



The Stamped Express

Smith Public School

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From the Principal's Desk

Welcome back to all of our students, families and staff. I hope everyone had a fun, restful break in preparation for another exciting school year! The teachers have the classrooms looking inviting and ready for learning, Mrs. Bosch has the main office ready to go and Mrs. MacDonald has the building looking wonderful. Thank you for all your efforts!

I would also like to thank everyone for welcoming me to Smith Public School. I really enjoyed the first week of school and can see how everyone does their part to contribute to such a positive learning environment. The enthusiasm and positive energy our students bring with them each day makes the school a great place to be!

Please do not hesitate to contact me here at the school if you have any questions or concerns. My door is always open and I welcome your thoughts and suggestions as we work together to ensure success for all of our students.

I look forward to a fantastic year and hope to see everyone at the Open House BBQ on September 21st!

Mr. C. Madill, Principal

ANAPHYLAXIS

Anaphylaxis is a severe and life-threatening allergic reaction to foods, insect stings, latex and medications. We are aware that some of our students are known to be at risk of anaphylaxis. If you have a child that is at risk, please ensure that your child's homeroom teacher is aware so we can work together to create an emergency action plan.

SMITH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE AND BBQ WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Please join us for a chance to see your child's classroom and greet their teacher.

The Parent Liaison Committee will be hosting a BBQ, selling hot dogs, hamburgers, cool drinks and pies for a reasonable amount. They are looking for pie donations to sell at the BBQ. They can be brought into the school the day of the Open House.

CAN YOU HELP???

As many of you know, the Tapley family has been battling to keep their daughter, Sarah, healthy. The most recent treatment that Sarah underwent this summer was quite costly. As a Smith School Parent Council we have decided to have a donation box available at the BBQ on September 21st for those who wish to contribute to this cause. Looking forward to seeing you all there and thank you for your support!

September 2011

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Smith School as an educational community strives to challenge our students to reach their academic and social potential. Parents and teachers work collaboratively to provide students with the necessary tools and skills for individual growth. We are committed to creating learning experiences that will lead to life-long mutual respect.



BEWARE!

Of any products containing peanuts or traces of peanuts. Please check granola bar ingredients before including them as a lunch item. Smith School has SEVERAL students of different ages that have a very SEVERE REACTION when they are exposed to nuts. Please help us by being diligent in what you send to school. Thank you.

Changed your contact information? Please contact the office: smi@dsbn.ed u.on.ca or call us at 905 945-8014.

MILK/PIZZA/SUB ENVELOPES

We are pleased to be able to continue our Milk Program and Pizza & Sub lunches. This year, our pizza supplier, Gino's, will be providing us with a **white crust** that complies with the Ministry healthy foods guidelines. Sub lunches will be provided by Mr. Sub.

Milk will stay at the previous price of 60 cents for the first two blocks. However, for blocks 3 & 4, we will have to raise the price of the chocolate milk to 65 cents each. The price of milk has gone up, plus, we are required to pay tax on chocolate milk.

LUNCH CONNECTION

We would like to offer hot lunches at Smith School, beginning Wednesday, September 28th. More information will follow.

BALANCED SCHOOL DAY

Once again we are running our school on a Balanced School Day. This means that your child will be eating **2 FULL MEALS** a day at school. Please make sure that you are packing enough food for the school day. The first meal is at 10:40 in the morning and can be considered a breakfast meal. The second meal is at 1:00 p.m. and can be considered a lunch meal. It is very common for children to eat the majority of their food in the morning and then they are left with little for the afternoon break. Please explain to your child that they are to reserve some food for the afternoon meal. For the younger students it helps to label or colour code containers.

SEASONAL LICE CHECKS

Parents are encouraged to check their children for head lice. Smith School does not carry out periodic lice checks on the students, the responsibility is on each family to make the checks.

The most common area to find nits is behind the ears. If you do find either nits or lice, it is recommended that you treat the hair and remove all the nits before returning to school. All clothing, bedding, stuffed animals or anything that comes in contact with the hair, should be treated as well. There are many websites that will assist you with information. http://www.niagararegion.ca/living/health_wellness/healthyschools/headlice.aspx

FUNDSCRIP INFORMATION

Thanks again to all parents who have and continue to participate in our school FundScrip program. Last year, with the help of approximately 15 – 20 families our total funds raised with FundScrip was \$2,300. THANK YOU. This greatly contributed towards purchasing the portable computer netbooks for the kids.

In previous years our fundraising efforts involved either asking for a direct donation, or we asked you to sell/buy products to help us reach our goal. I am pleased to tell you; we do not require you to sell any products to make a huge difference to Smith Public School! At our Fall BBQ, Smith School Parent Council is hoping to increase the number of families participating in the FundScrip program. We will have a kiosk set up to provide additional information for those parents who would like to learn more about this program.

This year, we will begin our year focusing on raising funds towards purchasing some much needed sports equipment.

