

The Bernard Bulletin

September 2014

A Message from the Administration

The year has gotten off to an amazing start at HG Bernard Public School. Our dedicated teachers have worked hard to set up inviting classrooms, and students have become immersed in engaging lessons designed to challenge, motivate and inspire our learners. We are happy to see our returning students, and would like to extend a warm welcome to families new to the Bernard community. We are proud of our students ; they are polite, thoughtful individuals who understand the importance of education, and are learning to work collaboratively with one another. This means they are learning to listen to the ideas of others, and can agree or disagree in an agreeable manner. Our goal is to develop critical thinkers and mathematicians who will thrive in an ever changing world. An integral part of this is to ensure our students adopt a Growth Mindset . A Growth Mindset is at the heart of our mission at HG Bernard. Students with a Growth Mindset believe their basic abilities can be developed through dedication and hard work. They respond to a poor grade by working harder, and asking for assistance - and know that they can improve their achievement. Those with a Fixed Mindset believe that basic qualities, such as intelligence, are simply fixed traits. They believe that talent alone creates success, not effort, and these children cringe in the face of adversity or poor grades. Research shows that people with a Growth Mindset reach higher levels of success than people with a Fixed Mindset.

We have several new staff members joining us this year. Please extend a warm welcome to Mrs. Roberts, our new Vice Principal; she brings a wealth of experience building positive climates for learning and working with intermediate students in the Toronto District School Board. We would also like to welcome Ms. Naqi (Grade 8), Ms. Diamond (Grade 7), Ms. Sarro (Grade 2) and Ms. Wong (Grade 2). Ms. Hilts and Ms. Ryan are also new staff members who play an important role in the HG Bernard community and work with Ms. Conner and her students.

A special thank you to our caretaking staff for working so hard to keep our school clean , it looks amazing. Thank you Mr. Goulet, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Skordoulis and Mr. Ramgeet!

We encourage you to play an active role in your child's education. Study after study shows that student achievement improves when parents are actively involved. Students are more likely to be motivated, earn higher grades, have better social skills, and go on to higher education after secondary school when parents actively support their success at school. Parent involvement takes many forms. For example:

- serving on School Council
- volunteering in classrooms
- making sure there is a quiet place set aside to do homework
- helping with homework
- frequent communication with teachers
- talking to your child about their day at school

Our first School Council meeting will take place on Wednesday October 8 at 6:30pm.

Kathryn Prince
Principal

Megan Roberts
Vice-Principal



Meet the Teacher/ Curriculum Night

Please join us on Wednesday October 1, from 5:30-8:00pm for an opportunity to meet your child's teacher(s) and hear about the wonderful initiatives taking place at HG Bernard. There will be a variety of cultural foods for sale from 5:30-6:30 and then we will meet in the gym at 6:30 for staff introductions and the sharing of HG Bernard successes. We will proceed to classrooms at 7:00 for presentations outlining expectations and ways you can help your child be successful at school. The first presentation will run from 7:00-7:30 and the second presentation from 7:30-8:00.



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Reminder

During the first week of school your child brought home some very important information. Please take the time to read the information and make sure you return the completed package to school, if you haven't already done so! Please ensure your contact information and email address are correct.



Lunch

Boomerang Lunches are an important part of our eco-schools initiative. We are asking that all students bring food to school with little or no packaging. When possible please use reusable plastic containers to hold sandwiches, snacks, and drinks. If lunches contain packaging students are asked to bring all of the packaging home. Thank you for supporting our eco-schools initiative!



Visitors and Visiting

Any person entering the school must report to the office. For the protection and safety of our children and staff, everyone must adhere to this rule. Please note that visitors to our school and parent volunteers must wear a Visitor Badge obtained at the office and must sign-in in the Visitor's Book. All parent volunteers must have a recent police check completed. Please obtain the Police check forms at the office.



Safe Arrival Program

When your child will not be attending school or will be arriving late, please call the Safe Arrival line at 905-508-7009 ext. 2. Please take the time to leave a clear message that includes your child's first and last name, their grade, the teacher's name and the reason for the absence. It would be appreciated if you make the call as soon as possible, before 8:00 a.m. on the morning that your child will be absent or late. If your child has to leave before 3:00, you must come into the office and sign out your child. Following this procedure helps us ensure your child's safety.



