



GARRISON GAZETTE



Home of the Mighty Greyhounds!

From the Vice Principal's Desk

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Happy November everyone! Congratulations to all the students, parents, and staff that made October a fantastic, and jam packed month! Now that the excitement of Halloween has passed, and we say goodbye to most of our warm weather, we get to look forward to all the excitement that November brings. As usual, there is a lot planned for the students and families in our school, so stay in touch. One of the ways that you can stay connected to your child's classroom is through the classroom website that many of our teachers are using. With parent teacher interviews on the evening of the 17th, we look forward to having that time to talk face to face about what happening within the classroom. We hope you find that time valuable, and make use of it to ask spe-

cific questions about your child's educational experience. Again this year, some teachers and classes will be doing 'Student-Led-Conferencing' instead of a traditional interview. Teachers are still available for input during a student-led conference, but the emphasis is on the student to identify what they need to do to make improvements. If you feel that a face-to face interview with your child's teacher is something that you would benefit from, then please feel empowered to contact your teacher at any time during the year. Our staff work hard to make themselves available for parents throughout the year.

Mr. Clarke, Vice Principal

Remembrance Day

In Remembrance of the Canadians that have served, and continue to serve our country, we will be having a memorial assembly at 10:30 in the morning of November 11th. There will be a performance by our primary choir and guest speakers, as well as wreath dedications. Parents and family members are welcome to attend our assembly.



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Garrison Students Attend the 6th Annual Holocaust Symposium and Anti-Discrimination Day (by Ryan George, Grade 7)

On Wednesday November 2nd, 2011 43 Intermediate students went to Centennial Secondary School in Welland to learn more about the Holocaust, prejudice and discrimination first hand.

The Holocaust was not an accident in history-it occurred because people and organizations and governments made choices that not only legalized discrimination but also allowed prejudice, hatred, and ultimately, mass murder, to occur.

In the morning students at the Symposium listened to keynote speaker, Mrs. Kathy Kacer who is an author of over 15 books including: "Laura's Twin" and "The Secrets of Gabi's Dresser". She discussed her new book "To Hope and Back" which is about the SS St. Louis, a ship carrying 937 Jewish refugees that was denied access to North America and a safe haven only to be returned to Europe, where most passengers perished in the camps.

Students then heard from several different speakers in mini workshops. Holocaust survivor Mrs. Faigie Libman was one of the fabulous and interesting guest speakers. Mrs. Libman survived the Holocaust in Lithuania. She spoke to some lucky kids about her survival in the concentration camps and the ghetto. There were lots of other speakers including: Mr. Andy Reti- Hungarian Holocaust survivor, Mr. Bill Glied- Serbian Holocaust survivor, Mr Gershon Willinger- Dutch Holocaust survivor, Mrs Rosalie Samosh- Combating Racism Today, Ms. Stephanie Vail - Homophobia. Students also heard from the group, Oomama who support Grandmother raising children orphaned by the HIV/ AIDS crisis in Africa, and Mrs. Anne Converset who gave a workshop on being a bystander. Mr. Ken Manhamo discussed positive interactions between people no matter their colour or beliefs and talked to students about growing up in Zimbabwe.

The second key note speaker was Ms. Lara Brady & Mr. George Brady and they talked about a story called "Hana's Suitcase" about George's little sister and what happened to her during the Holocaust, and how her story is helping kids worldwide understand some of the issues during the Holocaust. Hana did not survive but students heard about how George survived the holocaust and what happened to him.

I went to this amazing experience and I loved it, it was very factual and inspiring to listen and interact with the survivors of the Holocaust and I suggest to all if they ever get a chance to go because it is very interesting.

School Teams & Clubs

Cross Country



Congratulations to the members of the cross country team, who participated in the DSBN meet on October 12th. Despite the damp and rainy conditions, we had some great finishes from our Greyhound runners. In the Atom division (2km), Ethan C. finished 4th and Kailee B. finished 93th, while Midget competitor (3.5km) Dante B. crossed the line in 67th. The entire team is to be congratulated on a terrific season and a big thank you goes out to our coaches, Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Traves, for their time and efforts.

Intermediate Volleyball



The boys played well during the regular season games, placing first in their division. The boys will be practicing for their upcoming playoff games in addition to participating in a tournament at E.L. Crossley SS on Friday November 10. The team will also have to play a pregame against Princess Margaret at Princess Margaret on November 15 to see if they can qualify for the DSBN tournament. Good luck boys and congratulations on successful season. Team members include; Dakota, Devon, Darrel, Dirk, Hunter, Carson, Elijah, Clark, Sean and Austin. A big thank you goes to Mr. Wilcox for investing his time as coach.

The intermediate girls volleyball team has also had a very exciting and productive regular season, finishing with a record of 3-1. The girls are participated in the E.L. Crossley tournament on Friday November 4th. The girls finished the tournament with two wins and two losses and are now preparing for their playoffs and DSBN tournament qualifying game. Congratulations and good luck go to Aimee, Madison, Maddie, Saddle, Skye, Daylynn, Carlen, Beth, Shannon. Thank you to Mrs. Mancuso and Mme Annibale for your hard work as coaches.

