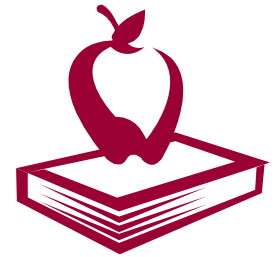




Welcome Back To School !



Building a School & Community that supports Student Achievement

Welcome back to Vineland for the 2011/12 School Year. It is my pleasure to serve as your Principal with a dedicated, energetic staff working to provide the best for our school community. I look forward to meeting all of you at our Open House / BBQ on Thursday, September 15th from 6:00 –8pm.

The school has been a busy place over the summer. Our heartiest thanks to Mr. A. Cimino and his summer caretaking crew for taking such good care of our school and getting it in such lovely shape for opening!

There are a few new faces around Vineland School. Mr. James Willms is our new Vice-Principal. Mrs. Wittig will return to her grade 7/8 class this year. Mrs. S. Lombarczki is new to Vineland as a Grade 1 teacher; Mr. S. Ferguson returns to Vineland from September—December to teach Grade 1 for Mrs. J. Savage who is also new to Vineland. Mrs. B. Christie joins the staff as our Child Care Worker in Room 11; Ms. J. Rowley and Miss A. Forbes are our Educational Assistants.

I would like to thank the community for its continued support here at Vineland School. I look forward to working with students, teachers, and parents to further develop a community that builds on success. Our office doors are always “OPEN”, so please stop by to say hi and share some of the great ideas you have about making Vineland School even better!

Working together, we will all succeed in providing the BEST environment for student learning.

WELCOME BACK!

L. Gretsinger, Principal

J. Willms, Vice-Principal



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Included in this Opening Day Package:

- ✓ Confidential Information Form (please update with changes and return by Mon.Sept.12)
- ✓ Student Accident Insurance (optional—to be returned directly to the company)
- ✓ Student Agenda/ Organizer (gr. 1-8)
- ✓ School Year Calendar
- ✓ School Council Self-Nomination Form(Due Sept.12)
- ✓ Meet the Teacher BBQ form due Sept.12
- ✓ School Photo Day reminder

School Advisory Council Call to Action, Ideas, and Inspiration! JOIN US!

School Advisory Councils have been active, legislated members of school communities for the past 15 years. Designed to activate parent voices and partnerships in education, the School Advisory Council at Vineland School will meet the needs of thinkers, fundraisers, problem solvers, and information gatherers alike. There are monthly meetings (already noted on your school calendar), held at night in the school library. All parents and staff are welcome at any time.

The School Advisory Council is chaired by a parent member, and includes parents, teaching and support staff, and the Principal and Vice-Principal. The Council provides input to the Principal on a number of issues affecting school life as well as provides leadership in some fundraising and goal-setting activities.

The nomination form was sent out last spring, but it is not too late to nominate someone (yourself, perhaps?) for Council.

Join us and learn about issues affecting our school, be creative in continuing the tradition of excellence at Vineland — it is sure to be a fun and stimulating road ahead!

Often, parents feel that their input on school issues is not considered. Think Again! Join us at School Council on Monday, September 12th at 6:30pm in the Library.

All-Star Reading Program



Last year Vineland continued with a very successful program (All-Star Readers) that supported young readers. It will continue again this year and we are seeking volunteers from the parents and the surrounding community. Many people have expressed an interest in being involved and Mr. Willms will be in touch with last year's volunteers to see if they are still willing to give some of their time to students for this important program. Please call us at 905-562-5211.

Leave your name and tell us that you are interested in supporting our "All-Star" reading program. There is an orientation session that will be held Monday, September 26th at 8:30am to help volunteers understand the philosophy as well as the nuts and bolts of the program. Thank you in advance for helping to support this program.



Accidents can happen...!

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 purchase this coverage to ensure that medical or dental costs are covered in case of accident. Reliable Life Student Accident Insurance forms have been provided to each student to assist you in getting coverage. It costs as little as \$2 per student for basic school day/school activity coverage.

There is a longing among all people to have a sense of purpose and worth. To satisfy that common longing in all of us we must respect each other. Chief Dan George

INFORMED, GREEN, and ONLINE

Mr. Gretsinger is compiling a list of parent email addresses so that school newsletters can be forwarded by email. It is important, however, that our community understands that their addresses will only be used for school or school council communication and we make every attempt to send them in a fashion that hides all the other recipients' addresses.

All newsletters, permission forms (for whole-school events), and reminders will be sent to the email addresses given. Paper copies will also be sent home with one child from each family; however, teachers often hear that newsletters are not consistently received by parents. This method could help ensure that you have all of the vital information in a very timely fashion.

To sign up, email Mr. Gretsinger at lorne.gretsinger@dsbn.edu.on.ca from the email address where you wish to receive the newsletters. Feel free to sign up for more than one address.

