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H1N1 Update

H1N1 is a respiratory illness that has symptoms that are similar to regular flu. It is spread by coughing, sneezing and contact with germs. Board staff are in contact with Public Health and will provide updates as they are received.

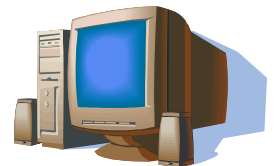
All DSBN schools follow an Infection Control Program which proactively helps to reduce the spread of germs through prevention. Students learn proper hand washing techniques, and sneeze and cough etiquette. Caretaking staff are trained in environmental disinfection measures, and every school is equipped with Purell hand sanitizing stations. As another step in infection control handshakes will not take place at upcoming sporting events within the system until further notice.

At home, you can continue these prevention techniques with your child. Remind your child of proper [hand washing techniques](#), and [sneeze and cough etiquette](#). If your child is feeling ill, please keep him/her at home.

If you have specific questions about Influenza A H1N1, please visit the Niagara Region Public Health website www.niagararegion.ca or call their Information Line at 905-688-8248 ext. 7950.

Thanks for your support of our Walk-a-thon

Thanks go to all members of the Glynn A. Green community for your support of our Walk-a-thon. \$6,884 was raised during the event. This money will be used to update and improve the technology available to the students in our school. Our technology committee will be meeting during the month to review the implementation of our plans to purchase items to benefit our students. As the plan unfolds in the months ahead, we will update you in a future newsletter as to the new technology acquired for our school.



Picture Retakes

The school photographer will be here on Tuesday, November 24th for retakes. A session will be run starting at 11:15 a.m.. The photographer will also be available at 1:00 p.m. for afternoon kindergarten retakes.

Pizza / Sub Volunteers

We would like to have more volunteers for the distribution of food orders on Thursdays. If you are available on Thursdays around 12:30 to 1:15 please call Mrs. Csikos at 905-892-3821.

Colour Groups

This is just a reminder that your child is in the same colour group that they were in last year. Teachers of students new to the school will let them know what colour group they are in. We ask that students wear a piece of clothing or an accessory representing their colour to our monthly Celebration Assemblies. November's Celebration Assembly will be on Monday, November 30th at 2 p.m..

Choir

Our choir , under the direction of Mrs. Meyer, had the distinction of performing for over 5,000 staff members of the DSBN at the September 2nd PA Day held at Brock University. Our choir also performed for our Director, Superintendents and Trustees at a Meeting of the Board as well as at the Tribune Girls Basketball tournament in Welland. Congratulations on your outstanding performances!

School Advisory Council

The next meeting is **Tuesday, December 1st at 6:30 p.m.** in the library. All parents are welcome to attend SAC meetings. Meeting dates for this school year are as follows (all dates are on a Tuesday):

January 5, February 2, March 2, April 6, May 4, June 1

Seeking Nutrition /Fitness Break Supervisor

We are looking for a community member who is interested in the paid position of Lunchroom Supervisor. Daily hours are 1:05 p.m - 1:45 p.m. Please see Mr. Giancarlo or Ms. Currie if you're interested.

Dental Screening

The Public Health Department dental staff is scheduled to visit our school on **December 8th and 9th** to assess students in grades JK, SK, 2, 4, 6, 8 and other children as necessary.

During this time a Registered Dental Hygienist will conduct a visual assessment of each child to determine his/her dental needs. Parents will be contacted if their child exhibits any condition requiring immediate attention. In the past, Public Health programs have assisted many children who would otherwise not have had access to required dental care. If your child is not in one of the targeted grades and you would like him/her to take part, please call the Public Health Dental Department at 905-688-3762 or 1-800-263-7248.

Coats For Kids

We have started a new club at Glynn A Green. The club is called Kids Helping Kids. This club will be responsible for planning and organizing various fundraisers throughout the school year. We will be focusing on local charities as well as global organizations. Our first charity to support will be Coats for Kids and we are asking that you send in children's coats that are in good condition. We are asking that coats be sent in no later than **December 1st**. Coats can be dropped off outside the front office. Thank you for your support in our first event.

The Kids Helping Kids Club

Glynn A. Green Narrow Focus Goal— Reading for Meaning

During the month of October staff at our school worked collaboratively to examine data collected from a variety of sources (teacher assessments, standardized assessments, EQAO, etc) to determine the specific areas that our students need focused instruction to improve in reading. Throughout the school teachers will be working with students on comprehension strategies, summarizing skills, making inferences, analyzing texts, making connections and identifying the point of view presented in texts. Staff will monitor student progress throughout the year using a variety of assessment data, primarily from common assessments that are collaboratively developed by our teaching staff. Teachers will meet regularly to review the progress of their students and share instructional strategies that have been most effective.

Website

Our school website can be found at www.dsb.edu.on.ca. Click on schools, school websites and then Glynn A. Green. Check the green team news update under the newsletter section of our website.

Greening Update

Last year we communicated the plan to the community to develop an outdoor classroom area. This would involve developing a seating area for students in the yard using large rocks, where a teacher could instruct students in a shaded area. Last year the trees for the classroom area were planted and we are currently working on obtaining appropriate rocks to meet our needs and anticipate that the project will be completed by early December. The planting of trees and the purchase of rocks has been facilitated through grants from TD Foundation, Toyota Evergreen, Metro Green Apple, private donations and green team fundraisers.

