

# THE CRYSTAL



# BEACH BUGLE



Crystal Beach Public School

## “Welcome Back To School” Edition 2008

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK...

Welcome back to a new school year, and what I trust will be, a very rewarding year for everyone. We (the staff, students and I), are excited about the great things that we are going to work on together at Crystal Beach Public School. Crystal Beach has a proud past and a tradition of excellence in the community. I, along with our staff are dedicated to continuing this tradition.

We have some new staff members who will add a great deal of energy and enthusiasm to our school. Miss Ebersole will be on a Long Term assignment in the Kindergarten classroom for Mrs. Henneberger who will be on a maternity leave. Mrs. Wyatt is new to the school as an Educational Assistant in the Primary classrooms; we are anxious to work with her. There have been a number of teacher assignment changes. Please check page for a full list of classrooms and teachers. Crystal Beach Public School continues to oversee the Sherkston Bridge Program. As part of this program, we wish to welcome back, Mr. Rossi, the teacher and welcome Mr. Klacko, the child care worker.

**LAST YEAR WE REDUCED THE RISK OF PEANUT AND NUT PRODUCTS AT SCHOOL! THANK YOU FOR CONTINUING THIS PROGRAM TO MAKE OUR SCHOOL SAFER FOR EVERYONE!!**

**DON'T FORGET, WE HAVE A DAYCARE AT CRYSTAL BEACH PUBLIC!!!** We are very excited to continue to partner with long time Crystal Beach resident, Deb Lake and her Day Care “*Crystal Beach Child Care*”. This is a fantastic addition to Crystal Beach Public School and to the community at large. If you would like more information on dates, times and programming for *Crystal Beach Child Care* please ask at the Office or you can call Deb at 905-894-9852.

You will notice as you come into the school that we have had some maintenance done. Our gymnasium floor has received a facelift and it looks fantastic! The school looks wonderful! Thanks goes out to the DSBN Maintenance Department for making all of this happen for us!!

Thank you to Mrs. Turner for her hard work getting the school all ready. And of course, thank you to the staff for making their rooms attractive and welcoming for our students!

It is our goal to provide a safe environment conducive to learning. I firmly believe that our children are our most valuable resource. A resource we must nurture, educationally stimulate, and support. Working together with open, honest communication will help to build a strong home-school partnership. This in turn, will aid us in achieving our goal. Please do not hesitate to call me or visit anytime at the school.

I look forward to working with you as we prepare our children for the challenges that lie ahead.

Have a great September and a wonderful year!  
Mr. T. G. Reynolds, Principal

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**SCHOOL NEWS**

**MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

On the last day of each month the school newsletter will be sent home to each family. The newsletter is a vital communication link between the home and school as it will outline the varied events and activities planned each month. A calendar of events will be provided; please keep this for your reference. Please take the time to read our newsletter and return the "Mystery Prize" ballot found at the end of the newsletter. A section for your comments has been provided. We look forward to hearing from you.

### SEPTEMBER FORMS



We thank all parents in advance for reading over, completing and returning promptly all of the forms that are accompanying your children home tomorrow. These forms are very important to ensure that we have accurate information regarding

our students, especially in emergency situations.

### STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHS

Student pictures will be taken on **Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008** - these are the same pictures that are taken on the beach. **Our roof top picture will be taken on the same day**, with our new shirts on (given to students in the morning)! Please be advised that our Primary classes will be bussed to the beach in the afternoon while our Junior and Intermediate classes will walk together.



### EARLY RELEASE & PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DAYS

**Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008 will be an Early Release Day for our students. There will be no school for students in the afternoon. Similarly, Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008 is a scheduled Professional Activity Day for students and staff. There will be NO SCHOOL for students on this day.** Our teachers will be working hard on our School Growth Plan and Literacy Initiatives for the School and the Board.

### SCHOOL & PARKING LOT SAFETY

For everyone's safety, parents and visitors are reminded to ALWAYS check in at the Office when entering the school during instructional hours. **Please do not go into the hallways or the classrooms before checking in to the office.** We must monitor all adults in our building. We would be most appreciative if parents would wait patiently outside until the classes are dismissed at noon and 3:00 pm.

The front parking lot is a very busy section of our school during the day, especially at arrival and dismissal times and every attempt must be made to keep this section safe and clear.

If you are picking up your children, do not leave your vehicle unattended in this area.

We appreciate your cooperation concerning these safety matters.

### CRYSTAL BEACH PUBLIC SCHOOL TIMES - GRADES 1 TO 8

8:40 am	Entrance
8:45 am	Classes Begin
10:45 - 11:00 am	Morning Recess
12:00 - 12:40 pm	Lunch Hour
1:45 - 2:00 pm	Afternoon Recess
3:00 pm	Dismissal

#### **Kindergarten Times**

Morning Classes	8:40 - 11:00 am
Afternoon Classes	12:40 - 3:00 pm

**Student Absence:** Please call the school office (**905-894-3900**) in the morning and leave a message on our answering machine if your child is not going to be at school that day. It helps immensely when doing our attendance.



