

Fitch St. Public School



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November 2017

Principal: Mr. D. Howell

Superintendent: Mrs. K. Pisek

Trustee: Mrs. S. Barnett

From the Principal's Desk

Things have been off to a rocking start here at Fitch this school year. Some exciting events include the Gr. 6-8 trip to Cave Springs, Intermediate Girls Volleyball, a busy Math PA Day, our monthly Dream Box challenges, Terry Fox walk and fundraising, our monthly assemblies, not to mention the paramount focus on learning.

We appreciate the support of our parents and families and would like to invite all parents and/or guardians to our first School Council Meeting on **Thursday, November 23rd @6:30p.m. in our school library.** Please come out and join us - all are welcome.

I would like to take this opportunity to formally thank our parents and family members who have acted as volunteer drivers, pizza helpers, Moms who care and other ways that our too numerous to mention. WE appreciate your support and Fitch Street Public School could not be the wonderful place that it is without you.

Mr. D. Howell



Principal

The Elementary Progress Report - Gr 1 - 8

On November 9th, your child will bring home their Elementary Progress Report. The format was created after years of consultation with parents/guardians, teachers, principals and students across the province. Although it looks much like the Report Card, the Progress Report has a very different intent. The purpose is to share early and specific feedback on your child's development of work habits and the learning skills.

Reporting on the Progress Report is about looking forward and setting a course for the learning journey ahead. Based on the evidence that teachers see, as well as what teachers know about learning at this grade level, the report communicates the path your child is on toward achieving the grade level expectations by the end of the year. The Progress Report does not include letter grades or percentage marks for academic subjects; it instead identifies whether your child is progressing very well, well or with difficulty. For subjects in which your child is Progressing with Difficulty, the teacher will discuss specific next step plans needed for success.

We look forward to partnering with you and your child for a year of great learning and growth.

Parents will have an opportunity to book an interview with your child(s) teacher. The main interview evening is **Thursday, November 16th from 3:30-7p.m.** A request form has been sent home.



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Student Recognition Assemblies

We will be gathering in the gymnasium each month to recognize student achievement with a particular emphasis on character development this year. This will be an opportunity to congratulate students for their efforts and achievements, while promoting school spirit and a sense of unity among our student body. The assemblies will generally take place on the first Friday of each month and will sometimes feature individual as well as group presentations. Parents are always welcome to join us for these celebrations.

October's Responsibility Students of the Month are as follows:

Kinders1 – Emma S., Aubree G., Ashlyn N., Raad I.

Kinders2 – Logan I-H., Tayelyn H., Liam W. & Jaelynn W.

Kinders 3- Emma D., Dallas H.

Gr. 1 – Toven D., & Madison M.

Gr. 1/2 – Landon B., Nolan D.

Gr. 2 – Sophie H., Isaiah R.

Gr. 3 – Lily N.

Gr. 3/4- Avalon L., Hayden B.

Gr. 4/5 – Kiera H., Isobell C., Isabella P.

Gr. 5-1- Jooyoung K., Taylor C., Amelia M-B.

Gr. 5/6 – Grace W., Sarah H., Julia B.

Gr. 6- Carter S., Kendra H.

Gr. 7/8I – Quaid W., Sierra H.

Gr. 7/8F- Ryan M., Victoria T., Emma B.



**A Big Thank you to
Family Video for sponsoring
our students of the month
with a free video rental.
520 Niagara St., Welland**

Fitch Street Snack Program

Fitch Street Staff are happy to share the news that we have implemented a school wide snack program to ensure that our students have access to healthy snacks on those days when they have eaten their lunch and are still hungry. A great big thank you to the Niagara Nutrition Partners for their hard work in helping in our community to raise funds for this important program.

The Fitch Street School Community has always been generous in providing donations for different programs and so we will gratefully accept food donations/grocery gift cards to be used toward making sure we have enough for our students.

There are strict guidelines in terms of what food can be offered to children so we respectfully ask that if you would like to donate please check with Mrs. Lepore. Donations of fresh fruit and vegetables, as well as yogurt are always welcome.

Elementary School Dental Screening Program

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Free Dental Screening Coming to Your School

A Public Health registered dental hygienist is scheduled to visit your school Nov. 21 & 23, 2017 to provide dental screening to students in ELKP, grades 2, 4, 6 and 8 as required under the Health Protection and Promotion Act.

During this time the registered dental hygienist will perform a quick visual inspection of each child's teeth to determine his/her dental needs. Parents will be contacted if their child requires immediate dental care. The Healthy Smiles Ontario program may financially assist children who do not have access to required dental care.

Please contact the Public Health dental program if:

- You wish to exclude your child from dental screening
- Your child is not in one of the targeted grades and you would like him/her to participate

In addition to dental screening, ELKP students have an opportunity to receive an optional free fluoride varnish application if they have returned a signed consent form.

Call the Dental Health Line at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7399 or email dental@niagararegion.ca.

Terry Fox Update

Fitch Street completed its' Terry Fox walk on Thursday, September 28th. but our fundraising campaign and recognition continued until Thanksgiving. At the end of the campaign we raised \$6282.85, eclipsing our goal of \$6000. This money will go to the Terry Fox foundation for Cancer Research. Thanks to everyone in the Fitch Street Community for supporting this endeavor.



High School Open Houses

Grade 8 Students and Parents: Save the Date!

Starting high school is a huge step in a student's life.

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.

High School Open House Dates and Times:
Eastdale Secondary: November 30 – 6:00 p.m.
Welland Centennial Secondary: November 30 – 6:30 p.m.

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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!