

Mission Statement:

"Gainsborough Central Public School strives for each child to live, learn, and laugh in a safe, unique, and challenging environment. Each child is encouraged to achieve personal standards of excellence in the school community."



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COUNTDOWN TO KINDERGARTEN

On February 2 between 4 - 6 p.m. we will be holding an open house for kindergarten registration. If you have a child who will be 4 years of age by December 31, 2012 he/she is eligible to attend junior kindergarten. Please contact Mrs. Hine at the school office to let her know you are coming on Thursday evening so that we will have the registration paperwork ready for you. We require proof of age (eg. birth certificate), health card number and immunization record to complete the registration. (Please note that the focus for our open house is to provide an opportunity for your child to see the classroom while you complete the paperwork. Students will be invited back for a longer visit in June.)



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CHILD CARE

We have had several inquiries about child care for next year. Since we do not have a daycare program in our building, we wondered if there are any families within our school boundaries who may be interested in providing before and/or after school care. Please contact Mrs. Hine if you are interested.

REPORT CARDS

First term reports will be sent home on February 9. Teachers are reporting on progress from last September to the end of January on this report. There are no scheduled interviews for this set of reports, however, if you wish to meet with your child's teacher please send a note in the agenda.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Students in most classrooms are in the process of delivering speeches to determine who will represent their grade in our public speaking competition on February 16. Our Grade 1 - 4 students will present that day during the first block and our Grade 5 - 8 students after first break. The top two students from each division will then go on to represent our school at the Smithville Legion competition on February 21 (Primary & Junior) and February 28 (Intermediate). Parents are welcome to attend the school competition.



BOOK FAIR

Thanks to Mrs. Haber for organizing another book fair for us as part of our literacy focus and to the parents who have volunteered to work on Wednesday, February 8 and Thursday, February 9th. Please note that extended hours will be available on Thursday (until 7 p.m.)



GRADE 6/7 CPR TRAINING



We are pleased to be able to offer our Grade 7 students the opportunity to learn CPR, a valuable skill which may help save a life. The training, provided by Heart Niagara, will take place on February 8.

CAROUSEL PLAYERS

We have invited the primary students from Caistor School to join us on February 15 for Carousel Players performance of *Here to Hear*, a story about a controversy at a concert and the subsequent solution to the problem. Notes have been sent home to all primary students as there is a (subsidized) charge of \$4 per student to attend. Junior kindergarten students aren't normally in attendance that day but are invited to join us if they are accompanied by a parent/guardian.

EARLY RELEASE DAY/FAMILY DAY

Students will be dismissed at 12:30 on Friday, February 17 which has been designated as an early release day. The Family Day holiday also falls that weekend, on Monday, February 20 so school won't resume until Tuesday morning, February 21.

MILK ORDERS

Does your child forget to bring home the milk order form? Forms are available online (on our school website) or you could request another copy by writing a note in the agenda. Please note that we will no longer accept orders received after the due date.

★ ★ ★ STAR STUDENTS ★ ★ ★

Our character trait for the month of January was perseverance. The following students were recognized for their persistence and determination: Dane G., Jordan R. (JK), Ella F., Zachary H. (SK), Azelie S., Ethan K. (1/2), Madison V., Emma K., Austin M. (2), Luke T., Bryan H. (2/3), Clayton B. (3/4), Derek M. (5/6), Noah D., Noah K., Leah H., Hailey H. (6/7). David P., Natalie P. (8), Tyler B. (SESN)



KIN CLUB SKATE-A-THON



The skate-a-thon will be held on February 23 at the local arena. Transportation and food will be provided to participating students. Pledge sheets are available at the school office. A minimum pledge of \$10 is required to participate. Please note that if there is insufficient interest in participating we must notify the organizing committee by February 10 so that buses can be cancelled. Please let the office know if you are interested in participating.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our next school advisory council meeting will be held on February 15 at 7 p.m. Join us if you are available as we review our school growth plan, fundraising options for next year and develop a principal profile.

EXTRA CURRICULAR

★Mrs. Judge has begun the chess club, which is open to all students, and runs every Day 2 and 8 at second break.

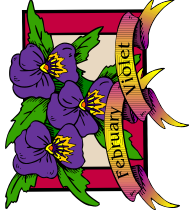
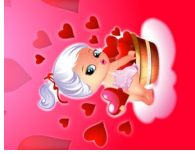


★Mrs. Haber will be offering the Silver Birch Reading club again this year. Students in this club read books identified by the Ontario Library Association and then vote for their favourites. A DSNB conference is usually held to celebrate the finalists.










★Intermediate basketball has begun. Both our boys and girls teams are showing excellent sportsmanship and developing skill. Thanks to our coaches, Mr. Reid, Mrs. Gravelle and Mr. Degraw.





FEBRUARY 2012

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Character Trait: Caring				1	2 Pizza Day Kindergarten Registration 4-6 pm 	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	11
	10-7	10-8	10-9	10-10	11-1		
	Grad photos 	Book Fair Gr 7 CPR training 	Pizza Day Book Fair to 7 pm 100th day Sweater day Term 1 Reports go home 				
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
	11-2	11-3	11-4	11-5	11-6	11-6	
	Valentines Day 	Carousel Players JK-3 @ 9:30 am	Pizza Day 	Gr 2/3 and 3/4 trip to Woodend Early Release Day			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
	Family Care Day—No School	Legion Public Speaking Gr 1-6	Pizza Day Kin Club Skate-a-thon 				
26	27	28	29	12-3	Looking ahead: Spring Break March 9—18		
	12-1	12-2	12-3	Student of the month assembly 2 pm			
	Legion Public Speaking Gr 7 and 8						