



September 2015



D I S T R I C T S C H O O L B O A R D O F N I A G A R A

YOU ARE THE HERO IN THIS STORY!!

Students need:

Inside shoes
(running shoes for PE often double for both)

To dress for the weather

Use their agenda affectively

Be Responsible and follow the rules of the school.

Welcome to 2015-2016 school year! The poster (right) captures the focus for this year. We want to encourage our students to be the hero in this story. When you look at the poster, you may think about the super heroes from movies and comic books. They have strength and they are unique! Do they stand alone? Do they work for greatness against all odds? Do they have support people with other strengths to help them? Heroes are unique and bring different things to the table! Can we all be heroes?

I hope so!



Together we can overcome anything! Hopefully, we can amplify our strengths and surround ourselves with those that support us! Our strength is our success! If you need anything, please call the school. We are all here to help to make this a great year! I look forward to getting to know you!

Sincerely, *Mrs. S. Lawrence*, Principal

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Calendar is separate!

Three Pelham Panthers are heroes and this article was in The Standard ~

PE LIFE-SAVERS: Pelham brothers Nathan and Sam Bitchin came to the rescue following bee sting.

Young heroes honoured for saving friend's life

MICHELLE ALLBERG
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Many thanks for taking your time to complete the many kinds of forms that need to be up-dated and completed. It helps us to have current information and permission forms! Greatly appreciated.

* **Student Verification Form** (Please read it over carefully and make any necessary changes. There are 2 sides to this form. The **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION** section on the back **MUST** be completed and a signature is required on the bottom)

- **Technology Agreement** (Grade 4, 5, 6: green) (grade 7,8: purple)
- **Permission to Participate in P.E.** (peach)



Thursday, Sept. 10th

Insure Your Child!

Is your child insured for medical or dental costs in case of an accidental injury? The District School Board of Niagara does not provide medical payments coverage for students. If you have no other coverage, it is important that parents/guardians consider this opportunity and purchase coverage for the school year, from Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada!



Dental Health Screening is done at PC! Date to be confirmed.

FOOD! Glorious Food!

Please consider volunteering to help with our hot lunch days. The students love these and look forward to them as they are scheduled throughout the year. Perhaps you cannot make every one to volunteer, but when you can, many hands make light work. See the information sheet in the blue bag and indicate where you can help. Did you know that when parents are involved, the students benefit? Your child likes to see you participate at their school!

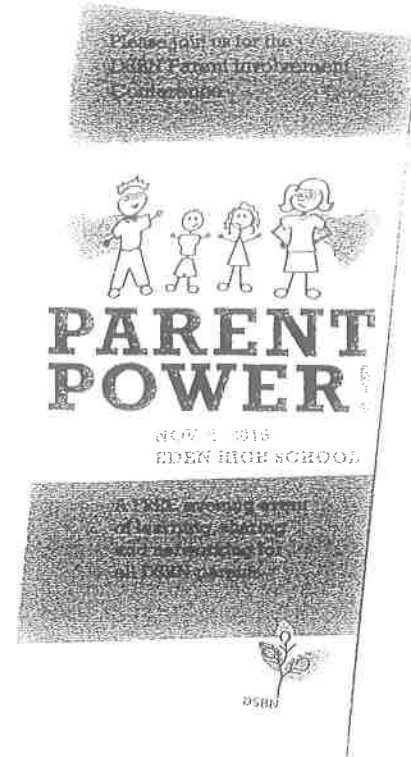
Save the Date! Bring a SMILE!

Picture Day: Sept 30th



FREE and EDUCATIONAL!

Wanted: Parents of Pelham Panthers
 Please consider joining us for this Parent Power evening. It is hosted by the DSBN Parent Council and it is a wonderful information sharing event. Supper is provided, vendors are available to share with us what is available for fundraising and other services and then presentations are given about a variety of sessions. You have the opportunity to choose what workshop you would like to attend. This pamphlet is enclosed in your blue envelope. Register as soon as you decide, to avoid disappointment!



Pelham Centre Staff 2015-2016

- Principal: Mrs. S. Lawrence
- Secretary: Mrs. E. Curran
- Grade 4: Mrs. S. Bench
- Grade 5: Mr. T. Blacquiere
- Grade 6: Mrs. A Brennan, Mme Corbeil
- Grade 7: Mr. B. Teal
- Grade 8: Mr. C. Bruzzese
- FSL: Mme S. Corbeil
- LRT: Mr. M. Ford
- Ed. Assistant: Mr. M. Kurucz
- Head Custodian: Mrs. J. Deruiter
- Night Custodian: Mrs. S. Alde
- Lunch Supervisor: Mrs. K. Penner



Superintendent: Mr. W. Hahn

Bell Times

- 8:45 am Entry
- 8:55 am Period 1
- 9:45 am Period 2
- 10:35 am Nutrition /Fitness Break
- 11:15 am Period 3
- 12:05 pm Period 4
- 12:55 pm Nutrition / Fitness Break
- 1:35 pm Period 5
- 2:25 pm Period 6
- 3:15 pm
- pm



Discipline On The Bus...

The Board is responsible for the safety of students using school vehicle transportation from the pick-up point to the drop-off point.
It is the responsibility of parents/guardians to ensure the safety of students to and from the school vehicle pick-up and drop-off points, and that adequate access/supervision is available to the student at home or at such other destination as has been arranged by the parent.
Every student is responsible to the principal and the bus driver for his/her conduct while on a school bus. The school's code of conduct applies equally to students conduct both at school and on the school bus.

Students are responsible for:

- Using care, caution, good manners and consideration of others
- Remaining seated as directed by the bus driver
- Avoiding any distractions to the bus driver or interfering with the safe operation of the vehicle
- Obeying all instructions of the bus driver
- Obeying all the instructions of the school bus patroller
- Keeping all parts of the body inside the vehicle at all times
- Keeping the windows closed, unless instructed by the bus driver
- Avoiding to throw anything inside or out of the bus window
- Refraining from smoking, using matches, alcohol or consuming any food or beverage while on the bus
- Talking in a quiet voice instead of a loud voice
- Communicating to the people inside the bus only (no gestures to passing motorists)
- Leaving the bus in a clean and neat manner



Have a safe day, every day!

What can you as parents/guardians do?



- Ask your child : “What was the best part of their day?”~ check their agenda and be interested in their day. Did you know that when parents are engaged in their child’s learning, students do better in school and everyone benefits? Parents find it easier to help their child learn. Teachers and principals are better supported and enjoy positive relationships with parents. Students improve, classrooms improve, schools improve and the entire community benefits.
- If you would like to attend our School Advisory Council Meetings, we would love to have you ! We are setting the date soon, so please call the office if you would like more information prior to our first meeting.
- Technology has become such a huge part of our daily communication. **We need your support** to always ensure the safety and well being of our students. If you are picking up your child prior to end of day, please call Mrs. Curran, our Secretary and make those arrangements through the office, instead of direct texting and cell phone calls. Emergency and welfare calls will be done through the office, so that we can supervise individual needs. Unless teachers are using cell phones as a part of a lesson, students should turn them off, stow these away in a safe place in their back packs and reconnect at the end of the school day.
- Email communication with teachers is not encouraged. Face-to-face meetings are more beneficial and perhaps a time when student, teacher, and parent clarify concerns or questions. Call the office to make an appointment with a specific staff member, so the proper amount of time can be set aside for you!
- Ensure your child is following the dress codes of the school. It is that time of year, when students need to wear clothing that covers from their shoulders to their knees. Proper footwear is essential. Flip flops and slippers are not safe footwear for school.
- Review the bus rules from page 3, with your child please!



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