

THE CRYSTAL BEACH BUGLE

October Edition 2008

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...



DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA
Achieving Success Together

With thanksgiving just a round the corner, it seems appropriate to stop and thank the many wonderful Crystal Beach families who have helped to get this school year off to a super start.

Another way every parent / guardian can help out is to remind your children about routines and expectations at school. Of particular note, it is crucial that your child's attendance is regular. Students arriving late miss opening routines and fall behind on work.

Morning Entry: 8:40 a.m.

Lunch Entry: 12:40 p.m.

Thank you to all of the families who came out to our Meet-The-Teacher Open House. Thanks as well to the generous School Council Members who did the Barbecue and handed out drinks - all for free to everyone! We were very happy to spend the evening with Mr. Dame, our school trustee. We are looking forward to another busy and exciting month with lots of ways for you to become involved!

Each year we take the time to write about the topic of bullying because we believe it is a subject that requires a unified community response. Please allow me to emphasize that we are constantly working to reduce Bullying at Crystal Beach Public School. Maintaining a "Safe School" environment is a priority for all the Crystal Beach Public School staff members. Bullying is not tolerated. Bullying is a form of violence and may lead to even more serious forms of anti-social behaviour.

When dealing with a bullying situation, it is important to assist both the person doing the bullying and the victim. Bullying can be stopped, however, it requires the school and the home working together in partnership. The skills of listening, conflict resolution and problem solving must be taught, modelled and practised both at home and at school.

At Crystal Beach we have used our community and school resources to bring an Anti-bullying message to our students. Our teachers and students use the "CHAMPs" and the "Tribes System", and Mr. Reynolds will introduce new Anti-bullying programs as the year progresses.

Research clearly indicates bullying often goes unreported to the school staff. Children need to feel secure and confident in reporting bullying to parents and school staff. They need to know that adults at home and at the school will do something about it.

Our staff remains committed to maintaining a "safe school environment." If you feel the need to discuss the issue of bullying please contact any member of our staff.

Educationally Yours,

Mr. T. Reynolds
Principal



SCHOOL NEWS

P.A. DAY & THANKSGIVING

Friday, October 10th is a scheduled Professional Activity Day for staff. Students do not come to school on this day. As well, there will be no school on **Monday, October 13th**. The school will be closed to celebrate our Thanksgiving holiday.



We are beginning to accept donations of non-perishable food items for Community Outreach Erie. The office will be accepting donations for members of our community this year. Please help families in the Fort Erie area that may have fallen upon tough times. Parents and Students may drop off their donations in one of our boxes in the front lobby.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHS

Student and class pictures were taken on Friday, September 12th. Retakes will be done in the morning of Thursday, October 30th still giving time for delivery of pictures for Christmas.



Celebrating Our Students

Our next "Celebrating Our Students" Character Trait Assembly will be held on Thursday, October 30th at 1 pm in the afternoon. All family members and friends are more than welcome to attend and help us "Celebrate" our award winners. Please watch for names of winners in our next newsletter.

OPEN HOUSE BARBEQUE, MEET-THE-TEACHER EVENT

It was very gratifying to see such a wonderful turn out for our Meet The Teacher, Welcome Back Barbeque on September 18th. We are certain students, staff and parents found the evening very enjoyable and quite successful. We would like to thank the School Council, Parent Fundraising Committee, Mr. Dame our school board trustee and staff for all of their efforts in setting up displays and cooking our food. We would also like to thank all the parents, for coming out and meeting your teachers and Mr. Reynolds. Without you, the evening would not have been such a huge success.



CRYSTAL BEACH MAGAZINE DRIVE

We are once again running our Magazine Drive. The Drive began on Tuesday, September 16th. We will be using the money collected from the magazine drive to support student programs within the school. Thank you to all those parents that have previously purchased a magazine subscription. If you are renewing your magazine, you can do so again through our Magazine Drive. Please contact the school or do so through one of our students. Again, top sellers will have a special trip out for lunch with their teacher and Mr. Reynolds.



CHARACTER EDUCATION

Character Education promotes student learning by laying a foundation for academic success. A continuous focus on positive character traits can help build classrooms where students are ready to learn. This year, at Crystal Beach, Character Education is a whole-school effort to create a community in which positive attitudes, values and behaviours are fostered. Each month, we will be focusing on different character traits.

The Character Traits will be celebrated at Our Celebrating Our Students Ceremonies and can be reviewed in our "Crystal Beach Coaster System". We will invite a series of guests to each of our Celebrations. We would like to thank all of the special guests that will be assisting us throughout the school year!

"What lies behind us and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us."
Ralph Waldo Emerson

CRYSTAL BEACH DENTAL SCREEN

The Public Health Department dental staff will be scheduled to visit our school on October 2nd.

