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October 2018

Thanks for a great start!

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all members of our school community for a positive start to our school year. We are most appreciative of all families that were directly affected by our reorganization. Along with our wonderful staff, we were able to ensure a smooth transition for all students. All of our teachers have been working hard to establish routines in our classrooms and maximize student learning.

We have already had students participating in some intramural and inter-school athletics and engagement and enthusiasm among students and staff is great! Our Stand Up Committee (led by Mrs. Renshaw) organized a rele-

vant and meaningful assembly for our student body which emphasized respect and anti-bullying. Our Me to We Club is under way and ten members (with Mrs. Furry) made the trip to Toronto for We Day! This newsletter includes some important information about upcoming events as well as recognition for some students who have already gotten involved in athletics!

Between newsletters, please check the Garrison Road [web site](#) for important information! Also feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns!

Mrs. Racey & Mrs. Rice



Allergy Alert—We need your help! *Read this please*

To help protect children with severe allergies to peanuts and nuts from having an allergic reaction and anaphylactic shock that can be life threatening, please do not send any products containing nuts or nut oil to school for lunches or snacks. If your son/daughter packs his/her own lunch, please discuss

these important expectations at home!

If your son or daughter is in a class with an individual who has another serious allergy, that will have been communicated separately.

In addition, due to these and other food allergies, we request that you check with your child's

teacher prior to sending treats to be shared with classmates.

Thank you for your cooperation with keeping our school safe for all!

ALLERGY ALERT

Cross Country Runners Make Garrison Road Proud

Garrison Road was well-represented by more than thirty runners at the Area Cross Country Races which were held at Fireman's Park on September 26th. Satisfaction from completing the challenging races was the greatest reward for their hard work and dedication. All of our runners will have another meet on

October 3 at Fireman's Park. A big thank you to Mrs. Thomas and Mr. Warkentin for supporting these runners.

Atoms—Bryson B, Evan C, Jack D, Peyton D, Alyson N, , Trent F, Gavin G, Ryan G, Rocco G, Dekin H, Zakery MacN, Josh N, Easton S, Cam S

Peewees—Karsten C, Madden G, Kendall L

Bantams—Jake C, Noah G, Aiden N, Lucas P

Midgets—Gavin A, Kian B, Alex B, Jase B, Branden C, Hunter H, Owen H, Matthew S, Owen S

Thanks also to marshalls Brock B, Mackenzie C, Owen H



Teamwork Pays Off For Co-Ed Soccer Teams



In recent weeks, Garrison Road sent teams to two different co-ed soccer tournament held. The Intermediate team played on September 20th and the Junior team on September 27th. Both teams placed 3rd and their effort in practices and teamwork were evident.

The teams consisted of

the following students:
 Junior—Danny A, Mackenzie A, Bobby B, Tianna B, Tate D, Kendall L, Lucas L, Taylor P, Brady M, Maddox M, Sam S, Brayden S, Noah S, Gavin V, Julia V, Karma V, Nate W, Morgan Y.

Intermediate—Brock B, Jase B, Branden C, Emma G, Noah G, Ved-

der H, Hunter H, Owen H, Kendall L (Gr 6), Jaelyn L, Makenna M, Taylor P (Gr 5), Lucas P, Joséah S, Matthew S, Owen S, Nathan Z.

Thank you to Mme Amato, Mrs. Schoonings, and Mr. Timbers for their support of all players!

Intramurals Under Way

In September, Junior students participated in intramural soccer during breaks. This month, forty Intermediate students are participating in intramural volleyball! Thanks to Mr. Warkentin who organizes this healthy and fun breaktime activity!





Grade 8 Students and Families—Save the Date!

At DSBN high schools, students are the stars! From November 26-29, see all the opportunities schools offer to help students achieve success and #Instafame. Visit DSBN.org/highschoolopenhouses for a full list of dates and times for DSBN high school open houses.

The Greater Fort Erie Secondary School Open House is *November 27th* at 6 p.m. See you on the red carpet!

Terry Fox

On September 28, the students and staff at Garrison Road participated in the Terry Fox run/walk. We had a fun time raising funds for such a great cause.

At the time of his run, Terry Fox hoped that

each Canadian would donate one dollar to cancer research. At Garrison Road, our students donated different coins for each day of the week leading up to our run. Our students and their families brought in more than

\$1000 for the Terry Fox Foundation. This equates to more than \$2 for each of our nearly 500 students. Thank you so much to our community for supporting this worthwhile charity. We think Terry Fox would be proud!



