

EDSBY

Edsby is a great tool to engage our school community. Edsby can be used to:

1. Enhance School Communication using Calendar and News
2. Book Teacher/Parent Interviews
3. Share important communications with families
4. Collaborate using groups
5. Be the online hub for extracurricular teams and clubs

As a school we will continue to implement Edsby as a communication tool. In December, we will transition to use the “River of News” instead of a monthly school newsletter. More information about our “River of News” will be sent home closer to December.

What does it mean when a parent has access to Edsby?

Parents will be able to access:

- ◆ School News and Events through the Calendar and River of News
- ◆ Homework and Classroom as determined by teachers
- ◆ Scheduling Parent Teacher interviews
- ◆ Anytime, anywhere access to student and school information across devices

Parents will also be able to report absences and view their child’s attendance.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Welcome back to another school year! Your 2017/2018 School Council is very excited to once again serve the needs of all of our students at Pleasantville. Members of this year’s School Council are as follows: Sophie Lam (Chair), Leanne Piggott (Treasurer), Sara Lam (Secretary), Sharon Petersil, David Pang, Romeo de Ala, Lindsay Huot, Joanna Berkovitz, Verica Pojuzina, Jennifer Zeng (Council Members). We look forward to another exciting year with lots in store! Everyone is welcome to join us at our monthly meetings.

Tips to Stop Cyberbullying

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO?

1. Keep the computer in a common area of the home. Do not allow it in your children's bedrooms. Monitor their online usage.
2. Learn how various social networking websites work. Become familiar with Facebook, MySpace, and Twitter. Ask your children if they will show you their profile pages.
3. Talk regularly and specifically with your children about online issues. Let them know they can come to you for help if anything is inappropriate, upsetting, or dangerous.
4. Build trust with your children. Set time limits, explain your reasons for them, and discuss rules for online safety and Internet use. Ask your children to contribute to establishing the rules; then they'll be more inclined to follow them.
5. Tell your children not to respond to any cyberbullying threats or comments online. However, do not delete any of the messages. Instead, print out all the messages, including the e-mail addresses or online screen names of the cyberbully. You will need the messages to verify and prove there is cyberbullying.
6. Don't overreact by blaming your children. If they are being bullied, be supportive and understanding. Find out how long the bullying has been going on and ensure that you'll work together to find a solution. Let your children know they are not to blame for being bullied.
7. Don't underreact by telling your children to "shrug it off" or just deal with the bullying. The emotional pain of being bullied is very real and can have long-lasting effects. Don't tease them about it or respond with a "kids will be kids" attitude.
8. Don't threaten to take away your children's computers if they come to you with a problem. This only forces kids to be more secretive.
9. Talk to your child's teacher so they can keep an eye out for bullying during the school day.
10. If there are threats of physical violence or the bullying continues to escalate, get law enforcement involved.

WHAT CAN KIDS DO?

1. Don't respond to any online or text messages sent by cyberbullies.
2. Don't be an accomplice by forwarding any of the messages to other kids.
3. Save and print out all the messages as proof and evidence of cyberbullying.
4. If you are being bullied, tell an adult immediately to get help solving the problem.

<http://www.parents.com/kids/problems/bullying>



THE YOGA
PROJECT
EDUCATE & EMPOWER

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On **November 27 and November 29, 2017**, the Grade K-8 students of Pleasantville Public School, will be engaging in two Intro to Yoga + Mindfulness Workshops led by The Yoga Project; a team of Ontario Certified Teachers, as well as experienced Yoga Teachers with kids/youth/teen + mindfulness specialization.

A Message from The Yoga Project:

The Yoga Project school programs are based on the belief and knowledge that yoga has a profound effect on children, youth, teens and families. Yoga teaches us self-awareness and helps to develop inner strength, personal insight, and the ability to move through life from a place of connectedness. Equipping students with the tools to know and recognize how to calm or energize oneself, when to ease up or get centred, how to self-regulate and build confidence, are all skills for life that we strive to empower in today's youth.

What you can expect in The Yoga Project classes:

Mindfulness: We aim to teach students how to connect with themselves, so that they are able to make connections to others and the world around them.

Physical Literacy: Students safely perform movement sequences, yoga poses and balancing postures.

Breath Work: Students learn about breath awareness through practical applications that promote self-regulation, emotional balance and holistic wellness.

Focus Activities: These are used to heighten present-moment awareness, concentration and clarity.

Partner/Group Work: Touch is transformative. Learning to work together cultivates communication and aids in the development of confidence, trust + empathy.

Relaxation/Visualization: This may include, but is not limited to: guided imagery/story, tools to de-stress, and present-awareness activities.