Junior Volleyball

Both the junior boys and junior girls are about to begin their seasons. With the teams picked, and several great practices under their belts, this season promises to be very successful for both boys and girls teams.

Primary Intramural Soccer

Every Friday at second break, many of our primary students are trying to “*Bend it like Beckham*” as they compete in intramural indoor soccer. There are 8 teams that are both coached and refereed with the help of some of our grade 6 students. A big thank you goes to Mrs. Renshaw for being the coordinator of the activity.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS



GARRISON ROAD GREYHOUNDS
Student of the Month Award Winners

OCTOBER

<i>Teacher</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Student of the Month</i>	<i>Tribes</i>
Ms. Fox	JSA-1		Carter P
Ms. Fox	JSP-1	Tegan B	Dakota F
Mrs. McAlpine	JSA-2	Jaden D	Taylor D
Mrs. McAlpine	JSP-2	Abby C	Meah S
Mrs. Renshaw	1/2	Christopher D	Cami M
Mrs. VanHelvert	1	Owen H	Melanie N
Mrs. Chrastina	2	Jack D	Aaron M
Mrs. Tummillo	2	Riley H	Tyson L
Mrs. Thomas	3	Noah K	Tanner C
Mrs. Traves	3	Richie Y	Abbey G
Ms. Wagnleithner	4	Madison M	Emily T
Ms. Olesvich	4/5	Brenden L	Joseph L
Mrs. Mancuso	5/6	Joel C	Samantha M
Mrs. Serianni	6	Kayla S	Daniel T
Mr. Wilcox	7	Dirk B	Sianna D
Mrs. Gracey	7/8	Beth F	Bailey M
Mrs. Graves	8	Aidan W	Alex M
Mrs. Annibale/ Mr. Salmon	FSL - Junior	Nicky K	Jesse T
Mrs. Annibale	FSL - Intermediate	Lauryn F	Shannon T



Book Fair

Come one, come all to the Garrison Road **Book Fair**, which runs from **November 15th to November 17th**. During this period, students will be provided the opportunity to preview, create wish lists and make purchases. The Fair will also be open on the evening of the 17th, coinciding with parent-teacher interview night. Great deals! Hot new titles! Timeless classics! There is sure to be something for everyone!

Me To We Club Winter Coat Drive

The **Me To We** club is holding a **winter coat drive** on November 14th, 15th, and 16th. If you have a winter coat at home that doesn't fit anymore and you would like to donate it to a person in need, please drop the coat off in the donation bins located in the school foyer. We will be accepting winter coats for babies, children and adults. Mrs. Zolli would like to thank you in advance for your support and for your donations!

Family Halloween Dance Night

Once again, thank you to all the students, families, and teachers who came out to our 'Family Night Halloween Dance'! The turn-out was superb, and there was a lot of fun had by all who attended.

Please Read Labels!!!

Attention parents! Please be extra vigilant in reading the labels on the food items that you send to school with your child. Garrison Road remains a nut free school and as such we need to be very cautious when packing foods in order to ensure the safety of our children.

Magazine Fundraiser

Our School Council coordinated a magazine fundraiser which began on October 5th and ran until October 15th. We'd like to congratulate all who participated in the fundraiser, as we **sold an incredible \$11 637.00** and that doesn't include any online orders that were placed! As a school we could potentially accumulate **over \$4 600.00 in profit** from this fundraiser! Way to go Greyhounds! And thanks, Mrs. Mahoney, for your assistance with the processing of the orders/money!



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.

Trick or Treat, or Food To Eat?

By Alexis Davis, Katrina Waters and Medora Cote

On Monday, October 31st, 6 intermediate students from our school decided that it was more important to collect canned food than it was to collect candy. Last year about 3 million Canadians were considered poor, about one in ten. Of those, more than 600 000 were children. A staggering 867 948 Canadians relied on food banks in just November of last year alone. How can you go house to house to collect chocolate bars when others can't afford to feed their families?

Halloween for Hunger was started by Professor Jonathan White of Bridgewater State University in Boston Massachusetts and was adopted by Free the Children in October of 2000. It is an annual campaign with the goal of alleviating hunger while raising awareness about global poverty. Halloween for hunger addressed poverty at the local level by encouraging young people to collect non-perishable food items instead of candy on Halloween night.

The six kids who decided to take charge in this spectacular evening were: Katrina W., Quincey T., Medora C., Kayla T., Alexis D., and Brooke R.. This was an amazing experience for all of us to participate Halloween for Hunger. We decided to join because we realized how many people were starving and dying all around the world. They could be living from what we throw away. We created flyers to take around to our neighbours to prepare for the night in advance. We collected 295 canned goods all together, in just two hours, despite the fact that it turned out to be a rainy night. We all appreciate Mrs. Cote and Mrs. Waters for being our drivers this night. Also Mrs. Gracey who encouraged us to join, if it weren't for her we would have never of heard of Halloween for Hunger. A big thank you to the Garrison Road Community for donating food to our cause. The food went to COPE a local food bank.