Parent Council

The Parent Council/PTA for the 2018-2019 school year held its first meeting on September 26th. At that meeting we established this year's executive and discussed matters relating to the learning agenda, school function,

and fundraising opportunities. We are looking forward to a successful year and productive year and welcome all parents and guardians to these meetings. Please consider joining us!

Our Parent Council Chair

is Meaghan Coopman.

Note: We are looking for Bingo Volunteers! This is a very easy way to help raise a lot of funds for our school! Contact the school if you think you can devote 2 or 4 hours a month!

Dress Purple Day

October is *Child Abuse Prevention Month* and Wednesday, October 24, 2018 is *Dress Purple Day*, a provincial day of action when students and staff are encouraged to wear purple and show your support for child abuse prevention. This year's message is "Every Child and Youth has a Right to Safety and Well-Being". We encourage our Greyhound community to "dress purple" on Wednesday, October 24!



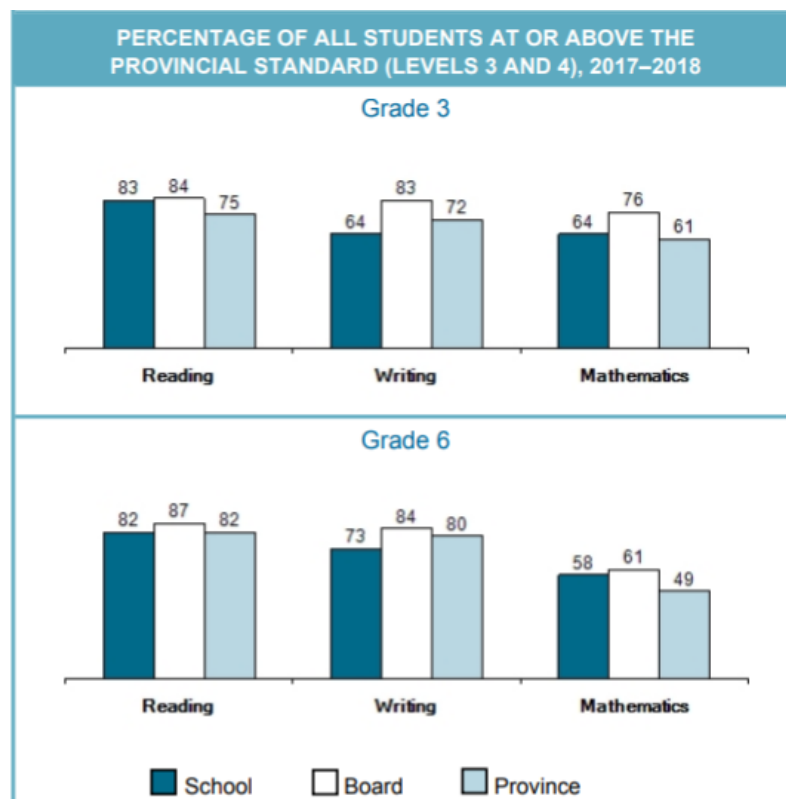
Spring 2018 EQAO Results

In May and June 2018, our Grade 3 and Grade 6 students wrote the Primary and Junior assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics. Please see our school's results [online](#) or summarized below. The

graphs compare the results of our students to those of the District School Board of Niagara and of the entire province. Individual students' results will be sent home to those who participated in the as-

sessments. During our PA Day this month, staff will review our results and will begin to set goals for improvement.

Education Quality and Accountability Office



DSBN Parent Involvement Conference

Registration for this year's Parent Involvement Committee Conference is only available [online](#). If you are interested in attending this

worthwhile event, and are unable to register online or need some support in doing so, please stop by the office and we will support

you in registering for this amazing evening of learning and free workshops!





Keeping Our School Safe and Healthy

If you have a child with a Prevalent Medical Condition (Anaphylaxis, Asthma, Diabetes, and/or Epilepsy) we want to make sure we have a current Plan of Care to support your child. The Plan of Care form is a new document that replaces the Emergency Action Plan. All parents of children with Prevalent Medical Conditions are asked to fill out the new Plan of Care and submit to the school. You can download the forms here dsbn.org/prevalent-medical-conditions. For more information, please contact the office.

