

## From The Principal

With our first month of school behind us we look forward to October and the challenges it will bring. In September we opened our door to many new students and their families, celebrated our strong EQAO results, and welcomed Mr. Leith to our John Marshall staff as the Gr. 6/7 teacher. The month of October will provide us with many new challenges and an opportunity to expand our learning as we progress through term one. Please remember that student success is a team effort driven by open communication and a committed effort by all. By challenging your children and remaining an active participant in their learning we will all continue to achieve success together.

*Mr. B. Blake*

### **MEET THE TEACHER OPEN HOUSE**

Circle *Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>* on your calendar for our annual Meet the Teacher Open House. Our doors will be open between **5:00 and 6:30 p.m.** for you to tour the school and meet our 2009-10 staff. Please remember that it is very early in the school year and teachers will not be able to give a full report on your child's progress. We hope to see you!

**Please make sure that you have placed your pizza order for the open house.**

### **2008-09 EQAO Assessment Results**

The EQAO results were recently released and the hard work and commitment of our staff and students was again clearly demonstrated through our school's strong results. I have included a graph comparing John Marshall's results with the results of our Board. The EQAO assessment of Reading, Writing, and Mathematics at the Gr.3 and Gr.6 level focus on the Ontario Primary and Junior Curriculum expectations. These assessments provide both individual and system data on students' achievement. With this data staff are able to create a School Growth Plan with a narrowed focus to ensure student success. Congratulations to staff and students!

### **KIDS WITH CHARACTER**

Congratulations to the following students who were recognized with a Super Bulldog award at our September 30<sup>th</sup> recognition assembly for demonstrating the character trait of **RESPECT**: Keegan W., Angelina H., Faith T., David T., Brandon H., Abderahim B., Franki G., Drew B., Colin C., Brianna B., Adrian S., Jennifer N., Darlene T., Anuj G., Ethan S., Jessica D., Sam C., Cole H.

**Students recognized each month will once again have a chance at winning two tickets to see the Niagara Icedogs OHL Hockey Team in action courtesy of the Niagara Review.**

Our October character trait is **RESPONSIBILITY**. We demonstrate self-discipline, self-control, reliability and are accountable for our choices, words and actions. We take care of others and our environment.

## **BULLDOG ATHLETICS**

The students and coaches have been busy practicing for their upcoming seasons. Stay tuned for results in Cross Country, Intermediate Co-ed Soccer and Intermediate Volleyball.

## **CROSS COUNTRY**

Good luck to our coach Mrs. Maves and our Bulldog runners: Alyssa M., Olivia B., Abby P., Callie M., Jessie F., Brianna B., Katharine V., Nina N., Emmett B., Matthew G., Christian G., Rahima B., Brandon H., Jagr N. And Tyler W.

## **HOT LUNCHESES**

This year we will be offering a hot lunch to our students every Friday. Hot lunches will consist of pizza, subs and pasta on a rotational basis. **PLEASE NOTE THAT STARTING IN OCTOBER ALL ORDER FORMS AND MONEY WILL BE DUE ON TUESDAY OF EACH WEEK.** Late orders will not be processed. Please refer to our monthly calendar for the hot lunch rotation. Please remember that sending proper change makes the money collection process much easier.

## **FALL BOOK FAIR**

Our first Scholastic Book Fair will be held **Tuesday, October 20 to Friday, October 23.** The library will be open for sales each day from **8:30 until 4:30 pm.** Our book fairs are a major fundraiser for extra library and classroom resources for both students and teachers. Please help support this valuable cause!

## **LEGO ROBOTICS CLUBS**

The Lego Robotics Clubs will begin meeting in the library during the second Fitness Break at 1:20.

The **Primary Robotics Club** will begin meeting each Days 1 and 6. This will be for students in grades 3 and 4.

The **Junior Robotics Club** will meet on Days 2 and Day 7. This will be for students in grades 5 and 6.

The **Intermediate Robotics Club** will meet on Day 9. This will be for students in grades 7 and 8.

## **SCHOOL LIBRARY**

Our library has a new look this year. We have expanded the space and have added many new titles. We have also started using the new Destiny cataloguing system which is web-based. It will allow you to visit our school library page from the comfort of your own home. You are now able to search for books, write a review, look at the top 10 lists and recommendations. If you check the "My Info" tab along the top of the page you will even be able to see when your student will visit the library next and if there are any books due. Please use this information to ensure that all books are returned to the library so that others may enjoy them as well. You can access this site by logging onto [destiny.dsbnschools.ca](http://destiny.dsbnschools.ca) and then *clicking on John Marshall School* as you scroll the list of schools on the right. We will soon have links to other sites to help with homework as well!

