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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Eid
- Oct. 2- Picture Day
- Oct. 3- Walk-a-thon
- Oct. 10- PA Day
- Oct. 13- Thanksgiving

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Mr. S Webb, Principal

Yes Indeed We're "Walkin"

Thank you, thank you, thank you! Together with your support, we raised over \$4000.00 from the Walk-a-thon. Hopefully, the weather cooperates and our walk through the community is a success.

The commitment of the kids, community and parents further exemplifies that Heximer is a great place to be!

This week, we will be sending home the Magazine Renewal orders from QSP. This program is simply an opportunity to purchase or renew subscriptions for families in the Heximer community. While the school does receive a portion of the sales, it is not intended as a fundraiser. Please share with your family the information as there are some excellent savings on some very worthwhile reading material.

Open House was a success as well. Thank you to all who stopped by to see the new classes and meet your child's teacher. This is a critical relationship in the growth and

development of your children. I strongly encourage open communication between home and school. Together, we can make a difference.

We continue to make Heximer a safe and caring place to learn. We will continue to demonstrate our commitment to our Safe School plan to ensure all students have the right to go to school in a safe environment. The students practice and live by the rules of Respect and Responsibility.

As we approach the Thanksgiving weekend, we have many blessings to be thankful for and I share with the staff, our wishes for a very safe and happy Thanksgiving.



Severe Food Allergy

We have a student in our school who suffers from a severe food allergy to peanuts. **This allergy can be a life-threatening allergy**, therefore, we are asking for your cooperation in helping to eliminate any foods with peanuts or peanut products in your child's lunch. A list of suggested

"peanut free" products has been sent home with each student to assist you with planning. Thank you for your cooperation with this serious matter.



Communication Matters: Good Communicators

“Smart talk from your DSBN Speech-Language Pathologists”

Communication is at the core of learning and developing self-esteem. Learning how communicate effectively with others is critical for social and academic development. Knowing the rules, communication, and behaviours that will help students to learn and live more harmoniously with others may be the most important tools they will acquire throughout their years in school. Children become more receptive to learning when they feel good about themselves, and when they feel good

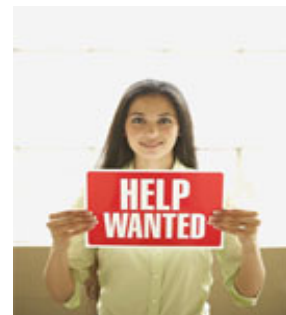
about themselves, they are more willing to risk academically since making mistakes is less devastating. Good communicators do the following:

- use eye contact
- observe before they communicate
- notice body language -
- listen
- take turns
- use a polite tone of voice
- speak clearly
- use an appropriate rate of speech
- act interested
- remain on the topic
- allow adequate space between the listener and speaker .

Parent Council

Our first Parent Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 6th at 6:00 p.m. in our library. It is an important meeting as we will be electing a number of new parents to key positions. Our parent council has been a small ,but, dedicated group. We are hoping to attract new members to council to generate some ideas and support to help make our school and community even better!

Information regarding Parent Council, selection and participation is available at the office. Please consider joining us. Your input is valued!



Cross Country

Our Cross Country Team is off and running. We have been preparing hard for our two Fall races and hopefully able to send a few athletes to the D.S.B.N. Championship Meet in mid-October. The team is looking good and also looks to be one of Heximer’s BIGGEST and best

school team. Many thanks to Ms. Deschamps and Mr. Brigham for their efforts with the team. Congratulations to Donald Hill for his first place finish

In addition to cross country, a number of students have signed on for the Marathon Challenge. The Marathon Challenge is an

opportunity for students to participate in the last 2.1 KM’s of the Niagara Falls International Marathon on the Oct.28th. Information will be sent home with the students. For more information, please visit the website at info@niagarafallsmarathon.com. We look forward to some great fun at this event!



Breakfast Club

The Breakfast Club is offered to all students free of charge. This service is provided by the generous support from Niagara Nutrition Partners, private donations and organizations that kindly donate product and funds. Breakfast is served from 8:10 a.m. - 8:40 a.m..

Many thanks to Rosehill Auction in Fort Erie and Latcham Marine for their donations to our breakfast club program and to all of the volunteers who donate their time. You make a difference!

Please consider making a donation to our Breakfast Club by dropping off a breakfast item (cereal, juice boxes, etc.). Your support is appreciated.



Communication Matters: Good Communicators cont'd

To help your child focus on good communication, your family might spend some time noticing all the 'habits' good communicators use. For example, if someone accidentally interrupts you and apologizes, you might comment on their good communication. You might also like

to have each family member identify their best communication skill. Dad might be a good listener, while mom might be a good turn-taker. Once everyone is aware of communication, enhancing and learning new communication will be far easier.



Halloween Safety

As Halloween night approaches, please discuss with your children the importance of safety. Walking with an adult, going only to houses you know, checking over your "loot" before eating, carrying a flashlight,

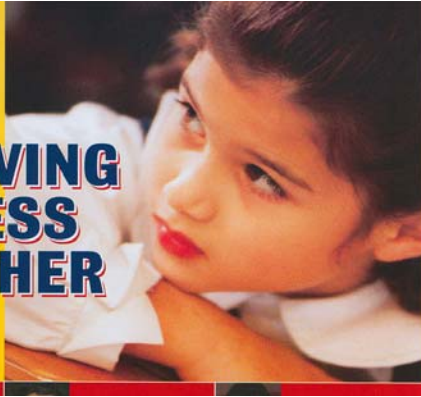
and wearing clothing that can be seen in the dark are just some tips to help make Halloween a fun and enjoyable evening.

To ensure the continued safety of all our

students, please do not send any Halloween candy to school as it may contain peanuts and/or nut products. Thank you



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agara and Heximer School, are
committed to student success by
working together to inspire and
empower all learners to reach
their full potential.**

**We value Relationships, Respect
and Responsibility.**



The Reading Nook— A Reading Magic Moment

All of our lives are very busy. Incorporating reading into the lives we share with our children can provide our families with the opportunity to grow closer. In her book 'Reading Magic', Mem Fox explains; "The time spent reading together provides clear evidence to a child a parent's love, care, and

focused attention. And it gives the parent a chance to close off the rest of the world, relax, and connect with the child wonderfully." Taking just a few minutes to read a book aloud to your child, no matter how old, can be a wonderful

bonding experience. We will be hosting a literacy night in November that will help you reinforce your child's word study. Until then, happy reading!