If you have any further questions regarding school yoga programming, or would like to know more about The Yoga Project, kindly visit our website at www.yogaproject.ca

Yours sincerely,

The Yoga Project Team

Pleasantville School Council's

ANNUAL DONATION DRIVE

October 16th - November 27th 2017

Last year with your help, our school raised just over \$9,500 in our Annual Donation Drive. This money was instrumental in helping our school to:

- acquire some much-needed technology
- fund various programs and activities that promote literacy, music, arts and athletics
- tune up musical instruments and
- provide lice checks, Kindergarten Kits and a Memorial Literacy Award to a graduating student

We are once again launching our **Annual Donation Drive** and this year our fundraising goal is **\$10,000**. ALL funds go directly to supporting students. Your donations will greatly help to enhance school resources for our students.

This year funds raised will continue to be used to:

- increase the amount and types of technology in the school
- purchase resources to enhance and modernize our Library Learning Commons, and
- support athletics, music and the arts

In order to make this fundraising fun and exciting, we will be offering the following student incentives for the donation levels reached:

\$2000	One Homework Free Weekend
\$4000	An Extended Recess
\$6000	Another Homework Free Weekend
\$8000	Pyjama-Popcorn Movie Day – a movie shown in the gym for each division
\$10,000	Board Games Afternoon for everyone – one full afternoon of games in your classroom

This year, donations are to be made through **School Cash Online** by clicking on the “Make a Donation” tab on the top right hand corner of your screen, selecting Pleasantville PS, and entering the amount of your donation. You will automatically be issued a tax receipt for donations of \$25 or more. This is our only major fundraiser for the year and all donations big or small help us to raise the necessary funds to enhance school resources.

Thank you for your support!

Give the Gift of School Spirit Wear

Dear Parents,

The holiday season is fast approaching, and we can think of no better way to celebrate than with school spirit wear! We've partnered with Entripy.com, Canada's leader in custom apparel, and set up an online school spirit wear shop.

Our shop features dozens of items – from t-shirts, to hooded sweatshirts, jackets, toques and more from name brands including Gildan, and Under Armour. You can order as few as one item, choose from pre-approved school logos and even personalize with your child's name.



By giving the gift of school spirit wear, you're also helping our school. Entripy provides a **10% rebate** on our shop's sales back to our school.

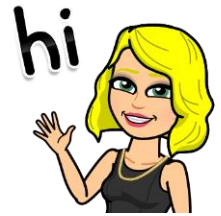
PLUS, until November 19th, Entripy is offering 25 AIR MILES[®] Bonus Miles on every order.

School spirit wear is a great gift for students, parents and grandparents, too, so you can cross nearly everyone off your holiday shopping list!

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pleasantvilleps.entripyshops.com





Library/Learning Zone News November 2017

There are a lot of exciting things happening in our Learning Zone this month!

Monday, November 6th – Comic Drawing Workshop by Freeze DNA (Grades 2-5)

Wednesday, November 15th – Author Gwen Petreman Visit (Kindergarten – Grade 3)

SCHOLASTIC Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming back to our school! The Book Fair will run from **Monday, November 20th until Monday, November 27th**. The Book Fair will be open to students in Grades 1-8 during recess and will be open after school until 3:45 p.m. As a result, the Learning Zone will be closed for all book exchanges during Book Fair week.

All students at Pleasantville will have a chance to visit the Book Fair during a scheduled class time and can purchase books during that visit. Classroom teachers will inform students of the specific date and time of their class visits.

Your child will also receive a preview flyer with some of the books that will be sold at the fair. On the flyer, you will see a ballot for the Family Event Door Prize. Simply fill out the ballot with your child's full name and teacher's name and he/she will be entered in a draw to win \$25 in free books for your home library, and \$25 in free books for your child's classroom library! Your child will have the chance to drop his/her ballot in the ballot box during his/her classroom visit! The draw will take place on Monday, November 27th.

Please note that due to popular demand, some items at the Book Fair may be sold out. In this case, orders can be placed for the book, and it will be delivered to your child's classroom during the week following the Book Fair.

Thank you for sharing in this celebration of books and reading with us.

Mrs. J. Neumann





PLEASANTVILLE P.S.

BBQ - 2018

Come and join us!

Greetings Pleasantville Community,

It is our pleasure to announce that planning for the 2018 Pleasantville BBQ and Fun Fair is already underway. This annual fundraising event has been very successful in enabling the school to provide a variety of initiatives, which enhance the learning and school environment for students at Pleasantville Public School.

This large event would not be possible without the collaborative efforts of many people. The BBQ Committee is fortunate to have a committed team who bring experience and enthusiasm to the planning process. We are reaching out to the Pleasantville community to invite new members to join our efforts in producing this great tradition.

The BBQ Committee meets monthly, beginning in January 2018. Our first meeting will be on **Wednesday, January 10th, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the Library.**

Please email us at pleasantvillepsbbq@gmail.com to let us know if you are interested in joining the 2018 BBQ Committee or if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
The Pleasantville BBQ Committee