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Important Dates

April 3rd

Raise the Flag for Autism

SOM Assemblies

April 6th and 20th

Sundaes for Kids

April 10th

Carousel Players (1-4)

April 13th

Spirit Day – Patterns!

April 14th – Good Friday

April 17th – Easter Monday

April 18th

HepB/HPV shots – Gr. 8

April 25-28th

Scholastic Book Fair

April 25th

Gr. 3-6 to Wizard of Oz

April 26th

Gr. 7/8 to Wizard of Oz

April 28th

Lunch Lady / WiiBowl



Senator Gibson News

April 2017



A message from the office...

Dear Senator Gibson Families,

Spring has arrived and as we all anticipate the warmer weather, great things continue to happen at Senator Gibson School. We have an exciting month of learning planned both inside and outside of the classroom, including basketball, gymnastics, Battle of the Books, Chess Club, Carousel Players, Spirit Day, Wizard of Oz, Spring Book Fair and Earth Day. Please refer to the attached school calendar for all of our important dates.

As always, our staff remains committed to achieving success for all students and making Senator Gibson a great place to learn and grow😊



Mr. S. Hancox & Mrs. K. Phillips



Please help us continue to provide a safe and uninterrupted learning environment for your children. If you need to drop off something for your child, pick them up early or drop them off late please stop in the office and we will be happy to help you out. Thank you for not parking in our Kiss and Ride zone.



SAVE THE DATES!

TALENT SHOW - May 11 @ 11 a.m.

Come out and see some of the top acts from our students at Senator Gibson School. All students have been working very hard. It is sure to be a great show!

CANADA SINGS! - June 21 @ 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Everyone is invited to come out and celebrate Canada's 150th birthday as we perform a school wide show *CANADA SINGS!* Students from grades 1-8 will perform a medley of songs to highlight our country's history. Singing, xylophones, recorders, ukuleles and guitars...we have it all!



School Council

Our School Council is now planning the grade 4-8 Track and Field BBQ.

Spirit Wear will be for sale at our upcoming Book Fair (April 25-28)...HALF PRICE off all items!

All are welcome to attend our next School Council meeting on April 25th at 6:00 p.m. in our Learning Commons.

Childcare will be provided.



On Monday, April 3rd, our staff and students gathered together to *Raise the Flag for Autism* to raise awareness and acceptance for our friends with autism. Through this simple act of raising a flag we hope to unite our school to build a stronger, more inclusive community for people with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).



Gibson Gator Sports

The Junior Boys' Basketball team is off to a good start. Although they lost their first game, the boys played hard and displayed good sportsmanship. They played an amazing second game and won 49-6! Good luck Gators as we still have 3 more games to play before playoffs. We look forward to seeing many fans at "The Swamp" cheering on our powerful Gators this month!!

Thank you to our coaches Mrs. Grosvenor and Mr. Rivett!

The Junior Girls' Basketball team has been working hard as well and has had an amazing start to their season. They won the first 2 games vs. Lakeview and College St., and lost a close match to Central, but played amazing! The girls are playing some excellent basketball and are really focused on improving every day. Very proud of you, Gators! Thank you to our coaches Mr. Bolibruk and Mrs. Christie

Intermediate Badminton tryouts will be held in the coming days. Gibson will be looking to put together 1 or 2 teams consisting of male and female singles, male and female doubles, and mixed doubles (male and female). Our regional tournament will be on April 27th at South Lincoln and at Brock University for DSBN in early May.

Gibson will be starting a Gymnastics Club for students in grades 4-8, commencing in the coming weeks. We will have friendly competitions amongst ourselves here at Gibson.



GATORS

Congratulations to our February 'I MATTER' Award Recipients!

Grade 1

Isabella A.
Carson D.
Camryn H.
Cody S.
Brady F.

Grade 2

Jesse N.
Hannah S.

Grade 3

Emily D.
Lilah K.
Gavin G.

Grade 4

Ben D.
Allison A.
Gabriel D.
Trent W.
Drew B.
Ethan D.
Dylan C.

Grade 5

Nicholas O.
Christian T.
Susana S.
Brianna D.
Kennedy F.
Jalyn N.

Grade 6

Isaac K.
Sadie K.
Marion H.
Conner C.
Taryn A.M.
Ethan T.
Ryleigh N.

Grade 7 – Liam B., Zach V., Dalton H., Holly I.

