

WELCOME TO THE 2009 -2010 SCHOOL YEAR!

Important Quick Facts and Reminders for our Phoenix families...

- ★ We have some new faces this year and some changes to staff assignments to share...
Mrs. Redekop is new to our school and is teaching SK
Mrs. Fraser is new to the Learning Resource Teacher/Literacy Coaching role
Ms. Cooper is teaching our **Primary Special Needs** program
Mrs. Durrant is teaching our **JK/SK in the morning** and the **grade 5/6 class in the afternoon**
Mrs. Wright continues to be our **4-8 Intensive Support Program teacher half time** and will also teach **Grade 2 and Grade 4/5 math**
Mrs. Guzda joins our **Educational Assistant** Team providing support in some of our **regular education** classes
Mrs. Benner is our school **Youth Counsellor** this year
Mrs. Morrison joins us as a **Lunch Hour Supervisor**
For a full staff listing please visit our website @ www.dsbnschools.ca/Schools/FortErie/

- ★ All students will be expected to respect our CHAMP rules and Tribes agreements. Please talk with your child to find out more about this or join us at our Open House and BBQ on September 24th for more information. The Tribes agreements are also listed in your child's agenda.

- ★ Volunteers are needed...to bake muffins for the breakfast club, to read with primary children, to assist with transportation to school events etc. If you have an hour to spare please let us know! We will be looking for Parent Advisory Council members...this group meets once a month...please see nomination form attached.

- ★ For the safety of our children please follow the drop off and sign out procedures we have set up. Children are dismissed through the Wintemute doors at the end of the day. Parents are asked to wait outside these doors for pick up. During the school day all visitors are asked to report to the office through the Central Avenue front doors. Please call us if your child is going to be absent and please send a written note in their agenda if they need to be dismissed during the school day for any reason, also please sign them out at the office when you pick them up. This ensures student safety at all times. Please do not park in the Bus Loading Zones on Wintemute Street.

- ★ The first point of contact for any questions or concerns is always your child's home room teacher...please call ahead to make an appointment so that time can be set aside to talk with you.

- ★ New this year!...Model Train Club (Mr. Kushniruk/Mr. Schuman), Homework Club (second Fitness Break - Mrs. Fraser), expanded Intermural Sport program (Ms. Nash/Ms. Cooper), Rhythm Group (Mrs. Fitzgerald), Computer/Technology Club (Mr. Twocock), Math Night/Games Night, School Choir (Ms. Fitzgerald) Watch for more information in our monthly newsettes and on our Website.

**LOOKING FORWARD TO AN AWESOME YEAR...
CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO!**

www.dsbnschools.ca/Schools/FortErie/



OUR SCHOOL DAY

Entry Bell: 9:05 AM

First Fitness/Nutrition Break:
10:55 - 11:35

Second Fitness/Nutrition Break:
1:15 - 1:55

Dismissal: 3:35

The Balanced School Day evenly distributes the 300 minutes of instructional time into 3 blocks, and provides 2 evenly spaced nutrition and fitness breaks during the day. **Supervision on the Playground begins at 8:50 AM. Students should not arrive at school prior to supervision time.**

STUDENT INFORMATION PACKAGES

***NEW THIS YEAR - PACKAGES SENT HOME WITH YOUNGEST SIBLING FOR ALL CHILDREN IN FAMILY.**

These forms are for all students and are very important to ensure that we have accurate information, especially in emergency situations. Please check the verification forms carefully and make any changes that are required. Complete and sign all other forms in package and return to school as soon as possible. Thank you!

SCHOOL FALL FUND RAISER

CCRP MAGAZINES

GET READY TO PARTICIPATE!

SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL!

NEW AND RENEWAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

SEPTEMBER 21ST - OCTOBER 5TH

Check your child's back pack for the magazine booklet to come home soon!

CROSS-COUNTRY

Our cross-country running practices have already started, with several students from grades 3 through 8 joining in. Practices are taking place during second fitness/nutrition break, from Tuesdays to Fridays during the month of September (until October 2nd). On October 6th, students who attended practices at least 3 times a week will be eligible to compete in the Regional Cross-country Meet at General Vanier School. More details and a permission form will be sent home soon. For more information, contact Mrs. Rae or Mrs. Redekop at the school. **905-871-2673**

STUDENT ABSENCE

In the interest of student safety and effective programming, it is important that student absences be accounted for. Parents are strongly encouraged to contact the school to report their child's absence prior to the start of classes, and **to use the students agendas** for communication with the classroom teacher. Mrs. Elliott is required to call for any unexplained absences and will call **all** contact numbers to ensure students are safe. We have an answering machine so that you can call at any time. Our number is **905-871-2673**. ***HINT - PUT OUR PHONE NUMBER ON YOUR ORANGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CALENDAR AND PUT ON FRIDGE :)**

STUDENT AGENDAS FOR 2009-2010

We are very pleased to offer every student an Agenda from Premier Agendas this year. Please ask your child to show you his/her Agenda nightly. This will help support your child's academic achievement and progress throughout the year as well as increase home and school communication. In each agenda is the School code of Behaviour and Expectations as well as the TRIBES agreements. Please read through these pages with your child to ensure understanding.

PIZZA LUNCHESES

We will once again be having Pizza lunches every Thursday beginning on September 17th. Students will order pizza in their class each Thursday morning and the pizza will be delivered for our second nutrition break. Each square slice will be \$1.00 with choice of cheese or cheese & pepperoni.

