

APPLEWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Staff 2009-2010



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Ms. C. Hoekstra	Physical Education and Health
Mrs. L. Mayward	Educational Assistant
Ms. A. Tytler	Youth Counsellor
Mrs. C. Thibodeau	Head Caretaker
Mrs. S. Lawrence	Principal, Teacher-Librarian
Mrs. M. Leitch	Secretary

With this change in staffing for the next school year, we will be extending our best wishes to the following staff and hope they will stay in touch:

Mr. Wiens has accepted a teaching position at Kate S. Durdan, Niagara Falls, a “wee” bit of a travel and Mr. Lambert has accepted a teaching position at Princess Margaret, closer to home. Mrs. E. Wiens will be an Educational Assistant at Ferndale and E.I McCulley, St. Catharines and Ms. J. Burns will be an Educational Assistant at Gordon Public School in Welland. Ms. C. Summers, our Youth Counsellor will work at Kernahan Park Secondary School, St. Catharines. Special thanks for serving our Applewood School Community well. You ALL are awesome staff members and we will miss your energy, dedication, and talents in our educational environment. We will miss YOU greatly!

Planning for September

We are planning for September and in your child’s report card, you will receive a list of school supplies **NEEDED FOR THE FIRST DAY of school, Tuesday, September 8, 2009.**

We are looking forward to all of the renovations over the summer. These will include walls, walls and more walls. Of course the library and computer lab will be better designed than our present set up. All classrooms will be enclosed and quieter. New cupboards and storage will benefit teachers and students. We can hardly wait to have “Open School” in the Fall so we can take you on a tour! Wow!

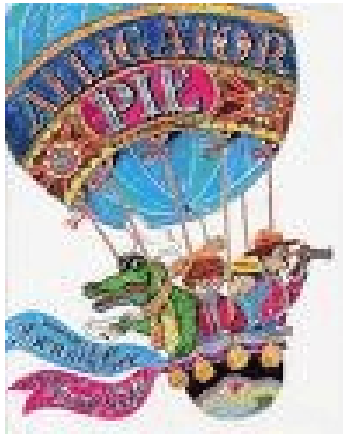
Kindergartens have gotten new shelving already and their classroom is having a “makeover” too! The additional storage will help with easier movement of students and better use of space. Kindergarten is a very active program and they are busy learners. Outdoor play will be improved as well with new covered sand boxes filled with sanitized white sand and a newly paved play area.

We are thankful to the plant department for painting new lines for parking. Our fire lane is clearly marked and we appreciate drivers keeping this lane freed-up for bus loading and emergency vehicles.

Over the summer, please keep a watchful eye on our school. With all the work that is being done, it is a school under construction! We are hoping no one will vandalize our school, but instead use it with pride and respect! Any vandalism should be reported to 905-682-8065!

Parents' Checklist

- Check Lost and Found at school
- Take home all your children's shoes and clothing following our assembly~ then you have them!
- Call the school if you are moving this summer~905-684-4359
- sign page 3 of the report card and send it back to school by Wednesday~ Thursday educators will be off campus working~ Mrs. Leitch and Mrs. Thibodeau are at our school until **3:00 p.m on Thursday**, as the construction starts immediately!
- Applewood is open until Thursday, June 25th 3:00 p.m.



- Read to your children daily please
- Have them print over the summer
- Visit the library and sign your children up for a summer reading program
- In August begin reviewing math facts/counting skills/alphabet and rhyming words
- Have a safe and happy summer!

Parent Council

Our meetings have been held on Monday nights and this is expected to continue in the Fall. We meet once a month at 6:30 p.m. Please let us know if you would like to join our executive for School Year 2009-10. Many thanks to our Chair: Chris Grover; Treasurer: Michelle Riley; and all the executive members for a great year. We look forward to planning, setting and achieving goals next year, as we celebrate your work and accomplishments this year. The students have especially benefitted from the generous monetary support funding buses for trips and especially for technological supports. Thank you very much!

Volunteering

We always appreciate the support of our volunteers in our classrooms and beyond. With work commitments and home life the hours fill fast. If you cannot come to the school, maybe there is a job you are willing to do at home! Can you come to our students and read with them? How about listen to word lists, or help for an hour a month? Can you drive our athletes to games? Think about what you can do for our school over the summer and visit us!

Fire Drills and Lock Downs

Our three Spring Fire Drills have been a success! The students follow directions well and are able to handle a variety of scenarios. Well done Gators! In the Fall, more Lock Down practices will be done as the construction of walls is also a necessity for a more successful practice. We completed one lock down this school year and the students were wonderful! Well prepared!

