



GARRISON GAZETTE



Home of the Mighty Greyhounds!

From the Vice Principal's Desk

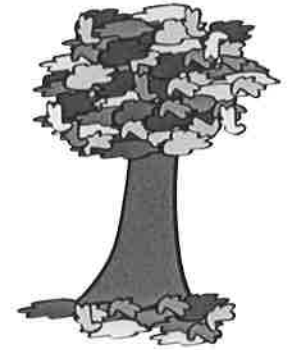
Ms. S. Cocco, Principal Mr. J. Clarke, Vice-Principal

Happy October everyone! It is s hard to believe that the first month of school has come and gone! It has been a very busy month at Garrison Road with a few special events and extra-curricular activities getting into full swing. It was great to see so many people at our Open House the third week of school. I hope you all had an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and were able to put the names to faces of other staff members. This is a great beginning to establishing that all important parent/teacher relationship. Try to keep in frequent touch with your child's teacher through the use of your child's agenda or call to make an appointment to speak with the teacher

before or after school. Should you have any questions or concerns about your child's program or progress, please contact us so that we can work together to ensure your child's success. Many of our programs are up and running. The intermediate coed soccer team participated in a tournament and played very well. Our Breakfast Program is well under way. Thank you to all you have volunteered to help out this year. You are invaluable to our school, students and staff. It's going to be a great year!

Have a Fall-tastic October!

Mr. Clarke, Vice Principal



October 5th, 2011

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Thanksgiving Monday

October 10th is Thanksgiving Monday and is a holiday for both staff and students. Please enjoy a safe and relaxing long weekend with family and friends.

Magazine Fundraiser

Our School Council is coordinating a magazine fundraiser which begins on October 5th and runs until October 17th.

Breakfast Program

The Breakfast Program is in full swing every morning from 8:20am-8:35am. We appreciate Mrs. Renshaw for assembling a dedicated team of volunteers, who make it possible for Garrison Road students to start their day with a full stomach and a healthy mind.

Popcorn Sales

Popcorn sales will begin this week and will be held during the second break (lunch) every Thursday in the foyer. You can buy a fresh bag of healthy popcorn for 50 cents.

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PD DAY!

Friday, October 7th is a scheduled **Professional Development Day** for staff. While students are enjoying their first day of the extended weekend, teachers will be continuing the work which began during the Early Release Day in September. We will be collaborating as a Professional Learning Community as we develop our Math-focused goals and attach them to our School Improvement Plan and teacher's Annual Learning Plans.

Terry Fox Run

On the morning of Friday, September 23rd, students at Garrison Road participated in the Terry Fox National School Run Day . We are proud to announce the Greyhounds raised an amazing \$884 for cancer research. Terry would be proud of us!



SNAP to it Greyhounds!

Beginning October 6th and continuing every Thursday until the Christmas break, students in Mrs. Thomas' Grade 3 class and in Miss. Wagnleithner's Grade 4 will be participating in the SNAP Program. SNAP stands for STOP NOW AND PLAN. It is a cognitive-behavioural strategy that helps children and parents regulate angry feelings by getting them to stop, think, and plan positive alternatives before they act impulsively.

The program is set up so that a select number of classrooms in each participating school receive the intervention during the academic year. Selected classrooms participate in SNAP activities for a 12-week duration. All weekly sessions are facilitated by a trained SNAP Leader in conjunction with a teacher, school social worker or child and youth worker.

The home room teachers remain in the classroom for each group session. Sessions are typically 45 minutes each (to accommodate curriculum and classroom activities), and are given in a standardized order. Identified children are also given SNAP mini-assignments that help to reinforce lessons taught during the classroom session. Each weekly session ends with a brief relaxation period facilitated by the SNAP Leader.

School Teams & Clubs

The cross country team participated during the regional meet on September 26th. The day was extremely hot making the long distance hard to complete. Running this year were:

Atom division (2km) Bryson A., Abbi S., Taylor M., Kaleb H., Olivia F., Madison M., Aiden B., Taylor H., Richie Y., Megan B., Darryl B., Emily T., Ethan C. (4th), Kailee B. (6th)

Peewee division (2.5km) Zach S., Kayla J., Tim M., Jacob K.,

Bantam division (3km) Clark A. (4th)

Midget (3.5km) Adam N., Dante B. (6th)

A great job from the entire team who have practiced since the beginning of the year and represented our school well! Good luck to the four participants, placing in the top 8 runners, who will compete at the DSBN meet on October 12th.



