

PORT WELLER PUBLIC SCHOOL

April Newsletter Items

A message from Mr. Enns

April is rounding out to be another exciting month at Port Weller. Staff and School Council have planned a variety of fun and educational activities. We recommend that you refer to our school calendar to see dates and times of most of our April events.

Tuesday, April 3rd is designated as World Autism Awareness Day in the DSBN. Port Weller will be "Raising the Flag" after our morning assembly to demonstrate respect for people with ASD and to help create a more accepting community

During the month of April, you will notice many new faces in our hallways and classrooms. Port Weller is hosting eight students from Brock University and Algonquin College who are completing their placements as part of their respective programs. We welcome these additional helping hands into our school.

School Council

School Council is working hard to prepare for our Friday, May 11 Trivia Night at the Grantham Lions Club. An information note and a return slip for the purchase of tickets will come home early in the first week of April. Money raised from this event will be used to support the purchase of technology at Port Weller School. We hope to have a great time together.

Our Vesey's Bulbs fund raiser is drawing to a close. Orders are due back to the school by April 4th. We appreciate your support! Vesey orders will be distributed later in early May.

School Council has arranged to have a speaker, Chris Vollum, to come to Port Weller On April 16 at 2 p.m. to speak to our gr. 4 to 8 students on the topic of Social Media Fitness. Then later at 6 p.m. on the same day, Mr Vollum will be speaking in our gym to parents and children about the same topic, but from a parent's perspective. We hope you will consider joining us for this informative evening.

Our next School Council meeting is Tuesday, April 24th at 6 p.m. in our computer lab. Child care will be provided. We remind you that minutes from meetings are posted on the school's website.

Kindergarten Registration

Please remember that we can register students on any day; we hope to make new families feel welcome at Port Weller.

Athletics

Gymnastics for students in grades 1 to 8 has been running full speed for the past few weeks and is now done. Mrs. Chilcott has been very excited to work with our enthusiastic participants.

Congratulations to the members of this year's junior team: Kaili C, Myla B, Grace M, Katie S, Ayla L, Lily R, Lilli V, Sarah C, Alana L, Kiara H, and Madison H. The team is being coached by P. Reile, B. Daniels, S. DeWolf and K. Troup. This year we will be competing Gymnastics Energy on April 20th. Gymnasts and student coaches are to be commended for their enthusiasm and effort during practices. We are fortunate to have a knowledgeable parent volunteer and former junior gymnasts coming out to share their skills with us. Thank you.

The Intermediate girls' gymnastics team has been flipping, rolling and leaping for the past month in preparation for their competition on April 19th at Gymnastics Energy. We wish the members of the team good luck. This year's members are: Cadence S., Olivia, B., Brigid D., Hanna H., Emily P., Sarah D., Mya H., and Marin M.

The junior basketball season continues as we are now at the halfway point of our schedule. Miss Wood and Mr. Enns are proud of the way the players are developing their skills. We appreciate the positive support from our PW families both in the stands and their help with driving to away games.

Intermediate badminton will start up at the end of April. Mrs. Venneri will be calling on interested students to come out to participate.

Clubs

Our recycling team which is comprised of students from Mr. Dyck's class has been doing an excellent job running this important program. With the support of Mr. Dyck and Mr Epp, the students have been able to divert a significant amount of materials away from our landfill and back into useful resource streams.

Congratulations to our chess team for winning the Area 5 Gold Medal! Mr. Dyck, Mrs. Chilcott, and Mr. Reimer were very proud of our chess team. Several of our students have qualified and will move onto the DSBN Chess championship scheduled for April 10th. Well done Chess Team!

Fund Raising Action Team

Our Fundraising Action Team is planning some fun days to help support the Education Foundation of Niagara (EFN). The EFN's "Make Change for Kids" initiative funds many different programs in our DSBN schools to help families and children who need some financial assistance. During the week of April 9 to 13, the Fundraising Action Team will be planning a fun activity for each day of the week. Students and staff are encouraged to make small voluntary donations while participating. More details about each day will be shared over the announcements and in an information note that will be sent home on April 4th. Our schedule is as follows:

Monday – Hat Day

Tuesday – Guessing Jars

Wednesday – Fun Day

Thursday – Gum and Candy

Friday – Fruit kabobs (skewers)

LIBRARY LINK

The Library Action Team is excited to announce that it will be hosting Port Weller's second Scholastic Book Fair of the school year, from April 17-20. Great books, cool posters, and unique school supplies will be on display in the library and students will be able to stop by to browse and/or make purchases

- Between 8:30 am and 9:00 am
- During first and second Fitness Breaks (outdoor portion of the break)
- Between 3:30 pm and 4:00 pm.

It is important to note that a portion of the total sales from the book fair remains at the school and is used to purchase new books and other resources for our school library.

If you would like to volunteer at the book fair, please contact the teacher-librarian at Jeremy.Thorpe@dsbn.org or @MrJThorpe.

