

Plymouth Public School Newsletter

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Trustee: Mrs. S. Barnett



Office News

It is hard to believe that September is over and October has arrived. Students have settled in to their classes and are part of the Plymouth community. We have had many exciting events since the beginning of the school year.

A huge thank you to Pen Financial Credit Union for selecting our school for the **Skates For Kids** program. Pen Financial collected and donated countless pairs of skates and collected donations to purchase 200 brand new helmets to keep the kids safe. Shawn Marcoux from Silvestri Sports donated and sharpened skates. This donation enables ALL students at Plymouth to be able to participate in our skating programs. Thanks to the generosity of these organizations we had a GREAT day skating.

In September sports, Plymouth's Co-ed Junior soccer team enjoyed a terrific day on the pitch at the Welland Soccer Club. Thanks to Mr. Janzen, Mr. Faragalli and Mr. Reid. The Cross Country team has also been working hard under the guidance of Mr. Spadzinski and training for the area meets. Go Panthers!

We value the opportunity to educate your child and appreciate all the home support that is given.

Upcoming Events

October

- 12- Parent Council Meeting
- 12 - DSBM Cross Country Meet N.F.
- 16 - Rob's Run for Rotary
- 22 - Niagara Region Safety Village Halloween Event
- 25 - Picture Retakes
- 26 - Educational Assistant Day
- 28 - Character Education Awards Assembly
- 31 - School Halloween Activities - to be announced at a later date.

Attendance

1Punctuality and consistent attendance are important and expected.

The school answering machine is available 24 hours per day for your convenience. Please call **905-732-4110**.



Use the Buddy System when walking home from school!

YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY

As parents and teachers, we are deeply concerned for the safety of all children. Throughout the year, each teacher at Plymouth will spend time with their students discussing the following tips.

We are requesting that you as parents do the same at home.

1. Don't talk to strangers.
2. Walk with others. Use the buddy system.
3. Do not take short cuts through alleys,

parks, fields, etc. even if they are well lit.

4. Let someone know where you are and where you are going.
5. If you even SUSPECT someone is following you, RUN! Go to the nearest safe haven.
6. Walk confidently and be aware of your surroundings.
7. NEVER. EVFR GET INTO A

1CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW SCHOOL COUNCIL

At our first meeting on Tuesday, September 27, our new school council was voted in. Please welcome:

CHAIR: Margaret Cayen and Denis Tremblay

SECRETARY: Rebecca Rossi

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICERS:
Michelle Merritt
Leanne James

TREASURER: Mike Duchesne

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, October 12 at 6:00 in the library.



We hope to see a lot more parents at our next Parent Council Meeting. Volunteers are needed to help organize a variety of activities/fundraisers.

1PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DAY

1Friday, October 7th was a Professional Activity Day and there was no school for students. Plymouth School Staff were examining our Grade

3 and Grade 6 EQAO scores and developing our school goals.

HALLOWE'EN SAFETY TIPS

Children under nine years of age should go out with an adult or responsible older child.

Be sure your child stops at all curbs, looks left, right and left again to check for traffic. Remind children to cross at crosswalks, street corners or intersections. It is important they walk on the sidewalk, or walk facing the traffic if there is no sidewalk.

Bright coloured costumes make your child easier to see. You can use reflective tape on a costume to make your child more visible. Face paint instead of a mask helps them to see well. Have your child carry a flashlight.

When they get home, check all of their treats carefully. Throw out any treats that aren't wrapped, if the wrapping is torn or loose, or if the wrapper has a hole. Remember that small treats can cause your child to choke.

You might want to offer an alternative to sugar based treats. Stickers or multicoloured pencils can be a nice surprise in place of, or in addition to, traditional treats.

Please keep sugar based treats for at home. We appreciate healthy snacks at school and if brought to school, they will be sent back home. We appreciate your cooperation with this.

1 LOST AND FOUND



During the school year, a tremendous amount of student clothing and other belongings are left at school. The clothing is collected and placed in a lost and found lockers located in the main hall and in bins located at the primary doors. Please encourage your child to check the lost and found regularly and take items that belong to them, home. Due to the large volume of clothing collected, we are not able to store these items for a long period of time. At the end of each term, (ie. Christmas, March Break, end of school year) these items will be donated to charity if they are not claimed.

ORGANIZERS - Please send in your payment

1 Each student in Grades 1-8 will be provided with an organizer. Being organized and completing assignments on time are positive life-long habits. Let's start now. Also, this organizer will be an extremely useful tool in helping to facilitate good communication between home and school. Please take time to read over our Code of Conduct with your child which is located in the front of the organizer.

If you have not paid (\$5.00) for your child's organizer, please contact the office to make arrangements for payment.



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Student Population/Class Sizes

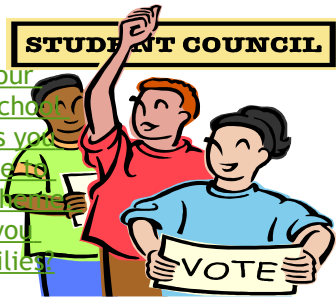
JK/SK	- C. Cobb	20
JK/SK	- K. Reid	19
JK/SK	- L. Marr	19
Gr, 1	- C. Parry	20
Gr. 1/2	- M. Gennings	18
Gr. 2	- J. DiMarco	19
Gr. 3	- L. Janzen	19
Gr. 3 4	- P. Woods	20
Gr. 4	- A. Shields	24
Gr. 5	- M. Winskill	24
Gr. 6	- D. Reid	20
Gr. 7/8	- A. Berrington	21
Gr. 8	- B. Pomeroy	19

Congratulations to Our New Student Council

Chair
Treasurer
Secretary
Media
Social Committee

Mackenzie O'Dell
Autumn Lavallee
Miranda Pilgrim
Shireen Clark-Smith
Jordan LaRoche-Beaver
Mykinnah Moulaison-Clapp
James Crawford
Tyra Eberhardt
Faith Bulmer

Stay tuned to hear about what the council has cooking!