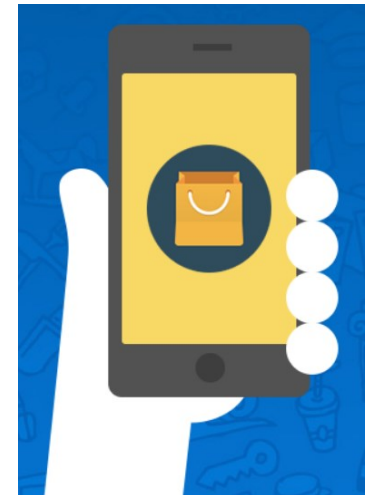
School Cash Online

With School Cash Online, you will be able to approve permission forms and make payments for items online. Understanding that we're quickly becoming a cashless society, we know it can sometimes be a challenge to find exact change for items and then send it to school through your child's backpack. Using School Cash Online, you'll be able to use your debit, credit card or echeque to make

quick and easy payments online. It will also allow you to track payments made and receive an invoice for your purchases.

School Cash Online is a safe, reliable portal that will ensure the security of your information. The system is already active. You are able to gain access through the [School Cash](#) button which has been placed on our school website. We are asking that you click on the button and

follow the simple instructions to register. Registration should take less than five minutes. If you registered last year, you do not need to register again! If you require some assistance registering for School Cash Online, please visit the office and we will be happy to help you get started!.



Canadian Cognitive Abilities Test

All Grade 4 students will take the Canadian Cognitive Abilities Test during the period of October 9 and 22, 2018. This assessment helps to identify individual student needs and abilities to ensure appropriate programs are provided as well as information about student strengths in verbal, quantitative, and non-verbal reasoning. The assessment provides a benchmark as students complete future achievement tests, whether these tests are teacher-generated, board-wide or provincial.

Free Money For Your Child's Future

What is the Canada Learning Bond (CLB)?

The Canada Learning Bond (CLB) is a government program that gives \$500 in education money to children born on or after January 1, 2004 whose families receive the Canada Child Benefit Supplement (family net income of \$45,916 or less or more based on number of children).

Sound good? Keep reading...

- ⇒ The Government will add \$100 more every year the child is eligible, up to age 15.
- ⇒ Each child could get up to \$2000 (plus interest) in RESP contributions!
- ⇒ NO family contribution is required

⇒ The Canada Learning Bond is retroactive for children born 2004 or after

Great! Here is How You Get Started:

Go to: StartMyRESP.ca/EFNiagara



DreamBox Learning!



Please note: We recommend that students work on DreamBox independently! If you watch your child work on it and you think it is too hard, please let us know!

Students in Kindergarten through Grade 8 have access to DreamBox Learning®'s Math Program. This is an online, Intelligent Adaptive Learning™ program that helps all students improve proficiency, conceptual understanding, and automaticity related to the K-8 curriculum. The student driven learning environment differentiates content, pace, and sequence for the highest

levels of student achievement so every student can learn to think critically, understand math deeply and have confidence in their math thinking. We strongly recommend that all of our students in Kindergarten through Grade 8 access DreamBox for about 60 minutes weekly and that sessions are at least 20 minutes in length.

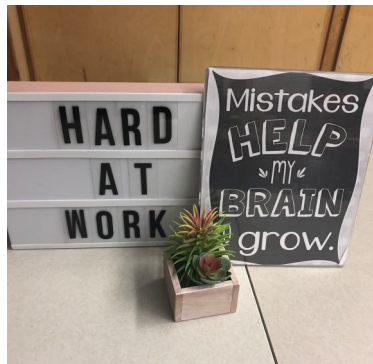
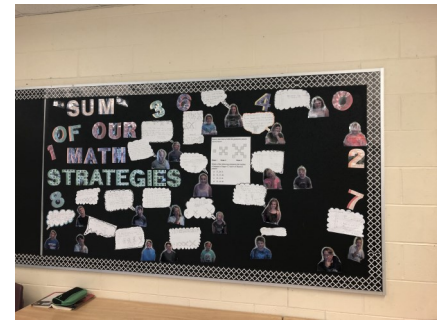
Your child can access DreamBox Learning from any computer, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week using the following link:

<https://play.dreambox.com/login/42cv/garrisonrp>

To access DreamBox on iPad, go to <http://www.dreambox.com/ipad>, or search for "DreamBox Math" in the App Store. Use this School Code: **42cv/garrisonrp**

Open House

On September 20th, from 5—6:30 p.m. we welcomed families to our school to check out classrooms and meet staff. Turnout on that evening was great! In case you missed it, here are a few pictures of our learning spaces!