The last phase of planting in our back fields would be in the lower field area to provide a tree shaded viewing area for the soccer fields. We are currently reviewing the positions of the soccer goal posts and considering the option of orienting the soccer fields running north and south rather than the current east and west position. Depending on the results of this review and the DSBN approval process, some shade trees may be planted in the next two month before the ground freezes or may be delayed until the 2010-2011 school year. We look forward to these exciting additions to our yard.

Character Education

In honour of the veterans who have sacrificed so much for our freedom, our character trait for the month of November is courage. Courage is personal bravery in the face of fear. It is doing what needs to be done even when it is hard or scary. Courage is going ahead even when you feel like giving up. Courage is needed in trying new things. It is admitting mistakes and then doing the right thing. Courage is strength in your heart. Teachers will encourage students to discuss and practice courage in the coming weeks.

Remembrance Day

Our junior division will be conducting a special program for the whole school to help our students understand the significance of this important day. We will be holding our assembly on Tuesday, November 11th at 10:30 a.m. Poppies have been made available at the school. Any donations for the Legion are appreciated. Parents and grandparents, as always, are welcome to join us!



Term One Report Cards

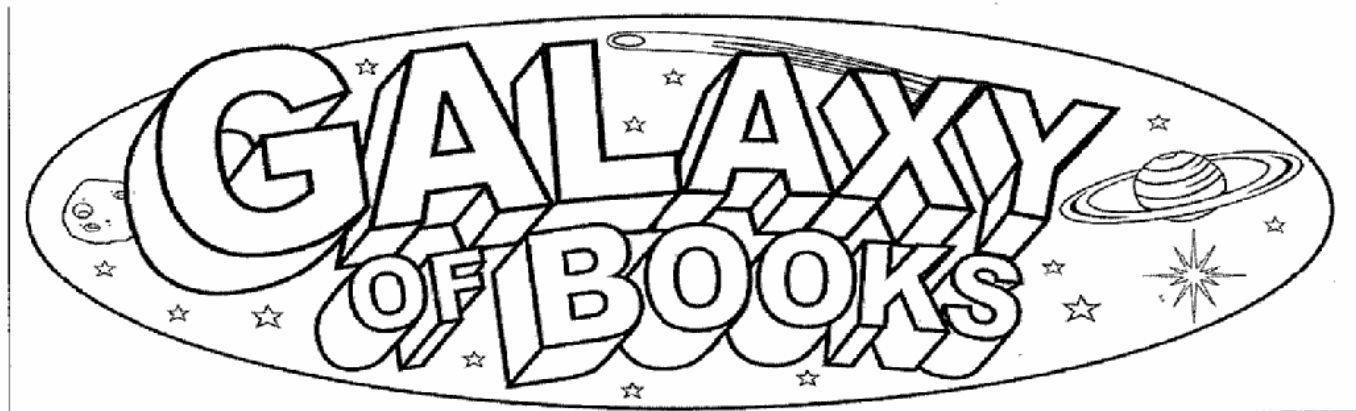
Report cards for students in Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8, will be sent home on Wednesday December 2nd. Parent conferences will be conducted on Thursday, December 3rd in the evening and Friday, December 4th in the afternoon. Further information regarding the scheduling of these interviews will be sent home later in November. We hope to meet with all parents at this time.

Christmas Food Drive

Our School Advisory Council is planning a special drive for the Christmas season in early December. This may involve collecting items for families in need and or holding a food drive for Pelham Cares. More information will be sent home as plans are developed.

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 Day 8	3 Day 9	4 Day 10	5 Day 1	6 Day 2
9 Day 3	10 Day 4	11 Day 5 Remembrance Day Assembly at 10:30 a.m.	12 Day 6 Pizza Day	13 P.A Day (No classes for students)
16 Day 7	17 Day 8	18 Day 9	19 Day 10 Sub Day	20 Day 1
23 Day 2	24 Day 3 Picture Retake Day Session 1—11:15 a.m. Session 2— 1:00 p.m.	25 Day 4	26 Day 5 Grade 8 Day at Crossley Pizza Day	27 Day 6
30 Day 7 Celebration Assembly 2 p.m.				



Scholastic Book Fair

Volunteers Needed! Interested ?

Call the school and leave your name, phone number, child's name and classroom. A volunteer form will be give to your child.

Thank you !

Madame Goulet-Kozar

Glynn A. Green School Librarian and Book Fair Chairperson



Our Destiny!

We are pleased to announce that DSBN Libraries are now providing at home, 24/7 digital access to the school library catalogue.

By connecting to the following website, <http://destiny.dsbnet.edu.on.ca> and clicking on your school name, you will have full access to the resources available in your school's library. Students are able to view the entire library collection, along with a brief synopsis of every resource and additional features such as student-created reviews.

In addition, Destiny Quest will allow you to easily find the newest library purchases and a list of the Top Ten most popular materials among library patrons.

We hope that you will find DSBN Destiny Library Manager to be helpful when completing assignments or when exploring library materials for leisure reading. This is just one more way that we are achieving success together through access to our school library collections!

Fun Fair 2010 Planning Committee

Planning for the 2010 Fun Fair has begun. Our first meeting will be held November 12th at 7pm. If you are interested in joining our team please call or e-mail Bonnie Cramp at 905-732-9925, bonnstew@sympatico.ca and I will provide you with directions.

