



GARRISON GAZETTE



Home of the Mighty Greyhounds!

From the Vice Principal's Desk

Mr. S. Webb, Principal

Happy New Year and welcome to 2012! We hope that everyone in the Garrison Road community enjoyed a restful holiday break. Even though we are well into the school year at this point, the new year brings about an opportunity to reflect on our accomplishments, start with a new atti-

Mr. J. Clarke, Vice-Principal

tude, and take on new challenges. January is an excellent time for parents and children to set their educational goals for the upcoming term. Best of luck in 2012, Greyhounds!

Mr. Clarke, Vice Principal



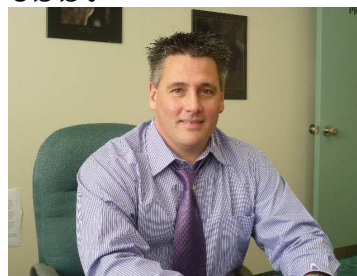
**January 10th,
2012**

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Welcome to Garrison Road, Mr. Webb!

As we bid a fond farewell to Miss Cocco, we would like to officially welcome Mr. Webb as the new leader of our Greyhound pack! Mr. Webb not only brings a wealth of knowledge to the role, but as a member of the greater Fort Erie Community, has already established many positive relationships with staff, students and parents. We all look forward to working with Mr. Webb as we continue to grow as a school.



We're on the Web!!

[www.dsbn.edu.on.ca/
Schools/GarrisonRoad](http://www.dsbn.edu.on.ca/Schools/GarrisonRoad)

We are Counting Down to Kindergarten!

Children who will be four years of age or older by December 31 are eligible to enroll in Kindergarten starting September 2012.

Going to school for the first time is a major step for children and their parents. At the DSNB, families start that journey together at the 'Kindergarten Countdown' open houses. Families can visit our school, meet the kindergarten teacher, and receive a gift bag filled with fun learning resources and information that will help children develop school readiness skills.



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Mark your calendar for Thursday, February 2, 2012 from 4-6 p.m. for our Kindergarten Countdown open house. Visit www.dsbn.org and click on "Kindergarten Registration" for all the details!



District School Board of Niagara Expanding French Immersion for 2012

The District School Board of Niagara is pleased to now offer French Immersion beginning at the Grade 4 level across the system. In addition, as of September 2012, we will be implementing a Grade One French Immersion Pilot at 5 locations. As well as the new grade 4 entry, Grade 5 entry will continue across the Board for the 2012-2013 school year (Grade 7 entry will continue in St. Catharines and Niagara-on-the-Lake).

Information re: entry levels and the application process is on the DSBN website www.dsb.org. Click on the Parent Tab, under Programs, click on French and International Languages, click on French Immersion Registration. Applications for Grades 1, 4, 5 and 7 (at select schools) will be online. Application packages will also be available at your child's school starting January 9, 2012. Further program information will be sent home with your child in January.

“The ability to communicate in French is a valuable skill, because French is **one** of Canada's two official languages and because it is a language used widely around the world. Research confirms that knowledge of a second language strengthens first-language skills and that the ability to speak two or more languages generally enhances reasoning and problem solving skills, as well as creative-thinking skills. Learning a second language not only strengthens students' ability to communicate, but also develops their capacity to understand and respect other cultures. In this way, second-language learning prepares students to participate more effectively in the workplace and in the global economy, and provides them with a distinct advantage in a number of careers, both in Canada and internationally.” (pg 3 of the E.F./F.I. Curriculum Document (C.D.) 2001)

Parent Information Evenings will take place during the weeks of January 30 – February 10th. If you wish to find out more details about the French Immersion program, please attend one of the Information Evenings listed below or call your school.

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| Central | January 30, 2012 | 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. |
| Alexandra | January 30, 2012 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. |
| Parliament Oak | January 31, 2012 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. |
| Dalewood | January 31, 2012 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. |
| McKay | January 31, 2012 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. |
| Prince Philip (Niagara Falls) | February 1, 2012 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. |
| Sheridan Park | February 1, 2012 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. |
| Gordon | February 6, 2012 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. |
| Princess Elizabeth | February 6, 2012 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. |
| Oakridge | February 6, 2012 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. |
| Briardale | February 7, 2012 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. |
| Queen Mary | February 7, 2012 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. |
| John Marshall | February 8, 2012 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. |

Bienvenue!

Junior Volleyball

Congratulations boys for a great season of volleyball and finished second in in the finals. The boys worked hard and improved their skills. Madame Annibale and Mrs. Mancuso want to thank you for all your hard work and dedication. Team members include Darcy, Joel, Ethan, Cole, Braeden, Spencer, Conner, Jacob, Tim, Luke, Zack, Daniel, Griffin and Kaleb

Intermediate Basketball Teams

Congratulations to the following students on successfully making the intermediate basketball teams. Good luck this season!

Girls: Beth F., Carlen D., Alex M., Daylynn F., Brooke R., Riley W., Katrina W., Alexis D., Shannon T., Miranda O., and Natasha P.

