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# The Sheridan Showcase

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SHERIDAN

### **EQAO - Grade 3**

This year our Grade 3 students will participate in the annual EQAO Reading, Writing and Mathematics Assessment between May 28, 29, 30. Please note these important dates and try to ensure that your child is at school to complete the assignments with their peers. The purpose of this assessment is to measure how our children are able to answer questions in reading writing and math in comparison to other students around the province.

Students do not require any special preparation at home – just a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast, lunch/snacks.

### **You are Invited!**

Have you had a chance to volunteer at Sheridan this year? For pizza days, classroom help, Scientists in the Classroom, Field trips, School Council, Dance-a-Thon, Holiday Bazaar and more. Then we would like to say Thank You to You. Please join us for a

### **Volunteer Tea**

on  
Wednesday June 13th  
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm.

Sheridan School Library  
Please RSVP to Ms. Brush



Please RSVP by Fri. May 18th to Ms. Brush, School Secretary 905 845-3925 or brushc@hdsb.ca

### **Bag to School**

Our Bag to School was a success again, bringing in \$100.00 for the donated items we collected. Our next Bag to School will be in October!

### **Halton Food For Thought**

HFFT is so important to our school community; they provide most of the funding through grants to support the purchase of all of our snack bin and breakfast program items.

Each year we are asked to raise awareness and funds in the school. If you are able to donate a dollar to the cause it would be sincerely appreciated!

### **May is a Busy Month**

Thank you to staff and parents who have helped us to plan some great events this month including:

- Mad Science – Every Tuesday after school for those who have registered
- Pizza Lunch – Every Wednesday
- Birds of Prey Presentation – May 3
- Author Presentation – Philip Roy – May 7
- Dental Screening (Kindies and G2s) May 9
- Booster Juice Lunch – May 10
- Halton Relays – May 15
- Victoria Day – May 21 (No School)
- Sheridan's Got Talent – May 23 2:00 pm
- Sub Day – May 25
- PA Day – June 1

### **Lunches and Snacks**

We are observing that many of the children in grades 2-5 are eating all of their lunch during the first break at 10:25, then not having anything left for second

break. We want all students to have full tummies, they are able to learn better if they do.

While we do have a snack bin in each class for days when kids are really hungry and need just a bit more, we do get concerned when a child repeatedly accesses the bin because you may not know that they need more food each day.

Please ask your child if they feel they have enough in their lunches, if they share that they often take from the snack bin, please try to add more to their lunch. (Fruits Vegetables, Dairy (cheese, yogurt), Meats and Proteins (tuna snacks, lunch meats), Breads and Grains, Pasta)

For some kids it's the novelty of what's in the bin, that you may be able to add to their lunch bags: Tuna Snack Packs, Granola Bars (no nuts), Cheerios Cereal, Fruit cups, apple sauce cups. Please let Mrs. Bonanno know if you have any questions or concerns.

### **SCHOOL COUNCIL**

#### **Next Council Meeting**

We need help as we get ready for our big spring Fling BBQ. Please join us at our next council meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, May 29th at 7:00pm** in the staff room. All Sheridan parents are welcome to attend and participate in our discussions. Hope to see you there.

### **Eco School News**

Thank you to our Green Team this year! They have done an excellent job at the everyday collection of green bins, dry blue bins and wet blue bins. They have also done a fantastic job with the Energy Conservation and Waste Minimization Walkabouts needed for our annual EcoSchool certification. We will also be having our EcoSchool certification walk-through at the end of the month!

### **Recycle Your Used Markers At Sheridan!**

Sheridan has now registered to be an official "ColorCycler"! We are now collecting used markers that are ready to be discarded. The markers will be sent to a Crayola facility where they will be converted into clean fuel. This fuel can be used to power vehicles, heat homes, cook meals and more! Please help support our efforts by saving any used markers you may have around your home – even non-Crayola brands - and placing them in the drop-off box located in the office. For more info, check out: <http://www.crayola.com/colorcycle>

### **Sheridan's Got Talent**

We welcome parents with children in grades 1-5 to join us on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 pm for our Sheridan's Got Talent Show. Please Note: Students have auditioned and are currently practicing for the event. Not all students are performing.

