

Princess Elizabeth Post

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From the Office...

Dear Parents,

With Thanksgiving just around the corner, it seems appropriate to stop and thank the many wonderful Princess Elizabeth families who have helped to get this school year off to a super start.

Another way every parent/guardian can help out is to remind your children about routines and expectations at school. Of particular note, it is crucial that your child's attendance is regular. Students arriving late miss opening routines and fall behind on work. Entry times are as follows:

Morning Entry: 8:50 a.m.
Afternoon Entry: 1:40 p.m.

Thank you to all of the families who came out to our Fun Fair night. Particular thanks go out to our volunteers!

Just a reminder:

NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Friday, October 7th (P.A. Day)

**Monday, October 10th
(Thanksgiving Monday)**

Terry Fox

Princess Elizabeth will be holding their annual Terry Fox fund-raiser during October. Our Terry Fox Walk will take place on Friday, October 14th. All monies raised go to support Cancer research. Please look for additional communication about this coming home soon.



Thank You for the Fun Fair!



A big thank you goes out to our organizing group who put together a wonderfully enjoyable Fun Fair on Friday, September 23rd. Parents had a chance to meet the 2011-2012 staff and enjoy a great affordable family fun event.

The event raised approximately \$3500 in profit. These funds will be used towards improving our gymnasium (gymnasium and stage). We plan to add more to our safety padding to the ends of our gym and add to the sound/lighting systems for our productions.

We will be recognizing all of our sponsors in the November newsletter!

Thanks to all of you!

School Advisory Council

The first meeting of the School Council was held on Thursday, September 29th. We had 15 parents and community members come out to discuss issues concerning our students. Topics included:

- School Lunch Program
- Traffic on Lincoln/Scholfield (see petition later in this newsletter)
- Houseleagues / Jr. sports

Full minutes from the meeting are on our website. Our chair is Tonya Louks and our vice-chair is Jenn Dube. The next meeting for the School Advisory Council (SAC) is scheduled for Tuesday, October 25th @ 6:30pm. All parent & community members are welcome to attend! FYI...

- Primary means JK-grade 3
- Junior means grades 4 -6
- Intermediate means grades 7-8

School Lunch Program

After consultation with the School Council, we have established a plan for our school lunch program that meets the new Provincial nutrition requirements.

Lunch order forms will go home later in October and be for four weeks of lunches and may resemble:

- Week 1: Pizza (whole-wheat crust)
- Week 2: Subs (ham / turkey / veggie)
- Week 3: Pizza (whole-wheat crust)
- Week 4: Swiss Chalet or Pitas

As soon as we finalize our options and pricing negotiations, an order form will be sent out!

Student Photo Day!

On Wednesday, October 5th, Lasting Images Photography will be coming to school to take student and class photos.

Please be sure you have dressed your children appropriately for the day and **PRACTISE THOSE SMILES!!!**



Inclement Weather!!!

We continue to expect rain and cold temperatures during the fall. **Please dress your children appropriately**



for the weather! We will attempt to allow students outside during as many breaks as possible. If there is heavier rain, the following procedures will be followed:

At 8:35am – students will be allowed in the hallway using their **normal** entry door. A teacher on duty will supervise the students until the bell rings, and then will direct students to their classes.

Fitness Breaks – students remain in their classrooms and are involved in suitable quiet activities.

Breakfast & Snack Programs

Through funding from Niagara Nutrition Partners, Princess Elizabeth offers two programs to help our hungry students:

- Breakfast program is available to ANY students on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday each week from 8:30-8:50am starting on October 11th.
- Snacks/Lunches are available for students who forget their lunches/snacks or didn't have items at home to make a nutritious lunch/snack.

If you do NOT want your child to access the program, please let the office know.

Fundraising Plan '11-'12

School fundraising is used to support extra opportunities for students not funded by the ministry. These include transportation to and from trips and co-curricular activities. Your School Council wants to allow parents to plan their financial support during the school year. Therefore, the fundraising plan for the school year is outlined below:

FUN FAIR (Sept.) – funds going to gymnasium

TERRY FOX (Oct.) – funds going to Cancer research

COOKIE DOUGH (Oct./Nov.) – funds going to support trips / 7&8 students receive their profits towards their Camp trip

POINTSETTIA (Nov.) – funds going to pay for bussing

LUNCHES – funds to support local community needs

OTHER FOOD SALES – funds going to student awards

Cookie/Muffin Dough & Fundraiser

Upcoming this month is a school-wide cookie/muffin dough fundraiser! Through our School Advisory Council, we have established a fundraising plan for the year (see this plan above).



This campaign is to provide funding for year-end trips. Students up to grade 6 raise monies that will help reduce the cost of trips throughout the school year.

Students in grades 7 & 8 will have their individual profits go towards reducing the cost of their year-end trip.

More details will be coming out later this month! There are some fantastic prizes to be earned this year. **Thanks for your support and good luck selling!**

No Child Without

Princess Elizabeth is involved in the Canadian MedicAlert Foundation's **No Child Without** program.



There is no cost for students who attend our school and are between the ages of 4 up to their 14th birthday to join MedicAlert through this program. If your child has a medical condition, allergy or is required to take medication on a regular basis, then you should consider this program. A child's MedicAlert identification can alert school staff, friends, coaches and others about your child's medical condition should an emergency occur.