Mrs. N. Isaak	AM Kindergarten
Miss J. Campbell	AM / PM Kindergarten
Mrs. S. Lombarczki	Grade 1
Mr. S. Ferguson (until Jan); Mrs. J. Savage	Grade 1
Mrs. S. Sarkisian	Grade 2
Mrs. C. Preece	Grade 2/3
Mr. J. McDonough	Grade 3
Ms. T. Ventresca	Grade 4
Ms. J. Braukmann	Grade 4 (even day afternoons)
Mrs. N. Scott	Grade 5
Miss S. Farrar	Grade 6
Mrs. V. Taylor	Visual Arts, Music, Drama, Dance (1-6)
Mrs. J. Hendrickse	Grade 7/8 (am)
Mrs. J. Wittig	Grade 7/8
Mr. W. Randall	Grade 7/8
Mme. K. Hedemann	French (pm)
Mr. G. Poirier	BE Class
Mrs. B. Hollender	Learning Resource Teacher
Mrs. H. Howe	Resource Teacher—Special Education
Ms. J. Rowley	Educational Assistant
Ms. A. Forbes	Educational Assistant
Mrs. B. Christie	Child Care Worker
Ms. D. Paone	Youth Worker (Tuesdays)
Mr. A. Cimino	Head Caretaker
Mrs. J. Reid	Head Secretary
Mr. J. Willms	Vice-Principal
Mr. L. Gretsinger	Principal



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**MEET THE TEACHER OPEN HOUSE
THURSDAY, SEPT 15th , 5—7pm**

Please plan on joining us for our annual fall Open House. This is an opportunity for the whole school to gather informally and learn more about the school program and goals for the 2011-2012 school year.

Students are encouraged to bring their parents and family members and introduce them to their teacher and to show off the educational environment that will be their home for the next ten months. Our School Advisory Council will be serving a BBQ dinner to families. There will also be a Scavenger Hunt with cool prizes!

PLEASE JOIN US!

**Open Call for Parent/Neighbour/
Grandparent Volunteers!**

Volunteers are welcomed in every area of the school. Your help with special programs for students is needed and greatly appreciated.

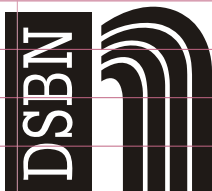
In each classroom, teachers have a variety of tasks and it is challenging to give needed additional help to every student. Our school library resources centre and computer lab are wonderful places which require regular help from volunteers to help keep the books and resources in children's hands.

Educational research suggests that children whose parents, family members, or friends are visible in helping out in school help foster that sense of community pride, positive attitude toward academic success, and personal accomplishment.

As mentioned inside the newsletter, the School Advisory Council is another way that parents and community members actively make a difference in our school. We depend heavily on our All Star Reading Program volunteers. Volunteers will also be needed to help make Artfest 2011 a success.

Volunteer commitments can be small or large in terms of time, but all are just as precious. Interested parents, guardians, grandparents, or family members are invited to contact Mr. Gretsinger, Mr. Willms or Mrs. Reid in the School Office, or talk to any teacher.

WHATEVER YOUR TIME OR TALENTS, WE CAN USE THEM TO MAKE MAGIC FOR KIDS



DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA
Achieving Success Together

Parents as Partners...

For parents of students in all grades

“We believe that it is crucial for schools to work more collaboratively with parents”
(*For the Love of Learning*, Royal Commission Report, January 1995)

... at home PARENTS:	Parents as Partners	... at school TEACHERS:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Give children support and encouragement. Don't expect that children will get everything right the first time around.	S Supporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide a supportive, accepting classroom where the needs of individuals are met.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understand that each child is different and provide lots of support as they develop in different ways.	U Understanding	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understand that each child is different and will need to be supported in different ways.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Care deeply about their children, watching their progress and offering praise, help and support when it is needed.	C caring	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Respond to the needs of all children in the class.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Talk things through with their children, listen to what they are saying and answer their questions.	C Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Allow children time to interact with each other, talking through ideas, understandings and problems.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Allow their children to experiment, solve problems and try things out.	E Experimentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide opportunities for children to experiment and solve problems in situations that make sense to them.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Encourage children to talk about their feelings, experiences, ideas and offer suggestions.	S Sharing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Encourage children to discuss their ideas, how they solved problems and suggest how they could improve on their ideas.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Praise children's efforts as they attempt new things. When children are encouraged to have confidence in themselves and their own abilities, the foundations for successful learning are established.	S Success	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recognize and praise children's achievements no matter how small they are. Teachers make sure all children experience success by providing a learning program that take into account children's development.

Vineland Virtues

This year, our staff will again be working on building good character traits in our students. Each monthly Sharing Assembly will address the monthly theme. The following is a list of the traits and the monthly themes:

September	Respect
October	Responsibility
November	Compassion
December	Cooperation
January	Self-Discipline
February	Tolerance
March	Enthusiasm
April	Integrity
May	Courage
June	Trustworthiness

Everyday Assemblies!

School-Based Immunization Clinics

Did you know that every year in Canada, 1,400 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer and more than 400 will die from it?

Almost all cervical cancers are caused by a Human Papillomavirus (HPV) infection.

The HPV vaccine is an important medical advancement that makes cervical cancer a preventable disease.

Once again this year, the HPV vaccine called Gardasil® will be offered free to **all female Grade 8 students** through Niagara Region Public Health's school-based immunization clinics. In addition, the Hepatitis B vaccine and the Meningococcal vaccine called Menactra® will be offered free to **all Grade 7 students**.

Parent/student information packages will be coming home with your child in September. Clinic dates and times will be announced through your child's school.

For more information, speak to your school nurse or call the Vaccine Preventable Disease Program at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7425.



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100 *Years of Agricultural Research* 1911-2011

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
100th anniversary of the Vineland Research Station

Discover the station's unique accomplishments over the past century, speak to scientists about what they are working on now, and visit research labs and orchards.

It will be a day to learn, discover and celebrate our agricultural heritage!

**The public is invited to an OPEN HOUSE
at the Vineland Research Station**

Free admission

Saturday, September 10, 2011

11:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M. (Tours 2:30 – 4:30 P.M.)

- Tours of the research labs
- BBQ lunch
- Photo exhibition
- Bus tours of the orchards
- Official ceremony
- Celebration cake

For more information, call 905-562-4113, ext. 0
www.agr.gc.ca/AAFC/Vineland

Vineland Research Station, 4902 Victoria Ave. North,
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