



# THE TREASURE CHEST

## Port Weller Public School

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H. Abbey, Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians:

On November 15<sup>th</sup> your child will be coming home with an Elementary Progress Report Card. This report card is designed to share information with YOU, the parents, about your child's progress early in the school year. This report card will focus on your

REPORT CARD				
GRADING PERIOD	1	2	3	4
ENGLISH	A			
MATHEMATICS	A			
SCIENCE	B			
SOCIAL STUDIES	B			
ART	A			
MUSIC				
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	C			
Grade Average	B			
Attendance				
Progress				
Comments				

child's development of their learning skills and work habits, as well as your child's general progress in working towards their achievement of the curriculum expectations at their grade level. It is extremely important that you, as the parent, take this opportunity to understand your child's progress at this early point in the school year. It is important that your child understands your interest in their progress and that they understand, together as a team, we are here to support their learning.

### What is important to know about the Progress Report Card?

- It is intended to provide you with an EARLY indication of your child's progress.
- It will NOT include marks or letter grades, but rather progress will be reported by indicating if your child is "progressing with difficulty", "progressing well", or "progressing very well."
- There will NOT be a comment for every subject area on this report card. There WILL be a comment for math and language and for any subject where your child is doing exceptionally well or is progressing with difficulty.
- It has a very large emphasis on learning skills and work habits.

- Teacher comments are personalized, clear and meaningful.

### Will you have the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher?

- YES! All parents are encouraged to meet with their child's teacher(s) for an interview. Formal interviews will take place the week of November 15<sup>th</sup>. **A letter will be coming home this week from your child's teacher. Please look for it!**

### What do we need from you?

- Parents have a very important role to play in supporting your child's learning. Studies show clearly that student performance improves when parents or guardians are involved in their education. Throughout the school year, our school will continue to provide ongoing communication with parents, guardians and students through strategies such as phone calls, newsletters, websites and interviews. You are encouraged to communicate regularly with your child's teacher and to contact the school when questions arise.

### Where do I go for more information about The Progress Report?

- If you are interested in reading more please visit the Ministry website at [www.edu.gov.on.ca](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca) or contact the school at any time.

## Remembrance Day

Students in Grades 7 & 8 plus the choir will travel to Ina Grafton Gage Village on Friday, Nov. 11, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. to remember and honour the veterans for their sacrifices in times of war. The Grade 7 & 8 students will be bussed to Ina Grafton Gage on Linwell Road. Parents are always welcome, but seating may be limited. All of the students will participate in an assembly at 9:00 a.m. in the gym put on by the students in Grades 4-8. Parents are welcome to attend the Port Weller School service in the gym. Poppies will be sold to all students for a donation at 9:00 a.m.



## M & M Meat Shops

Once a month, M & M Meat Shops will be hosting a "School Day". The event will run from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. the last Thursday of the month Oct., Nov., Jan., Feb., Mar., Apr., and May and 10% of any purchases made for our school on that day will be donated back to us! The next School Day is Nov. 24.

All you need to do is to come in anytime during the day, identify yourselves **as a supporter of your school, and make a purchase.** *It's that easy!*

## Junior Soccer Team

The Junior Soccer Team (a.k.a. Pirate Football Club) enjoyed a fun season together!

Team members are:

**Sam B., Luke E., Carter H., Nick V., Abby S., Rami M., Carter J., Hailey K., Taylor K., Jessica R., Kate L., Katie M., Alex P., Gavin M., Brandon E., Dylan D., and Jocelyn L.**

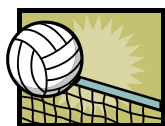


Way to go Pirates!!! Arrrrrgh!

Coach: Mr. Reimer

## Junior Boys' Volleyball

The Junior Boys' Volleyball team has been chosen for another exciting season! On the team are: **Justice L., Alex P., Lucas V., Zack B.,**



**Caleb M., Nick V., Julian S., Rami M., Sam B., Ethan W., Luke E., Spencer S., and Holden M.**

Our first game will be on November 2 at Prince Phillip School. Go Pirates!!!

Thank you to Mrs. Pearson for coaching.

## Junior Girls Volleyball Team

Congratulations to the following girls who will make up the Port Weller Junior Girls Volleyball Team:

**Keeley C., Katie M., Kate L., Samantha W., Nicole W., Hailey B., Jocelyn L., Hailey K., Taylor K.,**

**Jade B., Michaela R., Victoria B., Jessica R., Emma H.**

We are looking forward to an exciting season! Thank you to Mrs. Crowther and Mrs. LeRose for coaching.

## Intermediate Girls Volleyball Tournament

On Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> Port Weller hosted a 15 team tournament at Eden High School. Our team placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in pool play to Glenn A. Green. The girls went on to win the next game in the play-offs and then tied Crossroads in the semi-finals.

Unfortunately, due to a point differential, the girls missed out on going to the gold medal game and had to play for the bronze medal. They played very competitively, but narrowly lost to Grapeview. It was an excellent day for our Pirate ladies. They demonstrated excellent skills and team cohesion. A special thank you to Mrs. Blanchette who expertly coached our team so Mrs. Rosts could convene the tournament.