One of the most exciting things about summer is all the time children have to enjoy outdoor activities such as sports, games and time with friends. Before children head outside to enjoy the great weather, it is important that they are equipped with the necessary skills to spot and avoid danger. While it is difficult to think that someone would ever intend to harm a child, sadly, we all know that it does happen. We also know that one of the best things we can do as parents, friends, and community partners is to take time to reinforce these important skills.

Included with this letter, you will find Stranger Danger information written in a child-friendly way. We will be reviewing this information with our students, and are hopeful that you and your family will reinforce it at home.

We would like to ensure that every child at Applewood Public School has a safe and happy summer.

Summer Safety Stranger Danger Strangers can hurt you. Be aware and be safe.

What should I do if a stranger tries to talk to me?

Ignore them. Do not look at them or acknowledge that they have spoken to you. Walk quickly or run away from them. Go in the opposite direction as fast as you can. Go to a home of someone you know or to an area that has a lot of people. You can dart into a store or school if you have too. Tell an adult you can trust about what happened, like a parent, a teacher, a police officer or some other grownup your parents said you can talk to.

What about when I am at home alone?

Keep all the doors and windows locked and don't let anyone know you are home alone. If someone rings your doorbell, look through a peephole or window to see who it is. If you do not recognize them, don't open the door! Even if they are saying it is an emergency and they need to use the phone or come inside, do not open the door. They can go to another house where an adult is home to assist them. If someone calls and asks for your parents, do not tell them you are home alone. Tell the person your mom or dad can't come to the phone right now but you will take a message and they will call them back in a few minutes. Tell them this even if your parent is gone for an hour or more. If you have call display and do not recognize the name or phone number on the phone, don't answer it. Just let the machine pick up the

message or let them call back.

How do strangers trick you?

Strangers who are bad people and want to hurt you have developed some pretty tricky things to do to confuse you and get you alone with them. First there is the

"Help Trick"

This is when a stranger asks you to help them find a lost pet or maybe asks you for directions to get somewhere. Seems harmless enough right? That is what they want you to think. There are adults all over the place that a stranger can ask for help. Turn and walk away.

"Emergency Trick"

This is a scary one for a child to be subjected too. A stranger will tell you that there is an emergency in your family and your mom or dad asked them to get you. The stranger may even say that your mom or dad got hurt. Think straight. Your mom or dad would never send a stranger to tell you news like this. Turn around and run away!

"Accident Trick". This is when a stranger lays on the ground and looks like they have been injured and unconscious or in pain. The desire to help this person is big and kids want to help and be heroes. Do not go over to the person. They can grab you and take you away. Instead, go to someone you know and tell them about the situation or call 911 and they will come to help. You don't need to be near the person while an adult or emergency crew come to assist. Stay away!

"Animal Trick" is another one that is hard to resist. This is when a stranger holds a small animal and invites you to pet it. This is a trick! You are close enough for this stranger to discard the animal and grab you. The stranger might ask you to come back to their car or home and help feed the baby animal. Don't! Turn around and run away.

"Bribe Trick". This is when a stranger promises you candy, money or something else of interest. People do not give gifts to people they do not know. This is a trick. Once the stranger has you alone you are going to be hurt. Turn around and run away.



People who look friendly are not always nice.
Keep safe with these tips:

School Calendar 2009-2010

1. Always tell your parents where you are going.
2. Try not to walk anywhere alone. Walk with a friend.
3. Don't take shortcuts through the woods, a back street or empty lot.
4. Do not get close to strangers. Make sure you have room to run.
5. Don't tell your name or address to a stranger.
6. Never take candy, money or gifts from a stranger.
7. Never go with a stranger to help look for a lost pet or play a game.
8. Never get into a car with anyone you don't know.
9. If a stranger bothers you, run away and ask an adult for help.
10. Know safe places you can go. Try a police or fire station, the library, a store or a friend's house.
11. If a stranger follows you or grabs for you, yell real loud. Shout, "I don't know you," so people know you are in trouble. Fight back and make as much noise as you can. If they treat to hurt your family, keep yelling. They can't hurt you from jail.
12. If anyone touches you in a bad way, say "NO" as loudly as you can and run away. Tell an adult immediately.
13. Tell your parents about places or people that make you feel unsafe.
14. Talk to your parents and come up with a secret code word for emergencies. Never go with anyone unless they know the secret code word.
15. Know how and when to call **9-1-1**.
16. Never open the door to a stranger.
17. Never tell anyone on the phone you are alone.
18. Do not tell callers your name, phone number or address.
19. If you don't like what someone is saying on the phone, hang up right away.

The grades 1,2 & 3 are happy to announce that our school raised \$123.00 through our June pizza day for our "Me to We" fund. The students voted on how they would like to spend the money and it was decided to purchase fruit trees for families in need, through World Vision. Congratulations to all the Applewood students for making a difference in the world. Always remember, "Be the Change"!