### **HOW PARENTS CAN HELP**

#### **Moving in the Near Future?**

If you know that you will be moving during the next few months and **not returning to Sheridan Public School in September 2018**, could you please notify Ms. Brush in the office. This information is very valuable in planning for the Fall. Thank you for your co-operation.

#### **Register Now for Full Day Kindergarten**

*We look forward to welcoming your child to school!*

**Junior Kindergarten 2018-2019:** Children must be **4 years old by December 31, 2018**.

**Senior Kindergarten 2018-2019:** Children must be **5 years old by December 31, 2018**.

**NOTE:** If your child is currently attending one of our schools for Junior Kindergarten, you do not need to register for Senior Kindergarten.

Please bring the following *original* documents with you to register:

- proof of residency via lease, purchase agreement or property tax bill.
- birth certificate, passport or baptismal certificate for your child.
- proof of immunization

*If you are not the child's parent, or if you have sole custody, please bring proof of custody (court order).*

### **It's BBQ Time!**

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS, because on Thursday, June 14th, Sheridan's Parent Council will be hosting a Spring Fling BBQ. We have planned a fun evening for all Sheridan Families. M&M Meats will be cooking dinner (order forms to go home soon). As well, we will have an inflatable obstacle course, games, a petting zoo and pony rides!

Don't forget our AMAZING BASKET RAFFLE! Please check your child's agenda soon for a letter from Council. Every class will have their own basket theme and we ask that students bring in one new item each. If anyone has a large basket that they would like to donate, please drop it off at the

office. We will accept all donations on or before Friday, June 8th. Traditionally, our baskets have been stuffed with a variety of amazing items. We thank everyone in advance for their donations!

If any family would like to make a business donation, we would be happy to make sure that your business card/information is placed with your donation and that your Company is mentioned in both the Sheridan Newsletter as well as on our school webpage. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Bonanno at bonannok@hdsb.ca

*learn today? What mistake did you make that taught you something? What did you try hard at today?)*

- Model this yourself as you share about your day

### **The Birdman Comes to Sheridan...**

Thank you to Mrs. Lovell for arranging for Mr. Rogers to come and visit Sheridan with his beautiful Hawk Gabriella or Gabby as the kids call her. Each class had a chance for their learning time with this exciting duo. They learned about what makes Gabby a good hunter, her talons, beak, eyesight and wings. What Gabby eats, moles, voles, mice and rabbits, and how Gabby has worked to clear airfields and barns to make it safe for people and humans. Mr. Rogers drove all the way from Uxbridge with Gabby and we would like to show our appreciation with a small donation. If your child enjoyed the demonstration please consider a small donation to cover transportation and upkeep costs. Thank you.

### **May Idea for Growing Learning**

#### **Growth Mindset in Math**

In general, a growth mindset is the belief that intelligence and ‘smartness’ can also be learned and that the brain grows from experience and effort. The opposite, a fixed mindset, is the idea that you are smart, or you are not. In math, that translates into “some people are good at math, and some are not.” Did you know that praising efforts rather than intelligence or results can impact your child’s ability to persevere in challenges?! The goal is to have children thrive on challenges and see failures, not as a sign of low intelligence, but as a learning opportunity. Brain research tells us that making mistakes actually wires more connections into the brain! When a person has a growth mindset, they accept challenges, see their efforts as worthwhile, and are open to learning from mistakes. Students with a growth mindset achieve at higher levels than those with fixed mindsets. How can you help? Some simple ways:

- Adding “yet” when they claim they are “not good at this” (Respond: “You are not good at this yet.”)
- Ask questions that focus on their effort and choices and get them to reflect on satisfaction of that effort (e.g. *What did you*

My Morning Checklist...

Have I got

- My backpack
- My lunch
- My water bottle
- My outdoor shoes
- My hat
- My library book
- My homework
- My Zippy bag

Phewww! That’s a lot to remember