the hallways and classrooms into festive shape!

It's great to see our staff, students, and community come together to achieve a great many things. We hope that the initiatives set out by our Me to We Club and Student Council will continue to enhance that school/community bond and help those in need, especially at this time of the year.

We were delighted to see all the parents and guardians who participated in the 'Parent/Teacher Interview' and 'Student Lead Conferencing' evening.

Holiday Family Skate

On Monday December 12th from 6:00pm to 7:00pm, our entire school community is invited to participate in the third annual Family Free Skate at the arena. Come out with the whole family and watch some of the Garrison Staff do their best to keep up with the kids!

Holiday Music Performance

A small group of students will be performing some Christmas music at the Dicken's Christmas celebration in Downtown Ridgeway on Dec 3 at 1:30-2:00 in front of Pacific Productions. We'd love to have GRS support in the audience! For more information, please contact Mrs. Anderson.

Mr. J. Clarke, Vice-Principal

Our staff enjoyed the opportunity to connect with you, and hopefully give you a clearer picture as to your child's progress. We sincerely hope that all parents feel welcome enough to come in at any time throughout the year to discuss their child's successes and next steps. Our staff pride themselves on being open and available when working with parents.

On behalf of the entire Garrison Road staff, we would like to wish all of you a safe, happy, and restful holiday season. We look forward to seeing everyone back and recharged on January 9th!

Mr. Clarke, Vice Principal



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INCLEMENT WEATHER

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In the event of inclement weather, the local radio stations will be notified regarding bus cancellations and school closures. The announcements will be made at approximately 7:00 a.m. Please refrain from calling the school. The following radio stations will have the news concerning the District School Board of Niagara. These announcements may also have information regarding our bus company, First Student.



LOCAL STATIONS: CKTB 610 CHSC1220, CJRN 710, CKEY FM 101.1

CHRE FM 105.7, CHTZ FM 97.7, GIANT 91.7 FM

HAMILTON STATIONS: CHML 950, CKOC 1150, CHAM 820, K-LITE FM 102.9

SNOW! SNOW! SNOW!

We know it's coming! Garrison Road's rule is "**leave it on the ground**". Please reinforce this at home. For the safety of all students, we remind them not to throw or kick snow. Each time you throw snow the incidences are tracked. Consequences will range from a verbal warning to loss of break, parent contact and removal of privileges. Each situation is dealt with considering mitigating factors. Using progressive discipline, formal suspension may result.

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

Students are outside for two twenty minute breaks. Hats, gloves, boots and warm jackets make this time more enjoyable.



Physical Activity

Did you know that Canadian children/youth ages six to 19 spend an average of 8.6 hours per day, or 62 per cent of their waking hours, being sedentary?

Here are some ways to help your children meet the recommended 60 minutes of moderate-to-vigorous physical activity each day:

- Limit recreational screen time to no more than two hours per day
- Encourage children and youth to play outdoors
- Play outside with your children:
 - Go for walks, hikes, build snowmen, go tobogganing
 - Introduce your child to skates or skis so they can learn to slide
 - Play catching games using a wide range of soft objects

For more information go to www.activehealthykids.ca or www.participaction.com



School Teams & Clubs

Intermediate Volleyball

Congratulations to the Int. girls volleyball team this year. This season the girls played a round robin league against our Fort Erie schools and came in third place. On Nov. 30 the girls traveled to Niagara-on-the-Lake to play in the DSNB tournament. Our Greyhounds played against 5 schools and won 2 games with very close scores. The girls played the best they've played all season and their skills shone through each match they played. Mrs. Mancuso and Madame Annibale would like to thank the girls for a great season and look forward to next year. Here are your 2011/2012 Intermediate girls volleyball players: Shannon T, Beth F, Saddle G, Maddie W, Madison W, Daylynn F, Carlen D, Aimee K and Skye T.

Junior Volleyball

Good luck the junior boys volleyball team as they tackle Stevensville in the city finals this week. The boys have had an exciting season finishing second after the round robin play. The junior girls have also had a great season, finishing third after round robin play but lost in the semi-finals to Stevensville. Congratulations to both teams for their tremendous efforts!