Intermediate Coed Soccer

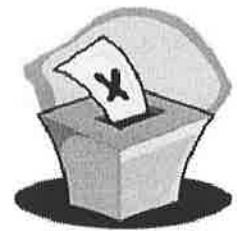
Mr. Clarke and Mrs. Thiessen would like to congratulate the intermediate coed soccer team who finished with a respectable 2 wins and 2 losses at the Area 1 tournament on September 21. The team made it to the Semi-finals but lost to the would-be and defending champion Prince Philip. Great Efforts Greyhounds! Team Members include: Carl, Andrew, Bryan, Dakota, Hunter, Katrina, Beth, Brooke, Kayla, Timmy, Lucas, Dirk, Riley, Darrel, Carson, Jake, Devon.

Provincial Election

On October 6th the Garrison Road gymnasium will be utilized by local voters as a polling station for the Provincial Election.

Picture Retake Day!

Student photo retakes and class photos will be completed on October 27th. So remember to dress in your fancy clothes, and work on those smiles.



Thanksgiving Food Drive

This week the Grade 1 classes have issued a challenge to the entire school to bring in as many canned food and non-perishable food items as possible. The 3 day blitz began on Tuesday October 4th and concludes Thursday October 6th. Come on Greyhounds, let's do our part to support families in need.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

School Council & Parent Association

We are pleased to announce this years School Council and Parent Association:

School Council Executive

Chair: Kerrie Jewell

Vice-Chair: Kelly Falkiner

Secretary: Kelly Falkiner

Parent Association Executive

President: Meaghan Coopman

Secretary: Kelly Falkiner

Treasurer: Stacy-Lynn Pronik

Bingo Chair: Sondra Barrett

Bingo Co-Chair: Tara Coopman

We had a great first meeting on the evening of September 27th. During that meeting we are pleased to announce that the Parent Association approved the purchase of 6 Netbooks and two FM Systems to support student achievement. Our next meeting will be on November 22 at 6:00pm. All parents and students are welcome to attend.



**GARRISON ROAD GREYHOUNDS
Student of the Month Award Winners**

SEPTEMBER

<i>Teacher</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Student of the Month</i>	<i>Tribes</i>
Ms. Fox	JSA-1	Lucas P	Vedder H
Ms. Fox	JSP-1	Jack F	Warren E
Mrs. McAlpine	JSA-2	Alexandra G	Angela Q
Mrs. McAlpine	JSP-2	Taylor M	Tatiana B
Mrs. Renshaw	1/2	Amanda K	Mackenzie C
Mrs. VanHelvert	1	Duke D	Kayla B
Mrs. Chrastina	2	Ethan S	Adam S
Mrs. Tumillo	2	Emmalynn S	Scotty E
Mrs. Thomas	3	Emma W	Michel W
Mrs. Traves	3	Armando C	Christian S
Ms. Wagnleithner	4	Nicky K	Kailee B
Ms. Olesvich	4/5	Isabella D	Lorenza F
Mrs. Mancuso	5/6	Olivia G	Sarah M
Mrs. Serianni	6	John D	Elizabeth W
Mr. Wilcox	7	Steven E	Carlen D
Mrs. Gracey	7/8	Alexis D	Austin M
Mrs. Graves	8	Quincey T	Shannon T
Mrs. Annibale/ Mr. Salmon	FSL - Junior	Alyssa A Taylor M	Erik T
Mrs. Annibale	FSL - Intermediate	Kent P	Elijah R



Halloween Safety

Some pointers to keep the trick or treaters safe.

Children under nine years of age should go out with an adult or responsible older child.

Be sure your child stops at all curbs, looks left, right and left again to check for traffic. Remind children to cross at crosswalks, street corners or intersections. It is important they walk on the sidewalk, or walk facing the traffic if there is no sidewalk.