During this time a Registered Dental Hygienist will conduct a visual assessment of each child to determine his/her dental needs. Parents will be contacted if their child exhibits any condition requiring immediate attention. In the past, Public Health programs have assisted many children who would otherwise not have had access to required dental care. If your child is not in one of the targeted grades and you would like him/her to take part, please call the Public Health Dental Department at 905-688-3762 or 1-800-263-7248.

QUALITY DAILY PHYSICAL EDUCATION FIT TIP

As summer ends, it is time to "Fall into Routine". Our bodies function at their best when they operate on a routine. Children thrive on consistency, even though they believe otherwise. Regular bedtimes, risings and consistent mealtimes help create a natural rhythm in our bodies. Children, as well as adults, are able to think more clearly, focus, fight infections and maintain high energy levels when their bodies are functioning properly. Let's focus on developing a "school schedule" for our households, to provide our families with best start for the year ahead!

****Coming Up-Fueling your body for Success!****



September Newsletter Prize Winner

David Adair was our September Newsletter Draw Winner - He won a cool new Baseball Cap

PICKING UP STUDENTS AT SCHOOL

We appreciate the effort that parents are making to alleviate the congestion in our hallways. At 12 noon and 3:00 pm dismissal time, our hallways become a very busy area due to the fact that our students are getting into their lockers and are moving toward the doors. Parents who would have normally waited in the hallways for their children, are now waiting outside where their children will meet them when they are ready to go. We appreciate your cooperation in helping us to alleviate hallway congestion and in making our school safe.

UNICEF DONATIONS

For students and parents that would like to donate to UNICEF, we have put a Halloween donation box in each of our classrooms. If students would like to make a Trick or Treat donation for Halloween, they may do so in their classrooms. UNICEF boxes and donations will be picked up at the school by UNICEF representatives the week of November 3rd. Unicef is also giving each child in our school a free trick or treat bag, just to say thank you!

CRYSTAL BEACH'S TERRY FOX RUN

In recognition of the 27th Anniversary Terry Fox, the legendary Canadian who ran across the country on a prosthetic leg, dreamt of a world free of cancer. He ran 42 kilometres a day in the spirit of raising awareness and funds for research into the disease that would eventually claim his life. But even though Terry couldn't finish his Marathon of Hope, he hoped coming generations would carry on his efforts: "Even if I don't finish, we need others to continue. It's got to keep going without me." (July 10, 1980). Crystal Beach Public students kept the dream alive on Thursday, September 25th by running for Terry and raising funds for Cancer Research! Thank You goes out to Mrs. I. Puhl, who worked to organize this year's event.

The class with the top donation in the school will receive an award for their super efforts.



CRYSTAL BEACH LUNCH PROGRAM

We are very fortunate to have the assistance of Mrs. Mealing who is running our Lunch Program for students. Thank You so much!! We will continue to offer the great program here at the school and also want to remind students about the Breakfast Club that is up and running each morning at 8:10 am. We have wonderful volunteers in the Breakfast Club this year and appreciate everything that they do for us!

HEP-B / MEN-C VACCINATION

On Tuesday, October 21st, Grade 7 students will be receiving their Hepatitis B and Meningitis C vaccinations. Information and consent forms have been sent home previously. Please call the school if you have any questions about this program.

HPV / GARDASIL VACCINATIONS

On Tuesday, October 21st, the first of a three-dose HPV/Gardasil vaccine will be offered to our Grade 8 girls free of charge from the Public Health Department. Information and consent forms have been sent home previously. Please call the school if you have any questions about this program.

SCHOOL COUNCIL PARTICIPATION

Over the past few years at Crystal Beach, we have had an active School Council. The School Council is a wonderful opportunity for parents and staff to discuss and advise the administration of the school on educational matters that affect the teaching and learning environment at Crystal Beach Public School.

School Council Executive:

Chair - Andy Thomson

Vice Chair - Robyn Williams - Hindrea

Secretary - Mr. T. Reynolds

Treasurer - Cathy Thomson

The next school council meeting will be on Tuesday, October 28th at 6:30 pm. Some topics that will be discussed by this year's School Council will be:

- Safe Schools Procedures
- Code of Conduct
- Anti-Bullying Programming
- School Improvement Planning
- Transition to Grade 9

PARENT FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

We all like to have the school year full of trips, special visits, events and all of the other "extras" that make school even more fun and educational for our children, and this is the role of the Parent's Association. This group of dedicated parents paid for a plethora of programs and equipment over many years. If you are interested in helping out, please contact the school or a member of the Fundraising Committee. A few hours of your help makes these things possible.

Fundraising Committee Executive:

President - Robyn Williams - Hindrea

Bingo Chair - Cathy Thomson

Secretary - Mr. Reynolds

Treasurer - Cathy Thomson

The next Parent Association Meeting will be on Tuesday, October 28th at 7:00 pm.