School Hours

Entry	8:15-8:30 a.m.
Class Begins	8:30 a.m.
Recess	10:10-10:40 a.m.
Lunch	12:20-1:20 p.m.
Dismissal	3:00 p.m.
Office Hours:	Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

BUS LOOP AND STUDENT DROP OFF

An important reminder that our Bus Loop and Drop Off are closed to all vehicles (except busses) between 8:15 and 8:35 am, and again in the afternoon between 2:45 and 3:15. There is ample parking at the tennis courts, and a safe walkway connects the tennis court parking area to our school playground. Cars can also park on the school side of Bernard Avenue. It's important to avoid making 'u' turns as this interferes with the flow of traffic and creates a dangerous situation for students. Although many families are in a rush in the morning, it's important to remember this is a School Zone, and it's the responsibility of all adults to ensure the safety of all children.

HALLOWEEN COSTUMES

This is a reminder to all students and their families that students are not permitted to bring weapons or replicas of weapons, including toy guns or toy blades of any type to school.

Have fun and be safe!



Student Busing Eligibility

Did you know that students' busing eligibility changes throughout their school career? Your son/daughter's eligibility to ride the school bus may change according to their grade and distance from home to school. Below are the provisions for eligibility identified in the Board's Transportation Policy #680:

- All YRDSB students in Grades JK-3 who live within 1.2 km of their school are not eligible for transportation
- All YRDSB students in Grades 4-8 who live within 1.6 km of their school are not eligible for transportation

To view Board Policy #680 Student Transportation, please visit www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca. For more information about bus transportation, and to determine your child's eligibility, please visit www.schoolbuscity.com.

The students at HG Bernard ...



... show appreciation



... listen attentively



... and put their heart into learning.

Student Safety - Severe Allergy Alert

Several students at HG Bernard PS have severe allergies to peanuts and other nut products. We need your help to keep our friends safe at all times. Please read labels and ingredients prior to sending specific items to school. Check the ingredient list for peanut oil, peanut butter, peanut sauce, peanut flour, peanut meal, mixed nuts, ground nuts, goober nuts, goober peas, artificial nuts and mandalona nuts. There are many hidden sources of peanuts/nuts in foods. Some examples include, cookies, chocolate, granola bars, some cereal bars, and some vegetable oils and shortening.



GRADE ONE SUPERHEROS



The grade one's have been building character education through everyday actions! This month the grade one superheroes include the Green Machines, Iron protectors, Silent Spinners, Wonder Wordies and the Captains of Courage.

The Green Machines are helping to save the world by taking great care of our resources! They refuse to waste supplies and remember to recycle anything that they can. The Iron Protectors focus on safety first! They push in their chairs so that others don't trip and clean up spills so that others don't slip. They keep their bodies strong by washing their hands and make safe choices when they are playing on the playground. The Silent Spinners have superhero control of their voices. While someone else is speaking, they sit quietly thereby showing attentive listening. The Wonder Wordies have superhero control of their words. Even when it is difficult, they are honest with adults and with each other. They know it's always better to tell the truth! They think about what they say before they say it. The Captains of Courage know that sometimes we are faced with difficult choices. They try their best to face each one with the courage to do what is right. If they see someone being bullied, they find help. They know that their choices and actions are important. The grade one students have been super role models for H.G. Bernard Public School!

GRADE TWO



EXPLORING VISUAL ART

The grade 2's in Mrs Sarro's and MS. Wong's class are basking in the late summer sun while making use of H.G.Bernard's outdoor classroom. They are gathering inspiration from nature to help create visual images using various forms of line and texture. What a great way to combine sunshine, fresh air and everyday learning.



The Journey Of The Monarch

In July, Madame Los participated in a two day workshop with the Monarch Teacher Network. She collected three butterfly eggs which hatched into caterpillars at her home (A fourth egg was collected from the park near Bernard at the end of July.) Feasting on milkweed plants, the four caterpillars grew and grew. In August they pupated. At the start of September, the adult butterflies emerged from the chrysalides.

Madame Los was thrilled to be able to bring the monarchs to school to share with her students. Members of the Eco Team had the special privilege of releasing the Monarch butterflies they began their journey to Mexico. We look forward to seeing their great great grandchildren in the spring.