If you haven't already signed up for our FundScrip program, please do so. It's an easy way for us to raise the funds we need by using our everyday purchases to make a real difference!

How does it work? All the information you need can be found on the FundScrip website: www.Fundscrip.com. Simply enter the invitation code **G4S46E** to register.

If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Hobbs (melissa.hobbs@sympatico.ca) or Maria Cooper (coopercontrols@sympatico.ca).





PARENT VOLUNTEERS

We are a school that is continuously being recognized by our committed family volunteers. At this time we are calling all parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and even neighbours to contact Mr. Madill or your child's teacher if you would like more information on our Volunteer Program.

Help Needed! Mrs. Bosch is looking for a volunteer to assist with the Milk/Pizza/Sub tallies. This is a bi-monthly task. If you can help out, please call or email the office. Thank you.



FORMS FORMS FORMS

A package of forms has been sent home with all students. Included are the milk/pizza/sub envelopes.

Permission for photographs/walks and email address mailing lists forms should be returned by September 12th.

Verification forms for each student have been printed. **This information reflects what was in our system as of September 1st.** Please read through the form and note any changes. All forms should be returned to the office, even if no changes have been made. Thank you.

All forms and money can be placed in the envelope and returned to the homeroom teacher by **Monday, September 12th.** *Thank you!*

Please call the office during the school year when you have made any changes to your information.

STAFFING FOR 2011-2012

- Principal Mr. C. Madill
- Grade 7/8 Mrs. K. Timlock
- Grade 6/7 Mrs. M. Hartig
- Grade 5/6 Miss L. Flynn
- Grade 4/5 Mrs. C. Mojeski
- Grade 3/4 Mrs. K. Baranoski
- Grade 2/3 Mrs. B. Haynes
- Grade 2 Mrs. J. Janssens
- Grade 1/2 Mrs. M. Lambert
- Grade 1 Mrs. J. Baylis
- Kindergarten AM / Drama Mrs. M.J. Cruise
- Kindergarten AM Mrs. R. Given
- Kindergarten PM Ms. E. Fleming
- Library/French Ms. R. Gretsinger
- Learning Resource Mr. D. Holmes
- Prep Mrs. K. Pyper-Coombs
- Educational Assistant Mrs. K. Sparks
- Admin. Assistant Mrs. C. Bosch
- Head Custodian Mrs. F. MacDonald
- Night Custodian Mrs. D. Dearman

SCHOOL BELLS:	School Entry	/ Bus Arrival 8:45-8:55
Announcements in the Gym		8:55-9:00
Instructional Block 1	Period 1	9:00-9:50
	Period 2	9:50-10:40
	Fitness & Nutrition Break	10:40-11:20
Instructional Block 2	Period 3	11:20-12:10
	Period 4	12:10-1:00
	Fitness & Nutrition Break	1:00-1:50
Instructional Block 3	Period 5	1:50-2:40
	Period 6	2:40-3:30










Please ensure that your child comes to school on time and prepared to begin class at start of the day. **If your child enters the school after 9:00 a.m.**, they must report to the office before going to their class. If a student must leave before the end of the school day, they are asked to sign out at the office. Please write a note in the student agenda when early dismissal is necessary.

All visitors (parents) are asked to sign in at the office. Parents picking their children up at the end of the day are asked to wait in the foyer and not wander into the halls. Thank you for your cooperation!



If your child will be absent or late, please call the office by 8:50 a.m. at 905-945-8014. You may call at any time - our answering machine will pick up your calls.



September Calendar

12 (Day 5) Forms Due Back	13 (Day 6)	14 (Day 7)	15 (Day 8) Magazine Sales Kick-Off	16 (Day 9)
19 (Day 10)	20 (Day 1)	21 (Day 2)  Int. Soccer Tour. OPEN HOUSE, BBQ 5:30-7  Pie Donation drop off  	22 (Day 3) Rain Date for Int. Soccer Tournament	23 (Day 4) Early Release Day (No PM Kindergarten), No AM Kindergarten drop bus drop off. School day ends at 12:30 p.m. TERRY FOX WALK
26 (Day 5)  Cross-country Meet, p.m. Milk Block #1 Begins 	27 (Day 6) ME to WE School Council Mtg at 6:00 pm	28 (Day 7) Lunch Connection Dental Screening (JK, SK, 2,4,6,8) 	29 (Day 8) Pizza Lunch  Cross-country rain date	30 (Day 9)
Oct 03 (Day 10) Cross Country (pm) 	04 (Day 1) Junior Soccer T @ Smith 	05 (Day 2) World Teacher's Day Jr Soccer Rain Date Lunch Connection 	06 (Day 3) Cross-Country Rain Date	07 PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DAY NO SCHOOL TODAY

UPCOMING DATES:

Monday, Oct 17 -  Health Dept - Gr 7 Hep B/Gr 8 Female Gardasil
Friday, Oct 21 -  Picture Day



So happy to be back with my friends!