Bright coloured costumes make your child easier to see. You can use reflective tape on a costume to make your child more visible. Face paint instead of a mask helps them to see well. Have your child carry a flashlight.

When they get home, check all of their treats carefully. Throw out any treats that aren't wrapped, if the wrapping is torn or loose, or if the wrapper has a hole. Remember that small treats can cause your child to choke.

You might want to offer an alternative to sugar based treats. Stickers or multicoloured pencils can be a nice surprise in place of, or in addition to, traditional treats.



Family Halloween Dance

Come one come all to our spooky Halloween Dance party on Friday October 21st from 6:00pm-8:00pm. Parents, students and the whole family are encouraged to dress up and celebrate this exciting time of year. With tasty treats and glow bracelets being sold, it promises to be great fun for the whole family. Admission is \$2.00 per person. Don't forget your costume!

Primary Halloween Parade

On Monday October 31st, primary students are encouraged to come to school wearing their costume as well as bring a change of clothes. At around 9:00am the classes will parade through the school and around the property. Parents who wish to view the parade are invited to position themselves around the perimeter of the playground and have their cameras ready. Students will remain in costume for the first 2 periods as they participate in some holiday activities.



**SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND AGENDAS
FORT ERIE ELEMENTARY REVIEW AREA**

ARC MEETINGS

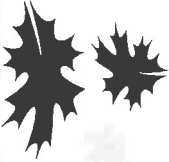



Date	Time	School/Location
Wednesday, September 21, 2011	6:00 p.m.	General Vanier Public School 105 Torrance Street, Fort Erie
Wednesday, October 12, 2011	6:00 p.m.	General Vanier Public School 105 Torrance Street, Fort Erie
Thursday, November 3, 2011	6:00 p.m.	General Vanier Public School 105 Torrance Street, Fort Erie
Wednesday, November 30, 2011	6:00 p.m.	General Vanier Public School 105 Torrance Street, Fort Erie
Wednesday, January 25, 2012	6:00 p.m.	General Vanier Public School 105 Torrance Street, Fort Erie

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Date	Time	School/Location
Wednesday, September 28, 2011	6:00 p.m.	General Vanier Public School 105 Torrance Street, Fort Erie
Wednesday, October 19, 2011 (The Public and ARC members will have the opportunity to visit the schools in the review area to view the school valuation information pertaining to each school. Staff will be available to respond to inquiries. While at the school, there will be an opportunity to tour and see the sight).	5:00 p.m.	Garrison Road Public School 1110 Garrison Road, Fort Erie
	6:00 p.m.	General Vanier Public School 105 Torrance Street, Fort Erie
	7:00 p.m.	Fort Erie Elementary School 474 Central Avenue, Fort Erie
	8:00 p.m.	Rose Seaton Public School 255 Emerick Avenue, Fort Erie
Wednesday, November 16, 2011	6:00 p.m.	General Vanier Public School 105 Torrance Street, Fort Erie
Wednesday, January 11, 2012	6:00 p.m.	General Vanier Public School 105 Torrance Street, Fort Erie
Wednesday, February 8, 2012	6:00 p.m.	General Vanier Public School 105 Torrance Street, Fort Erie

October 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Breakfast program runs each morning						1
2	3 Day 10 Gr. 7 Hep B	4 Day 1	5 Day 2 World Teacher's Day Magazine Fundraiser Kickoff	6 Day 3	7 PA Day	8 
9 	10 Thanksgiving	11 Day 4	12 Day 5	13 Day 6	14 Day 7 Pizza Day Gr. 5 St. John's JK/SK—Bry-Anne Farm	15 Due On the 14th Spirit Wear Orders Hot lunch Orders
16	17 Day 8 Magazine Fundraiser Ends	18 Day 9 Gr. 1 St. John's Gr. 3 Woodend	19 Day 10	20 Day 1 Gr. 6 Woodend	21 Day 2 Sub Day Family Halloween Dance 6-8 p.m.	22 
23	24 Day 3	25 Day 4	26 Day 5 E.A. Appreciation Day	27 Day 6 Picture retake and Class Picture Day	28 Day 7 Pizza Day Assembly PM	29
30 	31 Day 8 Jr. Skating a.m. Inter. Skating p.m.					