Bernard's Outdoor Classroom

During the summer, five trees were added to the Outdoor Classroom at the back of the school by the library. These trees will provide shade for the students when they are learning outside. Some members of the Eco Team had the responsibility of watering the trees over the summer and the trees are flourishing beautifully.

In September, the Eco Team added some perennial plants. They fit in wonderfully in the classroom. We look forward to using this space even more.



In the Learning Common... (formally known as the library)

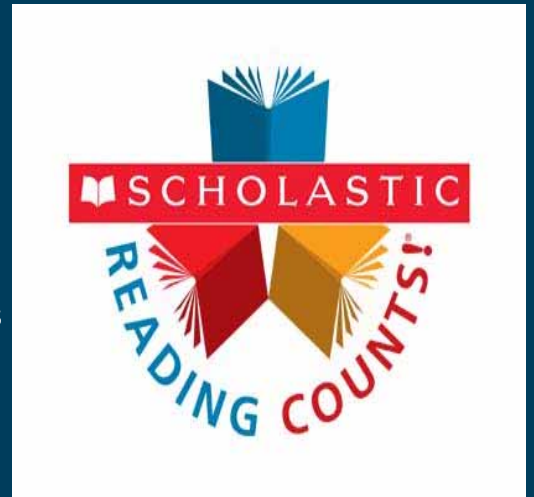
Welcome to a new school year!

September in the Learning Common

Please come and visit our LEARNING COMMON. As we adapt and grow with the world perspective, libraries are no longer just places where books are used. Libraries are becoming places where people come to work together for a common goal, using technology, literature and resources in a collaborative space. High Schools, Colleges and Universities are transforming their libraries into Learning Common spaces. In moving forward with this model in mind we have made some changes to the set up of our library with lots of new and exciting events planned for this school year.

We are starting the year off with the SCHOLASTIC book fair.

On September 29th the book fair will be open for class previews. On September 30th through October 3, students will be able to purchase books. On October 1st MEET THE TEACHER night the Scholastic book fair will be open for families to shop together. We are hoping for a great turn out to share our new space and encourage the LOVE of READING!



Book Exchange:

We are ready to begin our book exchange! At H. G. Bernard P.S., we encourage all children to borrow books on a regular basis. Books are signed out for two-weeks; renewals are possible if other students are not waiting for the book. Our kindergarten students are encouraged to exchange books each time they come to the library. Books are on loan for two-weeks. Students may borrow:

- 2 books in Grade K-1
- 3 books in Grade 2-3
- 4 books in Grade 4 and up

Book Care

Children should read books away from food and drink. The students are responsible for protecting library books from younger siblings and pets. If books are lost or damaged beyond repair, there will be a charge. All money collected for lost and damaged books will go toward the replacement of the book. The replacement cost for a soft cover book is \$9.00 and a hard cover book is \$17.00. We would much rather have the books so please take care of our books. Should individual issues arise, I will send a note home.

Book Bags

Students in kindergarten will receive book bags. Older students are encouraged to use a large ziplock bag or plastic bag to protect their books between home and school. Please encourage your children to keep their books in a safe place while at home.

Volunteers

If you are interested in helping in the library (circulation desk, shelving books, etc.), pop by the Learning Common in the afternoon.

Looking forward to an exciting school year!

Mrs. Aynsley Maxwell
H. G. Bernard Public School,
Learning Common



**YMCA Ontario Early Years
Family Fun Program
H.G. Bernard Public School**



The YMCA Ontario Early Years Family Fun program is returning to Bernard this fall and will be offered Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:30 — 11:30a.m. The program starts on September 22nd, 2014. We welcome parents, grandparents, home child care providers and their young children (birth to 6 years). It offers a chance to meet other parents and caregivers, let your kids socialize with others, take workshops, share stories, access a variety of child development and parenting resource materials, or just play with your kids and have a lot of fun!!!



If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at 905-883-6901 ext 353 for more information.

We look forward to meeting you soon!!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Curriculum Night	2 Bus Safety	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 Picture Day 	10	11
12	13 Thanks-giving (No School)	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 P.A. Day (No School)	28 Immunization For Grade 7/8	29	30	31	