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'In the Grove'

HAPPY NEW SCHOOL YEAR!

The first day of a new school year always brings with it a sense of excitement, renewed energy and enthusiasm, some apprehension and wonderful thoughts of "what will I learn?" and of course, "who will be my learning partners?" (teachers and classmates) We know that your child's first day was filled with opportunities to share, ask questions and engage in fun activities to get to know the many aspects of their class...people, places and things. We welcome all **students, parents, and new staff** to the **Pine Grove Community** and wish everyone the very best for an exciting year. We look forward to meeting everyone at our **Open House** on **Wednesday October 5th**. The school will be open from 7:00 - 8:00 pm for families to tour our great school and visit classrooms and teachers. Your child/ren will be your tour guide.

We would like to thank all the **Pine Grove Staff** for the amazing amount of time and energy they put into making our school an incredibly inviting environment...as we have visited all the classrooms these past days, we couldn't help but think how we would love to be a student in any of these rooms.



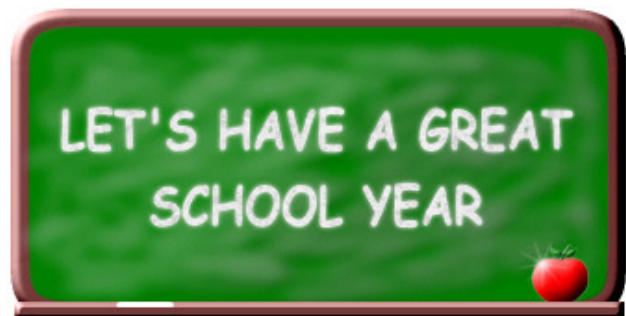
A big thanks to our custodial staff, Mr. Joe Taylor, Mr. Fred Parente and Mrs. Sandy White, for their hard work in preparing Pine Grove for our return. It looks amazing! Also, a special thank you to our secretarial staff, Mrs. Alves, Mrs. Palmer and Mrs. MacArthur who have worked hard in preparing all of our first day and welcome packages.

Congratulations and All the Best !

We are looking forward to a fantastic year of learning together. Have a wonderful start to the year and don't hesitate to come in to say hello.

Sincerely,

Al Barrett - Principal
Gary Levante - Vice Principal



As always, we encourage you to maintain close and open communications with the staff at **École Pine Grove**. If you should have any questions or concerns relating to the welfare of your child, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

PINE GROVE STAFFING NEWS

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome the following outstanding staff members to Pine Grove as well as welcome returning staff. Each of these teachers bring enthusiasm, special talents and professionalism to enhance the vision of our school and commitment to student learning.

Mrs. Lee - Gr.1

Mme Forbes - Gr. 1 French Immersion

Mrs. Blevins - Gr. 1/2

Mme Vaughan - Gr. 3/4

Mme Kigar - Gr. 3 French Immersion

Mme Huinink - Gr. 5 French Immersion

Mme Healey - Gr. 5 French Immersion

Mr. Kay - Gr. 8 English/Art



SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council meets monthly and we invite all parents to become involved. The role of **École Pine Grove School Council** is to provide input and direction into school initiatives and policies that support student success and the success of the members of our community. Please join us on Monday, September 19th at 6:30 p.m. for our first meeting. We would like to notify all Pine Grove parents that nomination forms for the **School Council 2011-2012** can be found attached. We encourage all parents to get involved in our council. School Council plays a vital role at Pine Gove. If you are interested, please fill out the nomination form or come to the meeting on September 19th at 6:30 p.m. in the library.

All are Welcome !!



PARKING INFORMATION



As we continue to grow, one of our biggest challenges is the parking, dropping off and picking up students at Pine Grove. We need your assistance, cooperation and patience in making sure that all of our students are safe. Over the summer, facility services have added a 'kiss and drop' lane parallel to our bus-loading lane. This lane is the closest to 4th Line and is clearly marked. If you are dropping off your child, please pull over to the side walk and allow your child to depart from your vehicle. They will walk up to the designated crossing area and enter the school playground through the gate. This is the same spot as our bus students. **We will have staff supervision; however, we are looking for parents volunteers to help with this process. Please do not park in this area!**

Parking will be very limited this year, as our staff is larger and require the spots in the parking lot. All Pine Grove staff will be provided with parking stickers. Parents are welcome to park on the side street areas north and south of the school and walk their students to the school if it is necessary.

If your child/ren is/are part of the before and after school program, please continue to drop them off by the back gym door entrance at the designated times.

Please drive slowly and exercise caution to ensure the safety and well-being of all!

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!