For further information come to the office for a brochure or go to www.nochildwithout.ca. To register your child you will need a **No Child Without** brochure from the office.

If your child is already part of the **No Child Without** program and there have been changes to their medical condition, medications or emergency contact information, call MedicAlert at 1-800-668-1507 to update your child's file.

Absences / Lates

To help out our secretary, Ms. Sager, parents are reminded to call the school prior to 8:40am if your son/daughter will be absent or has an appointment first thing in the morning.



Students who are repeatedly late WILL likely be detained after school and/or during breaks to compensate for lost class time.

Calendar

Check the attached calendar to keep up-to-date on our planned events. A calendar is also included on the school website:



www.dsbnschools.org/Schools/PrincessEliz

Home & Community Connections !!!

Fun & Games with the Welland Neighbourhood Project!

Every Tuesday & Thursday

Princess Elizabeth School Gymnasium

6:00pm-7:30pm

Every Tuesday & Thursday night, Princess Elizabeth hosts FUN & GAMES from 6:00-7:30pm. This is a FREE program for kids aged 5-10 years old. No preregistration is needed – just come and meet the instructors any Tuesday or Thursday night to have your child have 90 minutes of fun and exercise.



Healthy Homes: Healthy Families Day

Saturday, October 22nd, 2011

Welland Community Wellness Complex

10:00am-2:00pm

Don't miss out on a day of FREE cost-saving information regarding finances, home renovations, energy usage and so much more. Take advantage of the free giveaways and visit a variety of information booths including nutrition, health, fitness and leisure. From children's activities to cooking tips, there is something for everyone! Local representatives will be available to provide information regarding services your family can enjoy and help you access resources that can better your home.

If you have any questions, or would like additional information for Healthy Homes/Healthy Families Day, please see the contact information below:

Laurene Bannister
Job Gym, Welland
905-732-7655 x 232
www.jhs-niagara.com
www.jobgym.com

Sandy Rempel
Habitat for Humanity, St. Cath.
905-685-7395
www.habitatniagara.ca

Hallowe'en at the Safety Village

Saturday, October 22nd, 2011

Niagara Region Children's Safety Village

(300 Woodlawn Rd.
Across from YMCA)

1:00pm-3:00pm

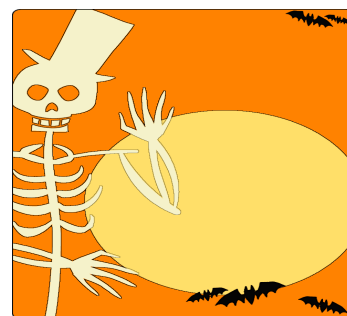
Please join the Niagara Region Children's Safety Village for Trick-or-Treating, Ghoulish Games, and Frightening Fun!

Kids aged 2-11 are invited to come dressed in your Hallowe'en costume.

Admission is FREE, although any donations to the Village are greatly appreciated.

Pre-registration is required:

Call 905-714-4446 or e-mail at assistant@niagarasafetyvillage.com



HELPING YOUR CHILD AT HOME!

Ideas to help you help your child in Language, Math & More!

Star-Reading Strategies

'Star Strategies' are those which help the reader with fluency and comprehension. Two strategies on which we are focussing are:

ACTIVATE YOUR SCHEMA:

Good readers activate *schema* (prior knowledge) to provide direction and focus to their reading. If readers lack the schema necessary to be able to understand the text effectively, you can help build schema by reading texts aloud, take your child on a trip or talk about the experience. Encourage your child to think:

- What do I know about...?
- Have I ever...?
- Think about...

MAKING CONNECTIONS:

Good readers connect what they already know to what they encounter in texts. They draw upon their personal experiences (text-to-self), knowledge of the world (text-to-world), and previous books (text-to-text). Encourage your child to think:

- This reminds me of...
- This is the same as...
- This author always...



Communication Matters

Smart Talk from the DSNB Speech-Language Pathologists:

Communication is at the core of learning and developing self-esteem. Learning how to communicate effectively with others is critical for social and academic development. 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
- speak clearly & use a polite tone
- act interested
- remain on-topic
- allow space between others

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.

Character Trait: RESPECT

This year at Princess Elizabeth the students will once again be participating in Character Education activities in their classrooms. During the month of October, the students will try to exemplify the character trait of 'respect':

- Respect is treating others as you would like to be treated.
- Respect is being considerate of other people's feelings.
- Respect means recognizing the value of people, property, the environment, and oneself.

Parents can reinforce these behaviours at home by encouraging children to play fairly, listen to others, use courtesy words such as 'please' and 'thank you', and accept people's differences.

Make Math an Enjoyable Part of Every Day!

Try these easy tips in your routine:

- Point out the many ways in which math is used in everyday life!
- Include your child in everyday activities that include math (such as making purchases, mixing ingredients, setting the table)
- Play games (non-screen) that involve math including counting, time, measuring, patterns and logic.
- In addition to math tools such as calculators and rulers, use handy household items, such as a measuring cup and containers, when doing math with your child.
- Encourage your child to give explanations when solving math problems – have him or her tell you specifically what doesn't make sense if they are having trouble. Talking about how solutions are reached develops mathematical reasoning.