Intermediate Basketball

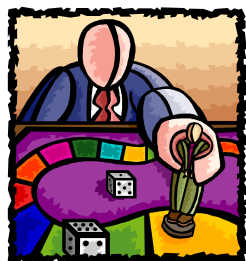
The Intermediate basketball season is quickly approaching and both Mr. Clarke (boys coach) and Mrs. Serianni (girls coach) anticipate great seasons from each team. Students are reminded to listen to the announcements for upcoming tryout/practice times.

Intermediate Coed Floor Hockey

The draft is over. Let the season begin! Intermediate students who signed up for our intramural floor hockey season will begin playing during first break throughout the winter months. Students are encouraged to listen to announcements and check the schedule posted outside the gym for game days.



Primary Games Club



Mrs. Chrastina and Mrs. Renshaw have started a games club for Primary students. The club meets every Tuesday during lunch with gr. 4 and 5 helpers led by Riley H. We would love donations of no longer used board games. We continue to encourage all GRS families to play board games together. It not only enhances math, reading and reasoning skills but family communication and enjoyment.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS



GARRISON ROAD GREYHOUNDS Student of the Month Award Winners

NOVEMBER

<i>Teacher</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Student of the Month</i>	<i>Tribes</i>
Ms. Fox	JSA-1	Matthew D	Serenity V
Ms. Fox	JSP-1	Bradeyn M	Lauren F
Mrs. McAlpine	JSA-2	McKenna T	Jake C
Mrs. McAlpine	JSP-2	Mackenzie A	Evelynn K
Mrs. Renshaw	1/2	Nadia L	Milena F
Mrs. VanHelvert	1	Makenna M	Garrett S
Mrs. Chrastina	2	Aurora F	Zoe S
Mrs. Tummillo	2	Abbie W	Lindsay E
Mrs. Thomas	3	Ella G	Kyia W
Mrs. Traves	3	Aiden B	Ben B
Ms. Wagnleithner	4	Elhum S	Jesse T
Ms. Olesvich	4/5	Cole D	Nicholas R
Mrs. Mancuso	5/6	Madison H	Ethan M
Mrs. Serianni	6	Turner P	Emily K
Mr. Wilcox	7	Daylynn F	Liam J
Mrs. Gracey	7/8	Cassandra L	Kaitlyn R
Mrs. Graves	8	Justice M	Katie B
Mrs. Annibale/ Mr. Salmon	FSL - Junior	Caitlin D	Harley S
Mrs. Annibale	FSL - Intermediate	Cassandra L	Miranda O

Book Fair a Hit!

Mrs. Spurrell is excited to report that at our November Book Fair, students, staff, and parents purchased just under \$3500 worth of books. The profits generated entitles Garrison Road to purchase around \$1700 worth of new books. Happy Reading Greyhounds!

Me To We Club News

The Me To We club's winter coat drive was a great success as 5 garbage bags full of coats were donated by the community.

The Me To We Club will be holding a Christmas Bazaar on Tuesday December 20th during period 1, 2 and 3. Primary students will be able to come down to the DPA room and purchase Christmas presents for their families for either \$1.00, \$2.00, or \$3.00. The presents will be wrapped and ready for the students to take home and place under the tree! All proceeds for this event will go toward the Me To We Club's goal of buying a well in Kenya. Thank you in advance for your support, Mrs. Zolli.

Student Council Holiday Drive

As we have done every year, Student Council will be organizing a Christmas drive. We will be collecting New Toys, Canadian Tire Money, and Food to donate to Kinettes and Cope. The Drive will begin on Monday December 5th and continue until just before the break.



At this time of year we should all try to remember those who need our help. We encourage everyone to participate.

Grade 7 Hunger Games

On November 18 Mr. Wilcox's Grade 7 Hunger Hounds visited Woodend to participate in the Hunger Games. The day was comprised of outdoor challenges mirrored the novel bearing the same title, as well as being both educational and cooperative in nature.