## **TERRY FOX WALKATHON**

On Friday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> our students participated in the Terry Fox Walkathon and raised \$1500.00 for cancer research., **Well done Bulldogs!** A special mention to Drew B. and Kiley C. for their outstanding pledge amounts and to all our participating staff and students.

### **PUBLIC LIBRARY VISITS**

As a staff we remain committed to encourage our students to become regular readers and to promote reading, both in and out of school. We are continuing to foster a community partnership with the local Stamford Public Library. Classes will have the opportunity to become familiar, (shown on the monthly calendar), with the books and services available at our local branch of the public library.

### **SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Please join the John Marshall School Advisory Council at our **next meeting, Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm.** Research clearly shows that children do better when their parents are involved in their school. We need and value your support! A huge Bulldog thank you to Shelley Perry and Laura Seguin who have once again volunteered as co-chairs of the 2009/10 Council .

### **SCHOOL PHOTOS**

Once again Edge Imaging will be our photo provider. ***Picture Day will be Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>.***

### **ALL STAR READING PROGRAM**

A great way to help out at school is to read with a student as one of our All Star Reading Volunteers. Books are an enjoyable way to interact with a child and help their reading skills develop. We have lots of great suggestions to help students become better readers and if you have 1.5 hours a week to donate to a worthwhile cause please contact Mrs. Thomson at our school(905 358-3711).

The program will be starting after Thanksgiving.

Thank-you for your support!

### **H1 N1 UPDATE**

As we settle into the 2009/10 school year, I thought it important that I provide you with an H1N1 update as it pertains to your child's health and safety while at school.

Niagara Region Public Health has commended the District School Board of Niagara for the proactive measures that have been implemented in our schools to minimize the impact of flu like illnesses such as H1N1. *These programs include:*

1. A comprehensive Germ Prevention Control Program launched in every school in 2008. This program helps to minimize the spread of germs through prevention programs such as environmental cleaning and disinfecting and installation of hand sanitizer stations in our schools
2. Providing hand sanitizer to every classroom, supported with instruction for proper use
3. The teaching of proper sneeze and cough etiquette techniques

We are also pleased to tell you that we will be launching our "Clean Hands Champion" program in the coming weeks. Students will be rewarded for practicing proper handwashing and hand sanitizing

techniques, and receive stickers from their teacher showing that they are a "Clean Hands Champion". We hope that this will be a fun way to reinforce proper handwashing, and help to minimize the spread of germs at the same time.

At this time, students should continue to come to school unless *they experience flu symptoms*. Signs and symptoms of the H1N1 virus are similar to those of seasonal flu and include fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headaches, chills, and fatigue. If you suspect your child has the flu, contact your health care provider and the school immediately.

The health and safety of the students at our school is of utmost importance; we look forward to having a successful and healthy 2009/10 school year.

For more prevention tips, please visit [www.dsbns.org](http://www.dsbns.org) and click on "H1N1". For more about H1N1 and seasonal flu viruses, visit [www.niagararegion.ca](http://www.niagararegion.ca)

### **Nor card Fundraiser- Win a trip to Disney World!!**

On October 8<sup>th</sup> each family will be sent home a package including order forms to sell calendars, holiday cards, note pad sets and more. **The fundraiser will run from October 8<sup>th</sup> until October 22<sup>nd</sup>. We would ask that all order forms and payment be returned by October 22<sup>nd</sup> so that we can have all the merchandise back in time for the holidays.** All proceeds from the fundraiser will be used to subsidize bus trips, in-class activities and special guest presenters.

As an added bonus, this year Nor card is offering a chance to win a trip to Disney World to one lucky fundraiser. The trip includes: Round trip airfare for a family of 4, 7 days accommodation, 4- 3 day Disney "Park-Hopper" passes and \$1000 spending money. If you visit their website at [www.norcard.ca](http://www.norcard.ca) you can see entire contest rules. So, good luck and happy selling!!

### **NEWSLETTER DRAW**

To encourage greater communication and an incentive to ensure that the monthly newsletter makes it home, we will continue to add a monthly ballot to the end of the newsletter. Once the newsletter has been read by a parent/guardian the ballot can be completed and returned to the school for a chance at winning a prize.

**Congratulations to our September Newsletter Draw winners:** Ashlyn R., Dylan B., Brandon H., Brianna B.

**NEWSLETTER DRAW**

\_\_\_\_\_ YES, I/WE HAVE READ THE OCTOBER NEWSLETTER.  
PLEASE ENTER OUR NAME(S) IN THE NEWSLETTER DRAW. \_\_\_\_\_

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**Student Name / Family Name**

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**Parent Signature**



**JOHN MARSHALL - S.O.S**



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