Grade 8 – Davis G.



**I Matter
At DSBN**

West Niagara Secondary Accommodation Review

DSBN Trustees have made a decision in the West Niagara Accommodation Review. Trustees voted to build a new secondary school for students living in west Niagara. The school will consolidate Beamsville District, Grimsby Secondary, and South Lincoln High School.

The decision will be implemented in two phases. In the first phase, South Lincoln High School will close at the end of the current school year. Both Beamsville District and Grimsby Secondary will remain open until the new school opens in September, 2020.

Our school's website has a link if you're interested in reading more about the decision made by Trustees.

If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Hancox at the school.

The community of Senator Gibson Public School is committed to creating an inclusive environment where students are educated, inspired and challenged to be critical thinkers who contribute in our changing society.

ME to WE at Senator Gibson

On April 3rd, Me to We along with their peers, raised the flag for Autism. All of the proceeds from the sales of Sundaes for Kids throughout the month of April will be donated to Autism Canada.

Me to We has already made donations to the following organizations:

\$250 - Kid's Helpline (Portion of Pink Shirt Day sales, including top up from Me to We)

\$1,000 - Free the Children - to support clean water in Haiti (Sundaes for Kids fundraiser)

\$300 - Autism Canada (Sundaes for Kids fundraiser)

\$130 - EFN – Me to We was able to add to the amount collected from Hat Day to raise a total donation of \$500

Thank you to all of our amazing Senator Gibson families for your continued support with our Sundaes for Kids fundraiser and spirit days!



TECHknowledge CHALLENGE



Ethan R., Isaac W., Elijah W., Emily L., Gabe H., Haley K-W., Aidan T., and James H. represented Senator Gibson at the annual TECHknowledge Challenge at GSS. The 2 groups needed to use their Science & Technology knowledge and skills to create a device with the given materials that would transport generators from one place to another. It was a fun day with lots of fantastic learning. Great work team!

Congratulations to the **Senator Gibson Chess Team** who participated in the Regional Chess tournament at Twenty Valley School. Each student played four games and faced some stiff competition! All team members have been practising and improving their skills after school the last few months and it definitely came in handy at the tournament. Congratulations on your success and for being such great representatives of Senator Gibson.



Team members:

Grade 3 - Mackenzie W., Isaac S. Grade 4 - Nate M., William Y. Grade 5 - Jacob S., Cameron W., Nicholas S. Grade 7 - Hailey K-W. Grade 8 - Nathan B., Elijah W.

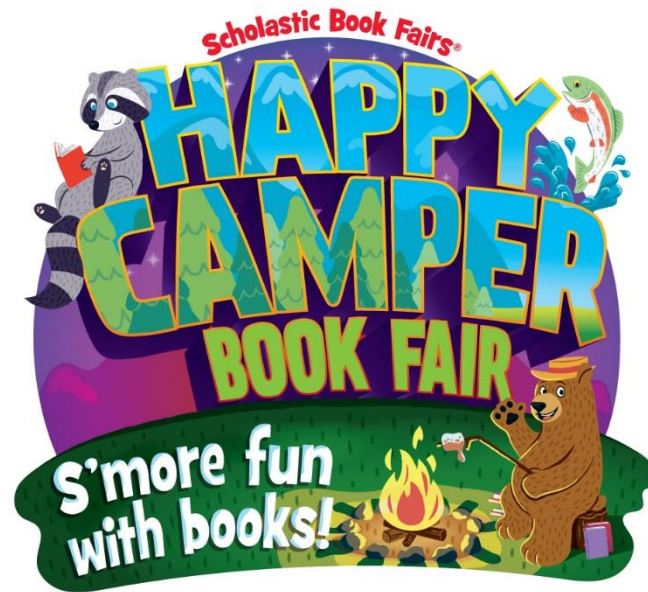
Battle of the Books!



Our reigning champions participated in the Battle of the Books once again this year at the Lincoln Public Library. We had some great competition this year and our team made it to the final battle. Unfortunately, we came up just short of a win and placed second overall. We are so proud of our team...superb effort😊

Team members:

Maya, Emily, Elijah,
Nathan, Ethan, Brayden
and Olivia.



Scholastic Book Fair!