Our Fundraising Committee will host a barbecue to benefit the School Initiatives at Joe's Valu Mart on Saturday, October 10th from 10 am to 2 pm. Please call Robyn Williams-Hindrea or Andy Thomson at the school if you can assist with the Barbecue. Please come out and support our Comets!!

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



Last year's "Breakfast With Santa" was a huge success and we are ready to begin making plans for Santa again. On Saturday, December 6th, 2008, the Parent-Fundraising Committee and the School Council will be sponsoring a whole community "Breakfast With Santa". The community of Crystal Beach will be invited to the school to celebrate the Holiday Season with a special guest appearance from Santa complete with a pancake breakfast and special treats for all the children that attend. More information will be coming from the School Council within the next few weeks.

Communication Matters

The ability to communicate is perhaps the most important skill your child will acquire. Communication skills permit children to make sense of their world, to express themselves, and to learn. The early school years emphasize language development, social-emotional growth, and readiness skills. The later grades involve a more complex use of language, such as increased vocabulary, more advanced sentence structure, and idioms. At home and at school, children use their language skills in activities that involve listening, speaking, reading and writing. Good communication skills also help children get their wants and needs met and socialize effectively. To promote good communication skills:

- **LOOK** directly at your child when you speak with him/her;
- **LISTEN** and comment on what your child has to say;
- **TALK** together about things you do and places you go;
- **READ** and/or talk about books, magazines and newspaper articles;
- **WRITE** birthday cards, thank-you notes, grocery lists together;
- **PLAY** games with your child.

Roots of Empathy



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Racines de l'empathie

Crystal Beach Public School has been running the Roots of Empathy Program for the last two years. Much was learned by all from the babies that have visited with us. We are happy to be running the program again. Mrs. Goodwin's Grade ½ class has been invited to participate this year. Again, this program fosters the development of empathy through discussion and activities in subjects including literature, math, music, art, and science. The goals of the program are to foster the development of empathy (understanding how people feel), to reduce levels of bullying, aggression and violence in childrens lives and to build peaceful societies. When children are able to understand others' points of view and respect others' feelings, they develop compassion and tolerance, and aggressive behaviour is less likely to occur.



The Guitar Club

Last year, our guitar club was a great success! Mr. Thomson will be offering the club again, except this time it will be opened to the entire school from Grades 3 to 8. Our Guitar Club volunteers will put up a sign up sheet in the Library next week. Please sign up if you are interested in this wonderful club.

Walking to School

- Choose the safest, most direct route with the fewest street crossings-walk it with your child ahead of time
- Choose routes with the fewest street crossings and use intersections with crossing guards
- Children under 10 should walk with an adult or older child every day- use a buddy system
- Stay away from parks, vacant lots, fields and other isolated or unpopulated areas
- Teach children to obey all traffic signals and markings – children should be taught the meaning of all traffic signals – for example, a flashing "WALK" sign is not an automatic GO signal
- Make sure children look to the left, right, and left again for moving vehicles before crossing the street- instill the STOP, LOOK & LISTEN rule
- Teach children not to enter the street from between parked cars or from behind bushes
- Always walk on the sidewalk- in areas without sidewalks teach kids to walk as far away from traffic as possible and to walk facing the approaching traffic
- Know the "Stopping Zones"- kids should stop at all driveways, alleys and areas with out curbs.
NEVER run onto the street!
- If biking, skateboarding or rollerblading to school – WEAR YOUR HELMET!!

OCTOBER "MYSTERY PRIZE" NEWSLETTER

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Yes, I have received and read the October newsletter. _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Please let us know what you think of our newsletter ! Your comments are appreciated and worthwhile!



“Celebrating Our Students”

Congratulations to those students who have been chosen for our
September “Celebrating Our Students” Awards!

Please view your portraits in the hallway by the lunchroom during the month of October.

Teacher	Effort	Attendance	Conversation	Attentive Listening	Honest
Miss Ebersole Morning Kindergarten	Tia Blue	Marla Irwin	Calina Norris	Brianna Matthews	Nicole Eves
Miss Ebersole Afternoon Kindergarten	Teegan Tulk	Sean Kotzian	Jeremy Gill	Alannah Doepping Schumacher	Kaidence Maracle
Mrs. Goodwin Grade 1/2	Bianca Stroffolino	Kia Sandino	Hunter Mathes	David Adair	Tommy Matthews
Miss Fuaco Grade 2/3	Austin Storrie	Shamel Rahman	Joshua Hutcheson	Kaitlyn Langdon	Rielly Sullivan
Mrs. Puhl Grade 4/5	C.J. Boyuk	Matthew Gill	Harley Kostuk	Ashley Stauch	Shelby Grenier
Mr. Thomas Grade 5/6	Izzy Sousa	Dakota VanEyck	Shaheed Rahman	Katie Adair	Cody Winger
Mr. Fazekas Grade 7/8	Matthew Langdon	Katrina Rahman	Summer Mealing	Hailey MacDonald	Alyssa Doepping Schumacher