

The Plymouth Press

From the Office...

It has been a busy September here at Plymouth! Soccer tournaments, new staff, Terry Fox day and our Meet the Teacher BBQ just to name a few of the highlights. As a staff, we have been looking at ways to highlight the leadership potential in our students, both in school and in the community. We are excited to bring a new celebration assembly format to you in October. Our new format will allow our students to showcase their skills and potential. We hope to see as many of you out to join us as possible!

This year’s Meet the Teacher BBQ was a more relaxed affair with our school staff kicking in to put on the BBQ portion of the evening. We were appreciative of all the families who were able to join us in the warm weather! Our hope is to work with Pen Financial to bring a spring Open House BBQ to you as well... stay tuned!

October brings a wealth of academic exploration for our students. Teachers are working on doing assessments so that they have an informed picture of their classes for Progress Reports and so that they can meet the individual needs of their students. We encourage you to ask your children about their new learning each day.

Finally, as we approach Thanksgiving, thank you to all of you for your dedication to your children and their educational journey. September is always an emotional month with everyone adjusting to the school year routines and we are grateful for your partnership.

Have a wonderful October,

Mrs. Kristen Kosh and Mr. Greg Watson

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Congratulations Co-ed Soccer Teams!

Congratulations goes out to both our Junior and Intermediate soccer teams on their great results at the tournaments on September 28 and 29. The players showed fantastic teamwork, discipline and enthusiasm. The intermediate team finished as the Consolation Champions, winning in a shoot out! Our junior team finished in the round robin with a coin toss loss!

A special thank you to Mr. de Waard for taking on the big job of coaching both of the teams!

Intermediate Team: Skye P., Avery M., Jessica J., Emma D., Teighan M-C., Brie R., Chloe F., Grace C., Kiya B., Preston J., Matt C., Nick M., Damen G., Cameron G., Michael S., Uho L. and Rylee D.

Junior Team: Hayden Y., Sam A., Ugyeong L., Damien B., Gordie C., Chelsey M., Caelynn C., Cailyn J., Emma B., Bella E., Sierra D.

Way to go Panthers!

Welland Fire Dept. Open House

Welland Fire and Emergency Services is inviting all of Welland to their Fall Open House.

FIRE STATION 2
636 KING STREET,
WELLAND

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14
11 AM TO 3 PM

EVERYONE WELCOME!!
For more information go
to www.welland.ca



High School Open Houses

Starting high school is a huge step in a student's life... and their parents'!

While it's definitely an exciting time, it also brings with it many questions, such as "What's life in high school really like? What programs and options are available to help me achieve my goals?"

A great way to have your questions answered is to attend an Open House. Grade 8 students and their families are invited to attend High School Open Houses from November 27-30 at which time you can tour the school, ask all the questions you can think of and spend some time looking into what our amazing schools have to offer.

Details about open houses will be shared with parents/guardians mid-October, but please save the following date to be sure you can attend our local DSNB High School Open House! Plymouth Students are invited to attend the Eastdale Open House as it is our home school and the school which our school feeds into.

Eastdale Secondary: November 30 – 6:00 pm

Information for other schools can be found at www.dsnb.org



Plymouth School Parent Council Update

Plymouth Public School has always had an active and involved Parent Council and we are excited to continue this tradition again this school year. We are aware that many schools have started their councils already and that many are wondering what is happening here at Plymouth. We have had a number of staff arrive new to Plymouth this year and the formal staffing process has just been completed. As a staff, we were waiting for these pieces to be completed and the busyness of school start up to be behind us before we began looking at next steps. With all the changes this year, it took a little longer than usual so we are thankful for your patience and understanding!!

Now that our basic school start up has happened, we can start to focus on supporting the school through Parent Council! There were a number of parents interested in joining the Plymouth PC and we invite you all to join us on:

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4 at 6:00pm in the LIBRARY

This is a council election year so our first meeting will be primarily filled with elections and then planning meeting dates, committees and next steps. We ask that you please come with your ideas for how we can try to build a greater sense of school community and parental involvement as that will be the primary focus of our school year. We look forward to seeing everyone at the first meeting! If you did not return a form indicating your interest, please feel free to join us anyway, the more the merrier!