- APRIL 25th - 28th in our Learning Commons -

We invite all our Senator Gibson families and friends to participate by purchasing the latest and greatest in children's books. Your support of this vital literary event is a key part of helping promote a love of reading while allowing us to obtain new books and resources for our library and classrooms. Visit the Scholastic Book Fairs website at www.scholastic.ca/bookfairs to read reviews of the Featured Books. You will soon receive a Book Fair flyer that provides a preview of only a FEW of the many books available to purchase. **Scan the QR code on the front of the flyer with the QR reader on your device to get more detailed information about these books.**

Don't forget to mark the Book Fair dates on your calendar! We look forward to seeing you during our Scholastic Book Fair and thank you, in advance, for supporting this great literary event.



FUNDRAISING CLOTHING DRIVE

Important Announcement

We are starting a clothing drive to raise money for our school and the Kidney Foundation of Canada. Drop off your donations to the school between **APRIL 18, 2017 and MAY 24, 2017**. Kidney Clothes will pay us for every pound of clothing and cloth based items that we collect in support of the Senator Gibson Grade 7/8 trip!!

DID YOU KNOW?

One in 10 Canadians has kidney disease. Millions more are at risk, but many don't know the causes, signs and symptoms behind the disease.

Facing the Facts

Statistics and facts about kidney disease in Canada:

41,931 Canadians are living with end-stage kidney disease; since 2004, this number has grown 35%

Of those Canadians with end-stage kidney disease, 57.5% are receiving dialysis treatment and 42.5% have a functioning kidney transplant

At the end of 2013, there were 3,382 Canadians on the waiting list for a kidney transplant



Spread the word!

Help us raise even more money by telling other schools, sport teams, religious organizations or non-profit groups about the Kidney Clothes fundraising partnership initiative. We will receive an additional payment on the weight that these groups collect just for sharing this great fundraising idea with them and helping the environment by reducing, reusing and recycling!



Acceptable items include:

Clothing (in season and out of season) including men's, women's and children's. Also includes belts, shoes, boots, purses, hats, mitts, gloves, scarves, slippers.

Draperies, curtains, bedding, linens, towels, cushions and pillows.

Wallets, make up bags

Shower Curtains, Bath Mats

Ski Boots, Roller Blades

Wool, yarn, fabric, craft items including wreaths, silk flowers, ribbon, etc.

Luggage

Sporting goods (hockey equipment, baseball gloves, skates, etc.)



Keeping Your Child's Teeth Healthy

Children can receive a free fluoride varnish application from the Niagara Region Public Health dental program. Fluoride varnish is a protective coating that is painted onto the teeth with a tiny brush. It helps reduce cavities if applied twice a year.

Why do we recommend fluoride varnish?

- Tooth decay is the number one chronic disease of children
- In the 2015/2016 school year over 25,000 school-aged children were screened by Public Health. 39 per cent of those school-aged children were identified having as having cavities.
- Untreated cavities can lead to difficulties eating and sleeping, self-esteem issues, decreased school performance and attendance, pain, discomfort, infection and poor overall health
- Fluoride is not added to Niagara's drinking water

Tips to keep your child's teeth healthy...

1. Brush teeth **two times** per day
2. **Use** a pea-sized portion of **fluoride** toothpaste
3. Spend **two minutes** brushing each time with help from an adult
4. Floss daily
5. Provide a healthy diet and limit sugary drinks, sticky candy and snacks. **Water is best.**
6. Schedule regular dental checkups at least once a year (cleaning, fluoride varnish application and sealants).

For more information on dental services and programs please call the Dental Health Line at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7399 or visit www.niagararegion.ca/health.

REMEMBER TOOTH DECAY IS A PREVENTABLE DISEASE!



Prom Project Niagara 2017 – Free Formal Wear Opportunity

Prom Project Niagara is a one day, fun, free formal wear extravaganza for girls and guys!

Students can select their perfect head-to-toe look for their prom, formal, or graduation for **FREE!**

This year, we are offering Prom Project Niagara at:

- St. Catharines Collegiate ***NEW MAIN LOCATION***
- **Beamsville Secondary School**
- Fort Erie Secondary School
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If you know of a student who could use this program, please join us on **Saturday, April 8th, from 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.** at one of our locations.

Inviting all students who are in need of formal wear for their special day!

For more information on Prom Project Niagara please call 905-641-2929 ext. 37712, email efn@dsbn.org or visit www.efnniagara.ca