In order to run the tournament successfully, we relied on many former high school volunteers and some of our students. Special thanks to **Chris M., Sydney G., and Eric G.** who spent the day working diligently score keeping and running the concession stand. Thanks also to Mr. Davidson and Miss Benson for their help at concession. The money earned will go towards new sports equipment.

## Winter Wonderland

To be held on December 16 in the gym.

Shopping table, baked goods, raffle table, games and more!!

Donations for the raffle table would be greatly appreciated. If you need a donation letter, please see Mrs. Munn at the office.

More information will be sent home in an upcoming newsletter.



## **PUMPKINVILLE**

**THANK YOU!** Thank you to all the parents who came out to PUMPKINVILLE to help at our school's bake sale table. Thank you also to all the parents that donated baked goods, candy, chocolates, and popcorn. The variety of treats was amazing! Even with the dark skies, wind, rain, and cold weather, we were still able to earn a little profit for our efforts. The money raised will go towards the maintenance of the playground. **THANK YOU** again!



**Homework Club** is now running after school from 3:20-4:00. This is a great opportunity for students to use our library or computer lab to complete assignments. There are staff members available to offer individual support to those who would like to improve in a specific area. It also offers a safe place for students to meet who would like to work on a group assignment. Parent permission forms may be handed in to classroom teachers. Attendance is not mandatory each night. Students may come on any given night they need to.

**Upcoming:** Workshops by the DSBN Tech. department will be held periodically throughout the year to teach students how to use specific software programs for projects and assignments. Please refer to the school website Activities section for Homework Club workshop dates. Permission forms must be on file for students to remain after school

**DSBN STUDENT FAMILIES IN  
ST. CATHARINES AND SMITHVILLE  
ARE INVITED TO PROVIDE A ONE-MONTH  
HOMESTAY  
FOR AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT**

**International students are participating in  
The District School Board of Niagara's  
KOREAN WORLD CLASSROOM PROGRAM**

**International students in participating schools  
in St. Catharines are in Grades 7 & 8  
International students in participating schools  
in Smithville are in Grades 4-6**

**The homestay timeframe is Jan 11–Feb 7, 2012**

**PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION BEING  
HELD**

**Wednesday, November 9 @ 6:30 – 7:30 .pm.  
at the DSBN Education Centre  
191 Carlton Street, St. Catharines**

- **open to families in St. Catharines who ideally have a Grade 7 or 8 child themselves (other ages may be considered)**
- **open to families in Smithville who ideally have a Grade 4-6 child themselves (other ages may be considered)**

**your child will build intercultural awareness and leadership skills as a host buddy**

## PORT WELLER SCHOOL'S NIGHT AT THE ICEDOGS!

Saturday November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Game time is 7:00 p.m.  
WINDSOR SPITFIRES

vs.

NIAGARA ICEDOGS

GATORADE GARDEN CITY COMPLEX, ST.  
CATHARINES

Tickets are \$13.00 each!

Bring your family and friends to see the IceDogs take on their Western Conference rivals, the Windsor Spitfires on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. **You are all invited to participate in a Port Weller Family SKATE prior to the game from 5:00-5:50 P.M. Wear your Pirate Spirit clothes!** Please fill out an order form and write a cheque to Port Weller Public School. Money will be collected by Mrs. Rosts' Grade 8s. Tickets will be distributed on Thursday, November 10th.

### Primary Concert



All primary students will be performing at our Christmas Concert on Wed., Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>. Grade 1 to Grade 3 will be presenting "Melton the Warmhearted

Snowman". The morning performance will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the evening performance begins at 7:00 p.m. Please bring a canned good or unwrapped gift for our Community Care collection.

Morning and afternoon kindergarten classes will perform at both performances. If afternoon students are attending the morning performance, they need to come with a parent or guardian. All students will be supervised during the evening performance when not on stage.



The Book Fair will be open in the library before and after both performances.

\*Parent volunteers are needed to assist with the Book Fair at those times. If you are able to volunteer to help with book sales, leave a message and phone number with Mrs. Munn as soon as possible. Ms. K. Troup will contact all volunteers to confirm times.

## MOVEMBER is HERE!



Yes Pirates, Movember is here and staff and students are excitedly participating in many creative ways!! Our male staff and some students are growing moustaches! Others are making moustaches to wear! Some are making donations to cancer research! But most importantly, we are all raising awareness

about male health issues; in particular, prostate and testicular cancer. Everyone has problems and issues that we're dealing with so don't think you're alone. Talk to a trusted adult in your life, and/or make an appointment with a doctor if you have any kind of health concerns!

### Halloween for Hunger

Our school participated in the Halloween for Hunger campaign in partnership with Community Care. We brought in cans and other non-perishable food items to help our community in need!

Four students in Grade 5 (**Jessica, Carter, Taylor and Emily**), also collected cans through a bake sale that they held in October. The money earned from this bake sale enabled them to spend \$240 on Halloween costumes for students who wouldn't otherwise have access to them on Halloween. These girls demonstrated a pure example of the joy we feel when we come together to help others in need.

### HOW FULL IS YOUR BUCKET?



Ask your child what they have done to fill someone's bucket today.

Mrs. Abbey has been busy in October reading a book to all students called "HAVE YOU FILLED A BUCKET TODAY?" by Carol McCloud