



Gainsborough Central Public School

October 2009

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."

Important Dates to Remember

- October 2 ~ Student of the Month Assembly
- October 5th ~ Spiritwear orders due
- October 7th ~ Book Fair 8:30 am to 7:00 pm
- October 8th ~ Book Fair 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
~ JK/SK trip to Bryanne Farms
- October 9th ~ PA Day
- October 12th ~ Thanksgiving Monday
- October 14th ~ MacMillan's orders are due
- October 16th ~ Grades 1, 2 and 2/3 trip to Safety Village
- October 28th ~ MacMillan's orders in for pickup
- October 21st ~ School Council Meeting 6:30 at SLHS
- October 30th ~ Halloween Hoot
- Pizza Days ~ October 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd
- Hotdog Day ~ Friday, October 30th



Once again Gainsborough families and friends demonstrated that we are a caring community through support of both the Terry Fox Run and Community Care Food Drive. All of our students participated in the Terry Fox Run either at Gainsborough or South Lincoln (some students ran at both!) and raised almost \$1000 for cancer research. Special thanks to Miss Haveman, Mrs. Haber and our Student Parliament for their excellent organization of events here at Gainsborough and to Mrs. Provost and her staff at South Lincoln for including our Grade 7 and 8 students in their event. Additionally we collected a barrel full of food for those families who would not otherwise have had a Thanksgiving dinner.



EQAO Results

The results of the EQAO testing of our Grade 3 and Grade 6 students last year have been released. The percentage of participating Grade 3 students who achieved Level 3 and 4 were as follows: Reading 69%, Writing 84%, Math 74%. Our scores exceeded both board and provincial results in all three categories. 79% of our Grade 3 students achieved Level 3 or 4 in two out of three categories! The percentage of Level 3 and 4 students in Grade 6 were: Reading 69%, Writing 62% and Math 62%. With the exception of writing, we were able to match board and provincial scores. 73% of our Grade 6 students achieved a Level 3 or 4 in two out of three categories! We are pleased that over the course of the past five years we have seen a steady increase in the number of students who are at or exceeding provincial targets. We will be using this information, in conjunction with classroom based assessments, to determine the focus of our literacy and math programs for the coming months.

Superkids

Our character education focus for the month of September was respect. Staff will acknowledge individual students at our student of the month assembly on Friday morning, October 2. During the month of October we will talk about responsibility and how we can demonstrate that through self-discipline, self-control, by being reliable and accountable for our actions and words, and by caring about others and the environment.



Book Fair

Mrs. Haber has organized a Scholastic Book Fair, to be held on Wednesday, October 7 from 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Thursday, October 8 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Students will have an opportunity to preview books prior to the sale and will bring home a catalogue for your convenience. All proceeds from the book fair go to new resources for our classrooms and the library.



School Advisory Council

□ We had a great turn-out at our first School Advisory Council meeting after the Meet the Teacher Open House last month. Our new chair is Cindy Desruisseaux, Angie Greenwood continues as our secretary and Dara McLeod as our treasurer. Future meetings will be held on the fourth Tuesday of every month from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. and babysitting will be available. (See note below regarding our October meeting.)

□ The South Lincoln Secondary School Advisory Council have invited us to a joint (College Street, Caistor, Gainsborough and South Lincoln) school council meeting on Wednesday, October 21st at 6:30 p.m. in the library. Babysitting will be available if you call to let us know that it is needed. This meeting will be in lieu of our regular October meeting.

□ Our major fundraising activity of the year is MacMillans Gourmet Cookie and Muffin Dough. By sending the order forms home early in the school year we hope to capitalize on family get-togethers over the Thanksgiving weekend and higher profit percentages. Orders are due on October 14 with product delivery on October 28.

□ The School Council Liaison Committee will be holding their annual conference at Westlane Secondary School in Niagara Falls on Wednesday, November 4th from 4:30-8:45 p.m. The theme of the conference is "Engaging in Student Success: Parents and Community Partners in Action". There will be a light supper followed by several workshops and a vendor's fair. For more information, or registration forms, <http://www.dsbn.org> check the community bulletin board outside our school office. There is an Early Bird Draw for a chance to win \$500 of support for our school if you register by October 9th!



Harvest Hoot

Our intermediate students will be organizing games and activities on Friday, October 30 to raise money for UNICEF. All students are invited to dress in costume and for a small fee will be able to participate in this event, which will be held during periods 3 and 4. Following the Hoot there will be a dance for our Grade 7 and 8 students.





H1N1 Update

The DSBN has put many measures into place to ensure that your child is safe while at school. We have a comprehensive germ prevention control program to minimize the spread of germs, hand sanitizers have been provided to every classroom and students have been taught proper sneeze and cough etiquette. We have arranged to have our school nurse demonstrate proper handwashing techniques to all of our primary students and later this month we will also be launching a "Clean Hands Champion" program. For more information on these initiatives please see our school website. *Please note that if your child is experiencing flu symptoms (fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headaches, chills and fatigue) he/she should be kept at home to minimize the spread of potentially dangerous germs.*



Sports Corner

Both our junior and intermediate soccer teams competed this month in tournaments at the Leisureplex. Congratulations to all of our soccer players for their effort and sportsmanship on and off the field, but in particular to Jerry S. who scored all of our team's goals on the junior boys team! Special thanks to our coaches (Mrs. Haber, Miss Goodfellow, Mrs. Judge and Mrs. McLaughlin) and to all of the parents who drove to the games.

Intermediate girls: Ingrid B., Kirsten B., Amy H., Sarah H., Tianna H., Jessie L., Kasandra M., Carly M., Victoria M., Kelsey S., Tracey S., Fatemah S. and Alex S.

Intermediate boys: Zack A., Kyle B., Mason B., James C., Bruce C., Christopher D., James F., Kyle G., Dylan H., Luke H., Brandon K., Ryan K., Matt L., Jacob I., Ryan L., Tim R. and Erik Y.

Junior girls: Emma C., Emily C., Kassandra D., Kaitlin G., Leah H., Hailey H., Lindsay H., Ceara K., Danielle L., Cloey L., Kira M., Sarah N., Natalie P., Gillian S. and Kristina T.

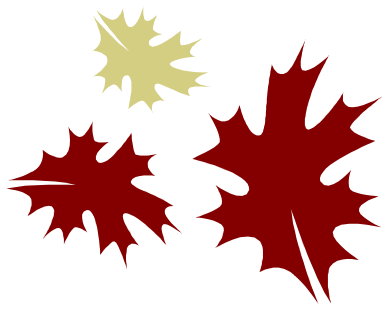
Junior boys: Konor A., Robert A., Lucas C., Jack C., Sheldon D., Luke H., Kraig H., Jordan I., Noah K., Blake P., Trent S., Levi S., Jerry S., Kevin S. and Michael S.



Santa Says! Come see the Santa Claus parade...Saturday November 28th, 2009—starts at 2:00pm

The parade runs from the Smithville Arena along Regional Road 20 to Industrial Park Road. Come early to get a good spot and don't forget to bundle up. Hot Chocolate will be served from The Old Milk Truck to help in keeping you warm and toasty. The theme of this years parade is "**Toyland**". The West Lincoln Firefighters will again be collecting non-perishable food items for the West Lincoln Community Food Bank. Please give kindly. If you want to participate in the 19th annual Santa Claus parade, you must register before November 19th. To register please contact Dave at 905-957-7577.

Thanks to all for participating—Linda Nicholls—Media and Public Relations



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