Boys: Andrew C., Dakota M., Hunter G., Lucas C., Brenden B., Jake C., Devon B., Elijah R., Bryan K., Dante B., Carson W., and Dirk B



Me To We Club News

The Me To We Club would like to say a sincere thank you to everyone who donated to our cause! During the Christmas Bazaar we raised \$45.00 and through our teacher gift program we raised over \$400.00! We are well on our way to making a difference in the lives of children on the other side of the world! Thanks again from Mrs. Zolli and the Me To We Club.

Your Future is Here!

Grade 8 students and their families are invited to attend High School Open Houses in January 2012. Fort Erie Secondary will be holding it's Open House on Thursday, January 19th at 6:30pm. For a full list of open house dates, times and details, please go to www.dsbns.org.

Another Movie Night @ Garrison

Mark your calendars folks! Mrs. Renshaw is organizing another Movie Night on Friday January 27th at 6:30pm for our families to attend. The movie has yet to be determined so watch and listen for an upcoming announcement and reminders as we get closer to the date.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

GARRISON ROAD GREYHOUNDS Student of the Month Award Winners

DECEMBER

| <i>Teacher</i> | <i>Grade</i> | <i>Student of the Month</i> | <i>Tribes</i> |
|------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Ms. Fox | JSA-1 | Allaura L | Avery P |
| Ms. Fox | JSP-1 | Sophia K | Charlie S |
| Mrs. McAlpine | JSA-2 | Bobby B | Xayvior L |
| Mrs. McAlpine | JSP-2 | Noah G | Hailey H |
| Mrs. Renshaw | 1/2 | Owen G | Hailey M |
| Mrs. VanHelvert | 1 | Emmah G | Morgan T |
| Mrs. Chrastina | 2 | Brayden H | Sarah S |
| Mrs. Tummillo | 2 | Hannah S | Sinead T |
| Mrs. Thomas | 3 | Arwyn T | Megan B |
| Mrs. Traves | 3 | Mikayla C | Bella F |
| Ms. Wagnleithner | 4 | Braeden E | Taylor M |
| Ms. Olesevich | 4/5 | Caitlin Y | Erik T |
| Mrs. Mancuso | 5/6 | Darcy A | Hannah W |
| Mrs. Serianni | 6 | Rebecca S | Kristiana H |
| Mr. Wilcox | 7 | Matthew K | Kent P |
| Mrs. Gracey | 7/8 | Justine E | Medora C |
| Mrs. Graves | 8 | Bryan K | Saddie G |
| Mrs. Annibale/ Mr. Salmon | FSL - Junior | Brendan L | Brady L |
| Mrs. Annibale | FSL - Intermediate | Katie B | Natasha P |

Making a Difference

A special thank you goes out to all the primary students for helping to make a difference in the lives of those touched with cancer.

The group of grade 5 students (Carlie P, Joel C., Darcy A., Olivia G., Madison H., Emily W., Shannah M., Hannah W.) worked hard to make items they could sell to

fundraise for Breast and Lung Cancer. They made \$345.00 and should be commended for their achievements.



“Hey Parents! Do you know what your kids are watching?”

Young people look to celebrities for reassurance about their fashion and behaviour.

The evidence is clear....

The more youth see smoking in movies, the more likely they are to start smoking.

Ways to Protect our Kids

Be aware of what your children are viewing and learn which movies have smoking in them.

Updates available every Thursday at facebook.com/hookedbyhollywood.

Talk to your children about tobacco and movies and teach them to be media aware.

Show your support to get tobacco out of youth-rated films in Ontario at smokefreemovies.ca.

Spread the word to other parents and join the discussion on facebook and twitter.

www.smokefreemovies.ca

facebook.com/hookedbyhollywood

Meet Our New Caretaker!

We are absolutely thrilled to welcome Mrs. Amanda Adams to the Garrison family as our dedicated new head caretaker. She took over from Mr. Irvine in December and the school continues to look spectacular. Thanks for the work you do to make our school awesome!!



Vaccines and Elementary School Children

Niagara Region Public Health is conducting an annual review of vaccination records for all elementary school children in the Niagara region. **If the vaccination information we have on file for your child is NOT complete, you will receive a letter and questionnaire from us in the mail later this month (January, 2012).**

Please follow the instructions for reporting your child's vaccinations to us, as outlined in the letter. Various options for reporting are available.

If your child is overdue for one or more vaccinations, you will need to make an appointment with your child's doctor to get your child vaccinated. You can also make an appointment for your child at one of Public Health's General Immunization Clinics by calling 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7425.

If you are a parent/guardian not wishing to vaccinate your child, you will need to provide Niagara Region Public Health with an original legal exemption document.

Students under 18 years of age attending Ontario schools must have proof of immunization against diphtheria, tetanus, polio, measles, mumps, and rubella (German measles). We are required to have this information by law (*Immunization of School Pupils Act, 1990*). **Please provide us with your child's missing vaccination information by March 8, 2012 or your child may be suspended from school.**

For more information, please call the Vaccine Preventable Disease Program at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7425.