



**May 2012**

Cherrywood Acres Public School

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## Getting results - help your child prepare for provincial tests

### For parents of primary and junior students

#### Grade 3 and 6 students participate

All grade 3 and 6 students in publicly-funded schools across the province participate in Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) testing. The testing will take place over several days in May and June. Students are tested in reading, writing, and mathematics. The tests are based on the Ontario Curriculum expectations, and measure the skills your child has learned by the end of the primary (Grade 3) and junior (grade 6) divisions.

#### Stay Positive

Here are a few things you can do to help your child stay positive about the test:

- Celebrate your child's success and effort each day.
- Limit your child's absences from school.
- Schedule appointments at times other than the assessment period.
- Ensure that your child gets a good night sleep and eats a healthy breakfast and lunch.
- Make sure that your child arrives at school on time.
- Speak positively about the test. Say things like, "Try your best."

### Learning for life (not just for EQAO!)

#### Promote lifelong learning and not just learning for test time:

- Show an interest in your child's schoolwork by talking about what he/she has done.
- Use and check your child's agenda daily.
- Establish a daily homework routine.
- Support your child with his/her homework assignments, but don't do it for him/her.
- Include your child in planning for family activities (e.g., timing, sequence of events, things you'll need).
- Encourage your child to show his/her thinking while working through activities. Have him/her consider the following questions:

Have I done what I was supposed to do?

Can I add any details to show my thinking?

Have I communicated what I wanted to?

Have I checked my work over?



## School Council Meeting

***If you have not been out to a School Council meeting yet, please join us at our regular meeting Tuesday, May 29, 2012 at 6:00pm. Council will be wrapping things up for this year and discussing new items for the 2012/1013 school year***

## EQAO

***Grade 6 EQAO May 23-May 29  
Grade 3 EQAO May 30- June 5***





**Location:** Delta Bingo  
4735 Drummond Road  
Niagara Falls, ON

**Time:** 11am - 3:30pm

#### **Dates**

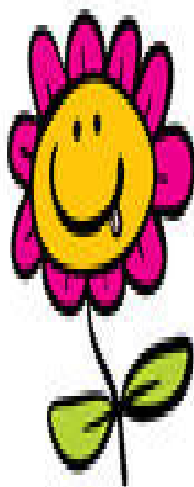
Sunday, May 13, 2012  
Sunday, June 17, 2012  
Sunday, August 5, 2012  
Sunday, Sept. 9, 2012  
Sunday, Oct. 21, 2012  
Sunday, Dec. 2, 2012

Volunteers are always needed to run bingo. Please contact the school office if you are interested in helping out.

### **May Pizza Days**

Friday, May 11

Friday, May 25



### **Year End Planning**

Kindergartens Trip To Be Announced

Primary Trip To Be Announced

Grade 7&8 Camp Olympia June 11-14

Grade 4 Trip to Medieval Times Fri., June 22

Grade 4-8 Marineland Fri., June 22

Grade 8 Graduation Thursday, June 21

Details to follow

Report Cards go home Monday, June 25

Last Day of classes will be Thursday, June 28

Awards will be Thursday, June 28 AM

Play Day will be Thursday, June 28 PM

### **Way To Go Cheetah's!**

The Me To We Club raised just over \$700 for a local family. Cherrywood has raised approximately \$3000 selling chocolate bars which will go towards extracurricular activities and classroom materials.



### **Cherrywood Beautification Club**

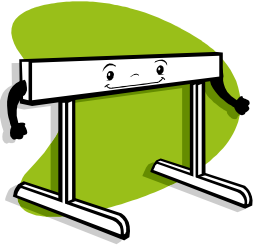
**Mrs. Houde (our new caretaker) has formed the Cherrywood Beautification Club. Once a week these very energetic students in grades 3-8 head outdoors and make Cherrywood beautiful. These students pick up garbage, work in the gardens and rake our yards. A big Cheetah Roar goes out to the Beautification Club...keep up the good work!**



### **Changing Weather**

**The weather is always unpredictable at this time of year. Please be sure to send your kids to school with proper attire. During warm weather students may be outside for some classes and should have proper footwear, sunscreen, a hat and plenty of water throughout the day. Thank you for your cooperation!**

## Track and Field



As discussed at School Council this year we have decided to organize our Track and Field a little differently. In the past we have had a traditional Track and Field Day where our expectations were to involve all students. This year students will tryout for our school Track and Field Team like all other teams. Those students that make the team will represent Cherrywood at our region meet on **Wed., May 16th, 2012** at Oakes Parks. Students interested in trying out for this team must attend at least 5 out of 7 tryouts in order to be considered. We will be taking only the top 2 athletes in each event to represent Cherrywood. Practices will begin the week of April 30th. Please have students listen to announcements for details.

## Woodend The Living Campus

**A WEEK FOR WOODEND**  
April 30 - May 6, 2012

**Ride Hike Run**

**2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL WOODEND FUNDRAISER**  
**Sunday May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

30 km Big Ride •  
5 km Small Ride, Hike or Run •  
1.5 km Family Hike •

Woodend  
The Living Campus

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woodendthelivingcampus.blogspot.com

dsbn.org/woodend

## School Vandalism

We ask for your cooperation in reducing vandalism. Should you observe unusual activity at the school please call in confidence either of the following emergency numbers:

905-682-8065

Or

905-653-1293

Thank you!

## Prescription Drug Misuse

**Parents - Do you know what your kids may be doing?**

One out of five youth have reported misusing prescription drugs in the past year! A lot of them say they are getting them straight from their home medicine cabinet.

We can protect our kids:

Lock up all prescription medications

Talk to your children about the dangers of misusing prescription drugs

Take back all old or unused prescription medications to your local pharmacy or

Drop them off at various locations around the Niagara region on

Saturday, May 12, 2012 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Check [www.niagararegion.ca/health](http://www.niagararegion.ca/health) for more information on Niagara's Prescription Drug Drop-off Day and a list of locations near you.

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<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
		1 Day 9	2 Day 10	3 Day 1	4 Day 2 6/7 D&T	5
6 Wesak (Buddhist)	7 Day 3	8 Day 4	9 Day 5	10 Day 6 Spring Sibling Photos Rooftop Photo	11 Day 7 Pizza Day St. John Ambulance Safety and First Aid Program	12 
13	14 Day 8 Flag Rugby Tournament	15 Day 9	16 Day 10 DSBN Reg Track & Field Meet DSBN Caretaker's Day	17 Day 1 Volunteer Breakfast 8am	18 PA Day NO SCHOOL	19 
20	21 Victoria Day School Closed	22 Day 2 6/7 D&T	23 Day 3 EQAO Gr 6	24 Day 4 EQAO Gr 6	25 Day 5 Pizza Day	26
27	28 Day 6 EQAO Gr 6	29 Day 7 Ascension of Baha'ullah EQAO Gr 6	30 Day 8 EQAO Gr 3	31 Day 9 EQAO Gr 3	Gr 3 EQAO con't June 4 & 5	

## Help Cherrywood Be More Environmentally Friendly

If you would like to receive your newsletter via email instead of receiving a hard copy please fill out this form:

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_



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