First choose a short title for your newsletter— something like "School News," or "Back to School." As you choose the title, also take time to think about the newsletter's theme. What important messages do you want to send parents and families?

Next, establish how much time and money you can spend on your newsletter. These factors will help

Visitors and Safe School

We ask for your cooperation in helping us to monitor our visitors to the school.

All parents/visitors should check in at the office, whether you are here to drop something off or picking up your child. Your child will be paged to the office. Please do not go to your child's classroom.

Parents picking up children at the end of the day should wait outside their child's entry/exit door until he/she is dismissed.

Thank you for helping us ensure a safe school environment for everyone!

Transportation

Plymouth School has not had busing in the past except for a few JK/SK students. This year, two large busses have been allocated to bring in students new to the school who live :

GRADE LEVEL	KILOMETRES
Junior Kindergarten - Senior Kindergarten	.80 or more
Grades 1- 8	1.60 or more.



School Bus Rules

We are asking parents to please discuss with your child/ren what is expected of them when riding the bus.

1. Each pupil shall be seated immediately upon entering the bus. Pupils are not to stand or move from place to place while the bus is in motion.
2. Windows and doors are to be opened or closed only with the permission of the bus driver. If allowed, windows should only be opened to the indicated safety line.
3. Indecent conduct or loud, disruptive or profane language will not be permitted.
4. Passengers are not to behave in any manner, which infringes upon the rights of any other passenger. This would include any form or type of bullying.
5. No pupil is to enter or leave the bus until it has come to a complete stop. Students may enter or leave the bus only upon bus driver signal.
6. Students are not to throw objects of any kind on the school bus or out the windows. All parts of the student's body shall remain inside the bus at all times.
7. It is District School Board of Niagara policy that only those students who qualify for busing are allowed to ride the bus. Students may not take different buses home to go to a friend's house. They also are NOT allowed to get off at an alternate stop.
8. Students will not be permitted to bring such items as skate boards, glass objects etc., onto the bus. The driver and/or school corporation bears no responsibility for lost, stolen or damaged items brought onto the bus.
9. The privilege of riding the school bus may be denied to any student who does not conduct himself/herself in a safe and orderly fashion. School bus drivers and administration will determine what is safe and orderly. The bus driver reserves the right to assign seating for any student(s) that are disruptive in any way.

has and will ticket cars in NO PARKING ZONES. The front of the school is a pick-up and drop-off zone for school buses as well as a fire entry route. Safety is our greatest concern. Please do not block this area!
Please be aware that parking is controlled by the City of Welland. **The Parking Enforcement Officer**

1 NO DOGS, PLEASE!

A REMINDER, that we have a “no dogs” policy on the school grounds. For the health and safety of our children, please do not walk your dog on our school property. This policy applies outside of school hours, as well. Help keep our school yard clean for our children
Seeing Eye dogs excepted



Toys and Electronic Devices

We strongly discourage students from bringing these items to school. If they are lost, stolen or broken, we will not be held responsible for them. Please be sure to label coats, backpacks, etc. with your child’s name so that we can return them if they go missing.

Recycling

1 Our Breakfast Club has partnered with TerraCycle to outsmart waste and turn garbage into new and unique items by recycling



Del Monte and Kool-Aid packaged drinks. We are also recycling Mr. Christie’s Snak Paks. A \$0.02 donation is given for each item we send in.

We are also encouraging for

Litterless Lunches every day, but why you might ask? Well, they are waste-free, healthier, and cost effective. Here are a few tips to help provide litterless or litter reduced lunches:

- Avoiding single-use cartons/containers
- Avoid plastic wrap, tin foil, or Styrofoam
- Try reusable lunch bags, thermoses, plastic containers, and utensils
- Pack a reusable water bottle

Reducing, reusing, and recycling affect all of us. Remember, when it comes to helping the environment, the power is yours. Do your part!

1 Head Lice

The home is the crucial link to help keep infestations to a minimum. Here are a few suggestions for parents to be a part of the solution.

Check your child’s head DAILY. Summer camps and sleep-overs can greatly increase the risk of lice.

Use a remedy that is proven to kill the lice, nits and eggs. A treatment will need to be given before your child is allowed to return to school.

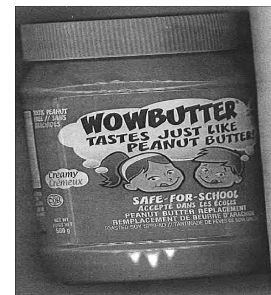
Remove all nits. Many frustrated parents claim that their children have “caught” lice a second and third time. Generally, re-infestations occur because eggs were permitted to remain in the hair and the life cycle repeats itself.

When a case of lice is confirmed at school, parents

will be contacted and the student will need to be taken home and treated. A notification letter will be given to each student in the class where a confirmed case has been identified. All parents are expected to check their child’s hair.



There’s a New Peanut Butter in Town



Can be purchased at Wal-Mart. Please send in a note saying that you are using this, so we are aware that your child does not have peanut butter but a sandwich made with the above or similar product. We have students with life threatening allergies.

Thank you for your co-operation.