Important Reminders and Updates

Please be aware of the following general school reminders:

- Please do not bring your dogs onto school property during the school day. Although we respect your animals and love to see them out getting exercise, we have some little (and big) friends who are allergic and/or scared of animals so we ask that they remain at home, especially during the busy drop off and pick up hours of the school day
- Don't fret... We will be offering both cheese AND pepperoni pizza for the November-June pizza days. For those of you who indicated cheese only on your October forms, we will be fulfilling those requests as well.
- If you child is absent or going to be late, please be sure to call the office and let us know! Our school phone number is 905-732-4110 and you can leave a message 24 hours a day.



Finalized Staff Update

The month of September is when the schools in DSBN have to review our student population and assign teachers to the classes based on the maximum class size permitted by the Ministry of Education. We call this the staffing process.

As a result of this staffing process, we had a couple of staff members join the Plymouth Panther team! We would like to welcome **Mrs. Pearson** to Plymouth. She has joined us as a Learning Resource Teacher and is also teaching some Primary Physical Education. Mrs. Pearson and Mr. McNaughton now make up our awesome LRT Team! We would also like to welcome **Mrs. King and Ms. McPherson** who have joined our team of Educational Assistants. They will work with our other 5 EA's to compliment our teaching staff and help provide the best experience for our students. Finally, we welcome **Mrs. Fleming** to Plymouth as our Instructional Coach for the year. Mrs. Fleming will work alongside our teachers to support the diverse needs of our students throughout the year.

Welcome to the Panther Team!

Terry Fox Walk

Wow! Our September 28th Terry Fox Fundraising walk was a HUGE success.

Thanks to the generous campaigning and support of the Plymouth community, we raised \$1,648.00 for cancer research!!

Our students spent the afternoon walking with friends, new and old, and danced to the music in the field, in the name of a great cause. We are currently tallying the ballots and we will do our draw for students to see who gets to put a pie in the face of Mr. Crowe, Mr. de Waard, Mr. Mead or Mr. McNaughton at our celebration assembly on October 20, 2017.

Well done, Panther Pride!!



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The Terry Fox Foundation

Canada Savings Bonds– Free Money!

Free Money for Your Child's Future!

What is the Canada Learning Bond (CLB)?

The Canada Learning Bond (CLB) is a government program that gives \$500 in education money to children born on or after January 1, 2004 whose families receive the Canada Child Benefit Supplement (family net income of \$45,916 or less or more based on number of children).

Sound good? Keep reading...

- The Government will add **\$100 more every year** the child is eligible, up to age 15.
- **Each child could get up to \$2000 (plus interest) in RESP contributions!**
- **NO family contribution is required**
- **The Canada Learning Bond is retroactive for children born 2004 or after**

Great! Here is How You Get Started:

Go to: StartMyRESP.ca/EFNiagara

October is Child Abuse Awareness Month

Plymouth School and the DSNB have joined the commitment to Dress Purple to support Child Abuse Prevention Month.

October is Child Abuse Prevention Month and **Tuesday, October 24, 2017 is Dress Purple Day**, a provincial day of action when students and staff are encouraged to wear purple and show your support for child abuse prevention. Please send your child to school in something purple to show your support!

Junglesport Comes to Plymouth!

Last week a permission waiver went home with every student to participate in Junglesport. We are SO excited to have our students participating in this amazing experience. Just to clarify a couple of things about Junglesport...

- Each class will get 4 full periods on the equipment in the gym
- The requested payment can be made in installments and is \$10.00 for all sessions
- When we have the schedule, you will be more than welcome to come in and watch your children climb, swing and leap. Just ask your child (or their teacher) when they will be participating

Any other questions, please do not hesitate to speak with your child's teacher.