Teachers are on duty at recess times and fifteen minutes prior to the morning (8:25 am) and afternoon (12:25 pm) admittances. On rainy, windy, or cold and snowy days, we suggest that students "adjust their routines to arrive at school prior to bell time. At dismissal times we ALWAYS encourage students to go directly home.

**REMINDERS:**  
**BUS TRANSPORTATION**

Transportation Policies set by our school board do not allow students to go home on any other buses than the one that has been designated as their regular bus for the school year. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office. We would be glad to discuss this matter at your convenience.

**CRYSTAL BEACH PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
**2008 - 2009 STAFF MEMBERS**

Principal	Mr. T. Reynolds
Secretary	Mrs. P. Serabian
Caretakers	Ms. J. Turner Mrs. L. Sherk
JK/SK	Miss C. Ebersole
1/2	Mrs. K. Goodwin Mrs. P. Baczynski
4/5	Mrs. I. Puhl
5/6	Mr. M. Thomas
7/8	Mr. T. Fazekas
French & Phys. Ed.	Mr. R. Hosking
Computers	Mr. T. Fazekas
ISP	Mrs. K. Goodwin
LRT / Literacy Coach/ISP	A. McLaughlin
Librarian	Mr. T. Reynolds
EA	Miss A. Foresi Mrs. T. Wyatt
Bridge Program	Mr. J. Rossi Mr. T. Klacko
Youth Counsellor	Mrs. C. Woolley
Lunch Program	Mrs.L. Mealing
Lunch Supervisors	

*Believe To Achieve*  
*Achieve To Succeed*



Mrs. I  
Mr. T. Reynolds

**OPEN HOUSE BARBEQUE**

The Meet-The-Teacher / "Welcome Back" Barbecue will be held on **Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup> - 5:30 to 7:00 pm.** We are certain students, staff and parents will find the evening very enjoyable. Please come out and meet the teachers again, and have a hot dog or hamburger with your school community friends.

**CRYSTAL BEACH**  
**SCHOOL COUNCIL &**  
**PARENT**  
**ASSOCIATION**  
**2008 - 2009**



We appreciate and value the input of our School Council and Parent Association. The teamwork and communication between the school and the School Council and Parent Association is integral to the success of any school in our system. We encourage you to become involved in your child's education by joining either group. We will keep you informed as to meetings and updates as we proceed throughout the year.

Our School Council and Parent Fundraising Committee have done an incredible amount of fundraising and Public Relations in our community this summer. The Council and Committee consisting of Andy & Kathy Thomson, Denice Greene, Robyn Hindrea have:

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In the Parade, the Crystal Beach Public School Comets won Honourable Mention for their "Comet Sailboat" designed by Cathy Thomson and Robyn Hindrea and built by Scott Hindrea. Thank You to our volunteers who decorated the Float. The students had a great time. The mayor of Fort Erie, Mr. Martin, captained the sailboat and rode the entire way with our students! Thank you for coming with us Mr. Martin! c

**Students on the Float:**

***Katie Adair, Summer Mealing, David Ryan Adair, Alyssa Schumacher, Diannah Hindrea, Adam Thomson, Katelyn Thomson, Mackenzie Mathes, & Hunter Mathes***

**Volunteers at the Barbecue:**

***Andy & Kathy Thomson, Robyn Hindrea, Mrs. McLaughlin***



**OUR SCHOOL COASTER SYSTEM**

There is a tremendous level of school spirit at Crystal Beach Public School. Our students and staff are very proud to be part of the Comets' team. This year we will continue our Character Education initiative to heighten the level of spirit in our school. Each student and staff member belongs to one of the following Coaster Houses: The Comets, The Cyclones and The Giants. The Coasters are cross-graded teams, which creates many excellent social learning opportunities for both young and older students. The "Coasters" hold friendly competitions throughout the year. We track house points on a weekly and monthly basis with the winning house at the end of the year receiving the Coaster Cup. Students can earn Coaster Tickets (each ticket equals one point for their house) by demonstrating excellence in each one of the areas in our Character Education "Celebrating Our Students" Program. Thank you to Mrs. McLaughlin, Mrs. Baczynski & Mrs. Goodwin for setting up this awesome Character Education Program for us!



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**SHARE BEAR FAMILY MATH & LITERACY FUN!!**

**HELP US TO HELP YOU!**

The Adult Literacy Council of Greater Fort Erie would like to implement a family literacy and math program for children in JK, SK, Grade 1 and their parents at Crystal Beach Public School. This program consists of 6 sessions, each 2 1/2 hours, including a light supper. This particular program was developed at Western University and is based on the Ontario curriculum. It is literature based and provides lots of hands on activities for the families. We have 7

volunteers who work with parents each evening. Parents and students have found it very beneficial. Of course, all siblings are welcome so that babysitting doesn't become an issue. Please let your teacher or Mr. Reynolds know if you are interested in the program. We need about 10 families to make this wonderful program have benefit in the community. Thanks!



