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DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE... MRS. P. VOITH

WELCOME TO THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR! We look forward to working together with each member of our community to help students reach their full potential as learners. Please contact the school if you have any questions or need assistance in any way. Students in grades one to eight will be receiving a Student Agenda during the first week of school. These agendas have been purchased through the DSBN in order to keep costs down. These will be used daily to record homework and assignments, special events at the school and as a regular way to communicate between parents and teachers. Each student is asked to pay \$5.00 (cash only) toward the cost of their agenda. Our first School Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 22, 2011 at 6:15 p.m. in the Breakfast Club Room. All parents/guardians of students at Prince of Wales are encouraged to attend. Child Care will be provided in the Library. This session will include an introduction to new staff and our new Learning Commons (Library). An invitation and registration form will come home on Wednesday, September 14, 2011. Our school day begins at 8:40 a.m. with two Nutrition Breaks (10:20 - 11 a.m. and 12:40 - 1:30 p.m.). Students are encouraged to be **ON TIME** for school and to bring two healthy snacks. Absences **MUST** be reported to the office and students are encouraged to make attendance at school a priority in order to ensure their success. Breakfast Club takes place during First Break and will start this week! Students are asked to contribute 25 cents when they participate in Breakfast Club. This year, all students will eat first (for 20 minutes) during both Nutrition Breaks and students will have 20 minutes for Fitness during First Break and 30 minutes for Fitness and Activities during Second Break. Students will also be able to access the Library during First Break to complete homework, read or study. Our OPEN HOUSE BBQ will be held on Thursday, September 29, 2011 from 5:30 - 7 p.m. There will be displays in the gym with LOTS of information about the upcoming school year! Please join us!
PICTURE DAY IS SEPTEMBER 29TH! Thank you - in advance for your continued support!
THANKS TO STAFF FOR ALL THEIR WORK PREPARING FOR OUR NEW YEAR TOGETHER!

Friday, September 23, 2010.

EARLY RELEASE DAY

All students will be dismissed at 12:10 p.m.
There is no mid-day transportation
for JK/SK students on this day.



Check out our website
for updated information!
Prince of Wales is now on FACEBOOK!

The Prince of Wales Community is deeply saddened by the loss of Darius. Darius was an active member of our school who loved to search for bugs, help others and draw pictures as part of his Kindergarten class. We extend our deepest sympathies to the Vaughan Family (Mandy, Delvin, Jason, Dawson and Jayla). We will be honouring Darius in various ways throughout the year, starting on Thursday with a tribute at our opening assembly at 9 a.m. in the Gym. Mrs. Voith and our Youth Counsellor, Ms. Sample will be visiting classes to speak to children and opportunity will be given to create cards, letters and pictures as part of our Prince of Wales Memory Box for Darius. Please contact Mrs. Voith if you feel your child(ren) need(s) an opportunity to receive support - we will make this available at the school. Thanks to the members of our community who have continued to offer such tremendous support to the Vaughan Family throughout this time of grief. Darius truly transformed those around him with his love and zest for life. Donations are still being accepted toward our Playground Memorial for Darius—contact the office if you would like more information.



SAFETY REMINDERS

ALLERGY ALERT - Does your child have a severe or life threatening allergy? Please fill out the proper forms and return them to the office in order for us to ensure the safety of your child. **OFFICE ROUTINES** - When visiting the school, please come to the office and SIGN IN. Please ensure your child(ren) arrive on the school yard after 8:25 a.m. Supervision of students by staff begins at that time. We do not interrupt classes for messages, etc. If you are dropping off items, please come to the office, label the item and we will make sure that it is delivered at an appropriate time. All before and after school arrangements, including lunch time plans must be made ahead of time and written in the student's agenda. **PARKING LOT** - We ask all parents and visitors to please respect the following guidelines: Please park only in the designated spots. Please follow the directional arrows. Please do not block the drive through. If dropping off or picking up a child, please park your vehicle. Parents are required to come into the building to sign in/out their child. **MEDICATION** - If your child requires medication at school, an Authorization of Administration of Oral/Topical Medication must be completed on an annual basis. Forms may be obtained from the school office. Students are not to keep medication in their backpacks, lunch bags or lockers. All medication should be given to the classroom teacher and should be clearly marked with the child's full name. Prescription medications should be in their original container with the pharmacy label to identify the child and the dosage. **STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE** - A Student Accident Insurance Plan is made available for all students on a voluntary basis. A form has been included with your child's back-to-school package OR you may visit the website at www.insuremykids.com. The plan provides protection for dental damage due to accidents, fracture benefits, and more - these are not covered under the Provincial Health Plan. Please compare and research to make sure you have the coverage you need or desire. This is NOT a District School Board of Niagara Plan as the Board is not an insurance provider - this is a direct contact for parents with this insurance provider - forms are mailed directly to Reliable Life Insurance and should not be returned to the school. **IMMUNIZATION** - Have you checked your child's immunization to make sure that it is up to date? If you're unsure if your child required needles, you may call the Public Health Department at 905 688 8248, ext. 7459. **CODE OF CONDUCT** - Our Code of Conduct is included in your child's Student Agenda. Our school is a TRIBES COMMUNITY where we practice active listening, appreciation, the Right to Pass and Mutual Respect. Please take time to review the Code of conduct with your child. Safety is #1 and your co-operation is appreciated.