2011-2012 School Council Nomination Form

NOMI-
NEE: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Bus. Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

I am the parent/guardian of _____ who is currently registered at Pine Grove Public School.

I am an employee of the Halton District School Board: Yes No

I, the undersigned, do hereby accept this nomination and declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent/guardian representative on the Pine Grove Public School Council.

Signature: _____

Dated: _____

How would you like to help?

(We always need help with volunteering, fundraising, newsletter, and we encourage voting members to help with decision-making)

Please return completed nomination forms to the school office as soon as possible. Please attend the School Council Meeting on Monday, September 19, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.



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PARENT ON-LINE PAYMENTS

We, at PINE GROVE are CASHLESS with online payment available for all food, milk orders and field trips.

Who benefits?

- Parents
- Schools
- Students
- Teachers

Just as you pay your utility bill online, you can enjoy the freedom and convenience of paying for all school related activities. For example pay for: food days, school trips...

It's convenient, safe and secure. All you need is an email address to register online.

Additional information will be available on the school website, through parent advisory council nights, in the main office or by visiting

halton.cashlesschools.com

Schools on average spend 3 - 5 hours weekly processing funds to be deposited into the bank.

The online advantage will:

- offer parents a new convenience
- help school saves time
- makes transactions safe and secure
- provide quick and easy payment reports
- minimize all staff members from minimized responsibilities of fee collection



MEDICATION STORAGE

If your child requires their prescription medication to be stored at the school (i.e. Epi Pen, Ritalin), please request the appropriate form from the office. Medication cannot be stored or administered without a completed form. All medication must be in its original labeled container.



STUDENT BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays are celebrated at Pine Grove on the announcements and with a birthday pencil from the office; cupcakes and treats should be saved for home celebrations. We do not use food at Pine Grove for celebrations as we have many allergies in each of the classes.

The food that is served for pizza day is peanut/nut free and the parent's choice to order.



ABSENT

If your child is going to be absent please send a note in their agenda or call the attendance line at 1-877-409-6310 or visit hdsb.schoolconnects.com. If you are picking your child up early please send a note to the teacher so that your child will be prepared to come down to the office and be signed out when you come by the office to pick them up. If your child is late for school please be sure to visit the office and sign your child in.



SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISER!

As a way to target the problem of lost belongings and a large lost and found closet, **PINE GROVE PUBLIC SCHOOL** is fundraising with **Mabel's Labels**, a company with all types of labels that are **colourful, indestructible, easy-to-use and fun!** Iron-Ons, Stickies, Bag Tags, Allergy Alert labels & more! Personalize your labels with names, nicknames, and initials - whatever you choose. Cool icons help even little ones identify their own belongings. Dishwasher, microwave, laundry & kid tested! Dispatched within 24 hours! Visit ecolepinegrove.mabel.ca to place your order while helping our fundraiser!"



TRANSPORTATION

Attention

Change to Courtesy Seat Transportation Procedure

2011 ~ 2012 School Year

Courtesy Seat Applications will be accepted annually at all schools until September 30th.

Applications will be processed after October 1st.

Application forms are available on the HSTS website at www.haltonbus.ca

If you have any questions, email

transportation@haltonbus.ca



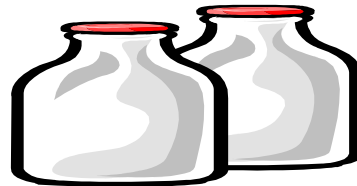
FIRST DAY STUDENT INFORMATION PACKAGE

All students will be given a school agenda. The agenda helps students succeed by teaching goal setting, time management and personal organization. It also becomes an accountability and communication tool for students with teachers and parents. We encourage parents to check their student's agenda each day. **Please make sure that the 2011- 2012 Student Forms package and Student Verification Form has been return to the school with all forms completed and signed.** In the package, also find information on our CASHLESS program. Please be sure to get registered for the program on-line (instructions in package).



MILK PROGRAM

Just a reminder that our first day of our MILK program is October 3rd. Please set-up account and pay on-line for the program **before SEPTEMBER 19TH** to avoid disappointed children. <https://halton.cashlesschools.com> (instructions and details about our CASHLESS program have been sent home).



ALLERGIES, ASTHMA OR ANY OTHER HEALTH CONCERNS

There are students in our class who are highly allergic to "PEANUTS, PEANUT BUTTER AND TREE NUTS". For this reason, we ask for your cooperation by not sending these foods or products that contain these foods to school with your child. As well, many children suffer from asthma and medication is required. Please contact the school if your child has any known medical condition of which we should be aware.



LUNCH LADY

Lunch Lady order forms are due September 22. The first Lunch Lady date is October 3th.



FIRST DAY EXCITEMENT!