Garrison Road Staff

With our reorganization, Mr. Timbers has moved into our Grade 3/4 class as homeroom teacher. We are also very pleased that Ms. Vigna will now be full time in Grade 1. We welcome Ms. Maiuri to Garrison Road Public School but she is currently on a leave and therefore we welcome Ms. Harasty until Spring.

Staff

L. McAlpine	KDG1
J. Tummillo	KDG2
A. Beteau (Stouffer)	KDG3
S. Mcphee	1-1
K. Vigna	1-2
P. Renshaw	2-1
K. VanHelvert	2-2
E. Anderson	2/3
S. Thomas	3-1
R. Timbers	3/4
M. Brewster	4-1
R. Barnhardt	4/5
C. Wilcox	5/6
A. Schoonings	6-1
L. Sally	6-2
R. Gracey	7-1
D. Warkentin	8-1
M. Furry	8-2
J. Rossi	BRIDGE
N. Amato	SEF1
J. Arnold	SEF2 (LTO)
D. Garvey	SEF3
H. Wagnleithner	SEFS
K. Spurrell	SESP
T. Reece	Core French (LTO)
C. Cassidy	Teacher Librarian
L. Harasty	Prep (LTO)
T. Garrah	Prep
F. Beifuss	LRT
S. Traves	LRT (0.75)/Prep (0.25)

A. Foresi	EA
S. Severin	EA
J. Bervoets	EA
J. Meredith	EA
N. Hasmatali	EA (0.5)
B. Carver	EA
S. Thompson	EA
B. Garrels	EA
A. Marko	EA
L. Fretz	EA
B. Naundorff	EA BRIDGE
J. Bosnjak	DECE
J. Tisi-Strohak	DECE (LTO)
A. Scheffold	DECE
W. Williamson	Head Caretaker
S. Foebel	Assistant Caretaker
H. Fisko	Assistant Caretaker
K. Brisbois	Secretary
A. Wright	Secretary
K. Racey	Principal
S. Traves	Vice Principal
C. Hartzema	Noon Hour Supervisor
H. Pollard	Noon Hour Supervisor
J. Pollard	Noon Hour Supervisor
M. Milton	Instructional Coach
J. Grundy	Youth Counsellor
L. Ralston	Social Worker

Please mark your calendars...

- October 1—Orange Shirt Day
- October 3—Cross Country
- October 5—Professional Development Day (No School)
- October 8—Thanksgiving Day Holiday (No School)
- October 15—17—Grade 8 Trip to Muskoka Woods
- October 16—Kindergarten Dental Fluoride Day (Look for consent forms!)
- October 16—DSBN Cross Country
- October 19—Picture Day
- October 23—Grade 7 Vaccination Clinic
- October 23—Parent Council Meeting
- October 24—Dress Purple Day
- October 26—Twin/Triplet/Quadruplet Day
- October 26—Me to We/Student Recognition Assembly
- October 30—Junior Skating
- October 31—K—3 Halloween Parade
- October 31—Me to We/We Scare Hunger (5—9 p.m.)



Elementary School Year Calendar 2018-2019

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■ Professional Development Day
 ■ Holiday
 ■ Early Release Day

IMPORTANT DATES

- September 3, 2018 Labour Day
- September 4, 2018 First Day of School
- September 14, 2018 Early Release Day
- October 5, 2018 Professional Development Day
- October 8, 2018 Thanksgiving Day
- November 16, 2018 Professional Development Day
- December 24, 2018 - January 4, 2019 Winter Break
- January 7, 2019 First Day of Class After Winter Break
- January 18, 2019 Professional Development Day
- February 15, 2019 Professional Development Day
- February 18, 2019 Family Day
- March 11 - 15, 2019 March Break
- April 19, 2019 Good Friday
- April 22, 2019 Easter Monday
- May 17, 2019 Professional Development Day
- May 20, 2019 Victoria Day
- June 7, 2019 Professional Development Day
- June 27, 2019 Last Day of School for Students
- June 28, 2019 Professional Development Day

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Professional Development Day

It will be a Professional Development Day across the entire District School Board of Niagara on Friday, October 5th. This will mark the beginning of Thanksgiving weekend for our students. Students will not attend school on Friday and there will be no school on Thanksgiving Monday either. Students will return to school on Tuesday, October 9th. We wish

our students and their families an excellent long weekend!

Please mark this day on your calendar so that arrangements can be made for child care. The [2018-2019 Elementary School Year Calendar](#) can be found on the DSBN web site. There you can find dates of holidays and Professional Development Days.