Our Prince of Wales School Team

JK/SK (AM/PM) - Ms. Rost, AM Mrs. Hoover-Scott	
Grade 1 - Mrs. Dobrovolski	Learning Resource Teachers - Mrs. Zanutto and Mrs. Giancaterino
Grade 1/2 - Mrs. Cochrane	
Grade 2/3 - Mrs. Fudge	French - Ms. James
Grade 3 - Mr. Droppert (Mrs. Smalley)	Physical Education/Dance - Ms. Joostema/Ms. James
Grade 3/4 - Mrs. Warden	Library - Mrs. Giancaterino
Grade 4/5 - Mr. Winger /Ms. Jones	Art/Music - Mrs. Hoover-Scott
Grade 5/6 - Mrs. Chemerika	Education Assistants - Mrs. O'Connor, Mrs. Adams, Ms. Merritt
Grade 7/8 - Mrs. Yeager-Bartleet	
Grade 8 - Mrs. Esau and Ms. Joostema	Youth Counsellor - Mrs. Sample
Caretaking Staff - Mrs. Douglas (Head Caretaker) Mrs. Epp, Mrs. Lapine, Mrs. Scarbo (Evening)	Administrative Assistant - Ms. Maybee
	Principal - Mrs. Voth
Lunch Supervisor - Mrs. Neufeld	Vice Principal - Mr. Winger

Due to possible changes in enrollment, class organization should not be considered finalized until September 23rd.

School-Based Immunization Clinics

Did you know that every year in Canada, 1,400 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer and more than 400 will die from it? Almost all cervical cancers are caused by a Human Papillomavirus (HPV) infection.

The HPV vaccine is an important medical advancement that makes cervical cancer a preventable disease.

Once again this year, the HPV vaccine called Gardasil® will be offered free to **all female Grade 8 students** through Niagara Region Public Health's school-based immunization clinics. In addition, the Hepatitis B vaccine and the Meningococcal vaccine called Menactra® will be offered free to **all Grade 7 students**.

Parent/student information packages will be coming home with your child in September. Clinic dates and times will be announced through your child's school.

For more information, speak to your school nurse or call the Vaccine Preventable Disease Program at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7425.



Athletics/Clubs and Volunteers

Many opportunities for students are available at Prince of Wales School. Students are encouraged to sign up to be volunteers, join clubs and become involved in athletics.

Parent/Guardian and community volunteers are also welcome at our school - please send a note to your child's teacher if you would like to be a School Volunteer this year and we will provide you with our "Volunteer Guide" and "Confidentiality Form". **Our Library (Learning Commons) is looking for volunteers. Call Mrs. Giancaterino if you are interested!**

Parenting Course - BE THE BEST PARENT YOU CAN BE!

Prince of Wales School and ABC Child Care Centre is partnering with Niagara Region Children Services to offer a free series of parenting sessions starting October 19th. **Four sessions to be held at Prince of Wales School—starting at 5:30 p.m. WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION!**

Who should come? Parents of children attending Prince of Wales School or ABC Child Care Centre.

What's it all about? Bring your kids and join us for a four-week series that will discuss topics such as:

- Why do our kids misbehave? How can we positively change their behavior?
- How can we encourage our kids more? How can we discipline in a positive way?
- How can we listen and communicate better with our kids?

The sessions will be led by Jane Gouck of Niagara Region Children's Services who has been delivering parent training programs for more than 20 years.

Plus... A light supper will be provided - Recreation and games for kids 6 to 12 years of age
Child care for children up to 5 years of age

The Prince of Wales community will be holding our **TERRY FOX WALK** on Friday, September 23, 2011. Students will be asked to donate a TOONIE for TERRY and wear RED and WHITE to celebrate this great Canadian. By signing the "Walking Permission Form" you will give consent for your child to participate in this event!



The Terry Fox Foundation

Magazine Campaign 2010 begins with a KICK OFF ASSEMBLY on

Wednesday, September 21, 2011. Our campaign will run until Tuesday, October 11, 2011. Money raised from QSP Magazines is used to offset the cost of school trips for students.



Pizza Lunch - Tuesday, September 20, 2011.