HEALTH ISSUES

We have a number of students who attend our school that have severe allergy which can cause an anaphylactic reaction. An anaphylactic reaction is an allergic reaction so severe that in some cases, it can be life threatening. These students have severe allergies to peanut/nut products. Prevention is the best approach. Therefore, we ask your co-operation in not sending any snacks or lunches containing peanuts/nut products with your child. **THANK YOU!**

If medication is required during school hours, the parent/guardian needs to complete an information/authorization form. Medications will be stored and administered by a staff member. If a child has a severe allergy an **EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN must be completed. Please contact the school if you require more information.**

Y.M.C.A. Before school and after school programs are available at Fort Erie Elementary. Subsidy is also available to those who qualify. Please call Christine at **905-991-0534** for more information or to register.

FORT ERIE OPEN HOUSE ANNUAL BBQ

PLEASE JOIN US ON

THURSDAY

SEPTEMBER 24TH

AT 5:30 PM

FAMILY PHOTO NIGHT

Have your family portrait taken at the school
on our BBQ night

September 24th

\$10.00 sitting fee

Available times to be booked are from

4:00 - 8:00 PM

You will receive a free 8 x 10 photo!

Look for the flyer included in your child's
information package

Please return the form as soon as possible if
you would like a sitting time booked.

Our students will have their individual photos
taken on this day during school hours.

YES, WE PLAN ON ATTENDING THE
ANNUAL BBQ MEET THE TEACHER
NIGHT.

NAME: _____

Total # family: _____

Please return this form as soon as possible to
help us plan for this event. Thank you!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

SEPTEMBER 22 - 25

**OUR BOOK FAIR WILL BE OPEN
ON OUR BBQ NIGHT THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 24TH!**

LOTS OF GREAT BOOKS TO CHOOSE FROM!

SEE US IN THE LIBRARY



BREAKFAST CLUB

Fort Erie is able to once again offer a breakfast program to students. Our program will begin on Monday September 21st. Students are welcome to come to the Breakfast room from 8:50 - 9:05 AM. This program is organized and run by Ms. Cooper. Support comes from our parents, community, DSBN, Breakfast for Learning Foundation and Niagara Nutrition Partners. Parent volunteers are needed to assist with the preparation and serving of breakfast at the school. We also need volunteer muffin bakers. All supplies are provided for you to bake at home. Thanks!

I AM AVAILABLE TO HELP PREPARE/SERVE BREAKFAST AT THE SCHOOL ON THE FOLLOWING MORNINGS:

MON. TUE. WED. THURS. FRI. (Please circle available day(s))

I AM AVAILABLE TO BAKE MUFFINS FOR THE BREAKFAST CLUB.

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

Dates to REMEMBER!!

Sept. 25 - Early Release Day **NO PM** classes

Sept. 21 - Oct. 5 - CCRP Magazine Fund raiser

Sept. 24 - Student Photo Day

BBQ Meet the Teacher 5:30 PM

Family Photo Night 4:00 - 8:00

EARLY RELEASE DAY

September 25th is a scheduled early release - PD for staff. Students will arrive at school in the morning at the regular times. Students from grades 1 - 8 and full day SK will return home on their regular busses leaving the school at 12:25 PM. Notices will be sent home prior to this date.

WORLD SCHOOL MILK DAY

On Monday September 21st all our students will receive a **free** carton of milk during our first nutrition break! Thanks to our milk supplier Kentie's for providing and delivering our order!

TUCK SHOP

Our school tuck shop will be open starting on Monday September 14th. Various items are for sale and students may see the item list and prices outside the gym door. Most items are \$1.00 or less. Chocolate milk is also sold during both nutrition breaks for .75

PAC (PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL)

The parent advisory council is a terrific way of becoming involved in our school community. Come out to our first meeting for the year on September 29th at 5:45 PM in our school library. A nomination form for the 2009-2010 school council is included in this newsletter and should be returned to the school by September 18th. The elections will be held at the first School council meeting.

THANK YOU THANK YOU

HUGE THANK YOU TO NIAGARA INDUSTRIAL FINISHES - PAINTING AND BLASTING FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATION IN SUPPORT OF TECHNOLOGY AT FORT ERIE.

HUGE THANK YOU TO HASSELMAN LANDSCAPING AND GARDEN CENTRE FOR THEIR DONATION TO OUR DEVELOPING GARDEN AROUND THE GAZEBO.

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA
FORT ERIE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL COUNCIL

A School council provides a valuable forum for the discussion of issues that have an impact on the learning environment of a school. The School Council provides input and advice to the Principal and a communications link to parents in order that the school's policies, programs, services and procedures serve the need of the school community.

Our School Council is made up of dedicated members who meet on a monthly basis to discuss educational matters which impact our school and community.

Please consider becoming a member of the Fort Erie Elementary School Council for the school year 2009 - 2010.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact:

Mrs. B. Smith, Principal
905-871-2673

NOMINATION FORM

I nominate _____

to be a Fort Erie Elementary School Council Member for the 2009 - 2010 school year.

Nominator (must be a non-relative to the nominee)

Nominated members will then elect the Executive for the School Council at the first meeting on September 29th 2009.

*Please return this form to
Fort Erie Elementary School by September 18, 2009*