

# PORT WELLER NEWS FROM THE OFFICE



2016

## Principal's Message

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents and extended family members for doing your part to ensure that the start of the 2016-17 school year was a successful one!

It has been a busy start to the school year, as I'm sure your children can attest to. We have wrapped up soccer, are closing in on cross country finals, and have begun volleyball season already! Many of our primary classrooms are gearing up for some engaging classroom excursions over the next few weeks as well. We have a lot to look forward to.

We had a successful *Family Open House* last month. Thank you for joining us! The tremendous efforts of parents from School Council helped this event generate over \$2000. These funds will support leadership and playground equipment maintenance.

Our next School Council Meeting will be held on Oct 25th at 6 p.m. All parents are welcome.

As a school community we continue to learn and to practice effective leadership skills. The month of October will keep us focused on the habit of BE PROACTIVE (see below).

This month our staff and students (grade 1-8) will sign up for an Action Team. Everyone will have a team to belong to and the opportunity to "take action".

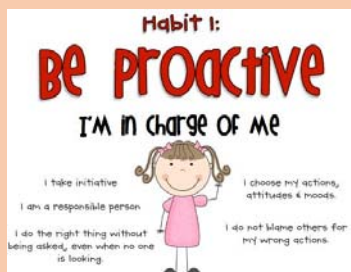
As a school, we are finding different and more effective ways to communicate with our families. Please consider following us on **Twitter** (@PortWellerPS) or **school website** portweller.dsbns.org (a great place to find calendar, upcoming dates, school forms, and School Council minutes).



We will be offering "learning" sessions for parents who might want to know more about Twitter as a way to stay in touch with us.

If at anytime you have questions about school, please do not hesitate to email me [hilary.abbey@dsbn.org](mailto:hilary.abbey@dsbn.org).

Respectfully Yours, Hilary Abbey



## LIBRARY NEWS

Our school library is a busy place. Each homeroom class has one book exchange period per ten day cycle as well as additional library/computer periods, during which students have access to all of the resources available in the learning commons.

In the first month of school, students and teachers have checked out more than 650 books. When students bring home a library book, parents/guardians are encouraged to read with them and/or talk about the text with their child.

If you would like to volunteer in the school library, please contact the teacher-librarian at [Jeremy.Thorpe@dsbn.org](mailto:Jeremy.Thorpe@dsbn.org) or @MrJThorpe.

Hey Super Parents!  
**IT'S TIME TO REGISTER!**

Join us for an evening of learning with FREE workshops for DSBNS parents

REGISTRATION, FOOD & CHILD CARE are FREE!



**PARENT POWER!**  
DSBN PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE CONFERENCE 2016

Mark It On Your Calendar:

**WED. NOV. 2, 2016**

4:00 pm - 8:15 pm at Eden High School  
535 Lake St., St. Catharines

Register online at [www.dsbns.org/pic](http://www.dsbns.org/pic)  
OR speak to someone in your school office for assistance

**Early Bird Draw**  
Register Before October 3, 2016  
and you could WIN \$500 of support  
for your School and School Council!



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WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR

**BREAKFAST CLUB!!**

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