**YOUTH COUNSELLOR**

Our school is fortunate to have the services of a trained and experienced Youth Counsellor, Mrs. C. Woolley.

The major function of the counsellor is to help students develop ways of perceiving and solving problems in their daily lives and to provide support to students who are experiencing social and emotional difficulties. She will be able to recommend behavioural strategies to teachers and parents.

If you would like more information or feel that your child could benefit from this service, please contact the school.

**OUR CRYSTAL BEACH BANNER**

Check out our new banner close to the corner of Ridgeway Road and Rebstock Road on the hydro pole. Thank you to the Friends of Crystal Beach for offering this wonderful opportunity to the community, and to the School Council for raising the funds to pay for it.

**BOOK FAIR**

**Crystal Beach School will be hosting our annual book fair September 16<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>!**

Please come out to the school at noon or at 3:00 pm to see the latest books! All profits go back into the library to purchase new books for our students. We will also be open during the Thurs.

Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> Open House. We look forward to meeting students and parents.

Thank you  
Mrs. Baczynski

**KIDSQUEST AT THE CRYSTAL RIDGE LIBRARY**

Please take advantage of the great KidsQuest Program at the Crystal Ridge Library on Mondays and Thursdays after school. The program only costs \$10 for the school year! It is wonderful for

students to get help with homework and

literacy skills!

**YOUTH CONNECTION NURSE**

The Youth Connection Nurse assigned to our school is Mrs. McDowell. She will be promoting optimal health among our students and assisting us to develop a healthy school environment. For further information, she can be reached at the Regional Niagara Public Health Department at 905-871-6513 Ext. 31, Monday to Friday, 8:30 - 4:30 p.m.



Thanks from all the young comets to Bucky of Bay Beach! He has given the school lots of sand toys . We will have lots to play with at recess. Thank you for the fourth year in a row. We sure can see why Bucky is such a great friend of the school.

**REMINDER**

All students must wear their bicycle helmets, for their own safety. Please do not ride to school without a helmet.

**“COMET PRIDE” FRIDAYS**

A reminder that Fridays are **“Comet Pride”** days when we all wear our wonderful comet t-shirts.

**BREAKFAST CLUB & SNACK BAR**

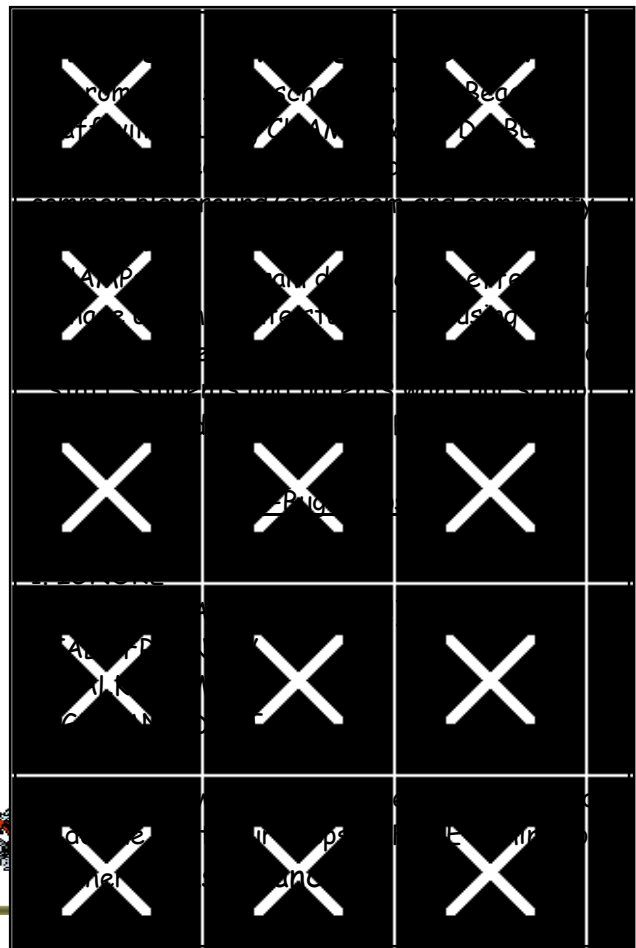
*The Breakfast Club will be opening Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup> , 2008. The Snack Bar will be opening Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> , 2008.* A menu will be sent home before opening. Through a raffle, one student per month with perfect attendance will receive a Friday Special from the Snack Bar. **Please be advised that we will not be running tabs for students.**

Thank you to Miss Mealing, for volunteering to run the snack bar this year.

**HEPATITIS B & GARDASIL IMMUNIZATION**

The Niagara Regional Health Unit will be at Crystal Beach Public School on Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> to administer the first Hepatitis B immunization to our Grade 7 students and Gardasil for our Grade 8 girls. Please mark this date on your calendars and watch for further communication.

**Special Thank You !**



**SEPTEMBER “MYSTERY PRIZE” NEWSLETTER**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I have received and read the September newsletter.

**Parent/Guardian Signature**

