

The Gator's Tale



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Welcome back to school!

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***"If your plan is for 1 year, plant rice;
If your plan is for 10 years, plant trees;
If your plan is for 100 years, educate children."
- Confucius***

Welcome back to our 2009-2010 school year. I trust you and your family enjoyed a fun-filled summer together. While it is wonderful to have time to enjoy the outdoors and the warm weather, it is also great to get back to school and into a regular routine.

Everything is in place for another great year. Greendale School is very fortunate to have such a dedicated staff. A special mention to Ms. Sloggett and other board staff for all their hard work cleaning over the summer. The school is sparkling clean. Thank you to Ms. Munn for getting us organized and ready to go. The teachers have worked very hard to prepare their classrooms for students and they look inviting and ready for learning. Hopefully, you were able to come by and visit Greendale at our Open House.

Thank you for the interest you show in your children's education. The close partnership between home and school is a key ingredient in ensuring academic success. For this partnership to thrive we need open and honest communication between school and home. Please continue to be involved with your child's school and feel free to contact your child's teacher or myself if you have questions, concerns or suggestions. Together let's make this the best school year ever.

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Our school newsletter and school information is available on our school website
<http://www.dsbm.edu.on.ca/Schools/Greendale/>

Early Release Day

On Friday, September 25th 2009, students will be dismissed at 12:25 p.m. All school buses will run 3 hours ahead of their regular times. Teachers will be involved in school-based professional development for the afternoon.

Safety Issues that Require Parent Attention:

Severe Allergic Reactions

If your child is in danger of suffering a severe, anaphylactic reaction to bee stings, nuts or other allergens, please call the office to set up an appointment immediately so that an emergency plan can be put in place to ensure that your child's medical needs are met immediately.

Students Requiring Daily Medication

Please do not send medication to school with your child or do not place it in your child's backpack. All medication, including over the counter drugs, must be stored at the office with instructions for administration. Please contact Mrs. VandenBeukel for further information.

Custody

Please inform the school if there are special Custody Orders for your child.



Agendas

Students in grades 1 through 8 have received a student agenda. This organizing tool should be used daily by students to track assignments and homework. It can also be used by parents to communicate with the teacher. Please encourage your child to use the organizer consistently, by asking to view it, writing notes in it and ensuring it is returned to school each day. Please note: The price for the agenda is \$6.00. Please have your child return the money to his/her home room teacher.

School Photographs

Monday, September 22nd, 2008 will be Picture day at Greendale School. Class and individual photos will be taken by Edge Imaging beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Boomerang Lunches

In an effort to become more Eco friendly Greendale School has moved to litter less or "boomerang" lunches. Students take all remnants of their lunch back home with them. This may be uneaten food, garbage or items that can be recycled or composted at home. Mrs. Sloggett reports that we have four large garbage bags a day less than when we allowed students to throw things out at school. Thank you for supporting us as we move to putting the "green" back into Greendale.



Milk Program

Our kick off to our Milk program will begin with World Milk Day on September 30th. All students will receive free milk that day. Milk order forms will be coming home later in September. Thank you to

Mrs. Blanchfield for continuing to tabulate our orders and keep the Milk Program running smoothly!!

Headphones

All students will need to have their own set of headphones to be used in conjunction with our computers at school. Please help us by sending your child with their own labelled set.

Library News from your new librarian Mrs. Brewster:

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