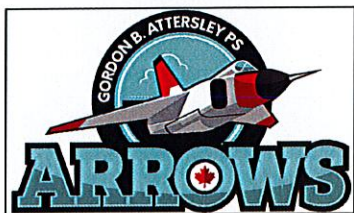


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Where Learning Takes Flight

Message From the Office

October was a busy month here at Gordon B. Attersley PS. We congratulate all of the students who participated on the cross country, soccer, volleyball and flag football teams over the past two months. The students showed dedication to their practices and they represented GBA very well with their excellent behaviour and leadership on the field and trails. Thank you also to our coaches: Mr. Sawyer, Mrs. Petre, Mr. Ruddy, Mr. Haley, Mrs. Telford, Ms. O'Reilly, Mrs. O'Neill and Ms. Heaney for the time they have spent coaching and mentoring our students. Well done everyone.

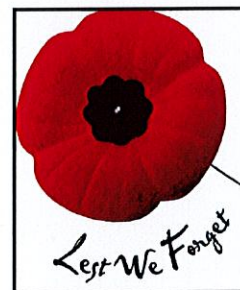
We thank all of the families who supported our first SCC fundraising initiative this year by helping to sell boxes of World's Finest Chocolates. We will announce the fundraising winners in the next couple of weeks. Our next SCC meeting is Wed. Nov. 6 at 6:30 pm. We hope to see you there.

Please mark Friday Nov. 22 on your calendars for GBA Night at the Oshawa Generals game. Tickets are on sale for \$18 each. Our choir, led by Ms. Morgan, will sing the National Anthem to start the game!

Progress Reports will be sent home on Wednesday November 13th. Interviews will be held on the evening of Thursday November 14th and on the morning of Friday November 15th. Information will be sent home soon to confirm interview times. We look forward to meeting with you to discuss the progress of your children.

This month at GBA, we will focus on the character trait of empathy.

On Monday November 11th, we will hold our Remembrance Day Ceremony at 10:30 am. Parents/guardians are welcome to join us to commemorate this solemn event. Please sign in at the office to receive a visitor badge.



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Junior and Intermediate Flag Football teams

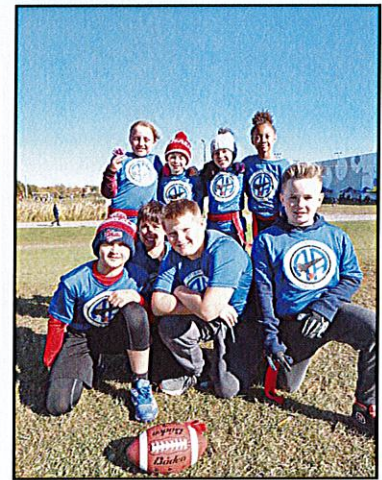
Intermediate: During Flag Football we has some outstanding players come out. These players were Spencer, Hudson, Owen, Ammad, Logan, Isaiah, Larya, Mya, Jacob, Braeden, Cohen, Nathen, Cole, Phillip and Katie. Practices were super fun getting to learn new plays that Mr. Sawyer taught us. We had a blast at the tournament with outstanding moments from all the players. By: Hudson & Kate



Junior: The flag football tournament was really fun. Nobody was cheating. The people on both teams are Alyssa, Eden, Mackenzie, Neheimah, Logan, Luke, Jaxon, Mathew, Evan, Keerthana, Jennifer, Nikita, Nate, Ainsley, Juliana, and Ben. At the flag football tournament one team won a game but there was good effort from both teams. Good Job.



By: Alyssa & Eden



Treaties Recognition Week

Ontario has designated the first week in November as **Treaties Recognition Week** to promote education and awareness about Treaties and Treaty relationships. All students, both Indigenous and non-Indigenous, are enriched by learning about the histories, contributions and perspective of First Nation, Métis and Inuit peoples in Canada. Raising awareness about Treaty relationships and working with First Nations is part of the Ontario government's Treaty strategy, which is promoting constructive engagement with First Nation communities and revitalizing Treaty relationships.

Treaty Recognition Week

We are all
Treaty
people

November 3-10, 2019



Intermediate Boys' Volleyball

We're just going start this off by saying that the Intermediate Boys' Volleyball season was a BLAST! The season may have had its ups and downs but overall it was still great. Don't even get us started on the amazing team we had. The team consisted of Owen, Spencer, Jacob, Cole, Braeden, Nathan, Hudson, Declan, Cohen, and Isaiah. We had an awesome tournament this year at Pierre Elliott Trudeau. Even though we didn't do as well as we wanted to, we still had a blast playing against the other schools.

Written by Owen and Spencer

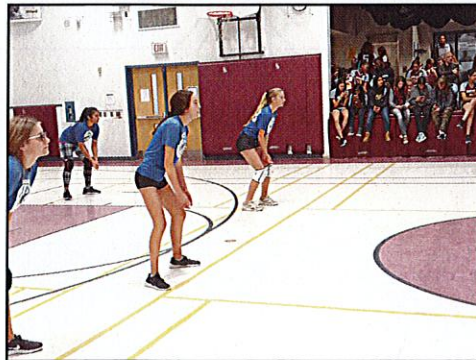


Thank you to Mr. Sawyer and Ms. O'Reilly for coaching these teams over the first two months of school!

Intermediate Girls' Volleyball

The Intermediate Girls' Volleyball team has been working very hard. The girls on this team are Larya, Breanna, Irene, Katie, Abby, Mya, Abby, Tyra, Paisley, Gemma, Samantha, and Maryam. Our team has great support through the ups and downs. Our final tournament is coming soon and we are really excited. A big thanks to Mr. Sawyer and Ms. O'Reilly for coaching this season and for the extra help. It's been a really great season and our amazing team has done so well.

By: Breanna & Larya



News from the Library

The Scholastic Book Fair was a huge success. We exceeded our expectations and made over \$4000 in gross sales! This has been a best year yet! I'm in the process of ordering materials and books that the students will enjoy in the coming months.

It has been a busy couple of months in the GBA Learning Commons! We had a successful round of Digital Citizenship workshops for Grades 3-8 classes. We discussed the importance of privacy, consent, cyberbullying and media balance. The students thoroughly enjoyed the dialogue and it is apparent that a lot of work is being at home to prepare our students with the skills needed to navigate our digital world! Way to go parents!

Jillian Passmore, the field trip coordinator with the Oshawa Museum has been at our school working on Social Studies curriculum content with our students. The students have loved learning about the Indigenous presence in our region and the interactions between early settlers and various Indigenous groups. Ms. Passmore will be working throughout the year with various grades on aspects of the Social Studies curriculum.



Soccer Team

At the soccer tournament on Saturday I was having a fun time playing soccer with the GBA team. It was fun because I got to play with my friends all day long. The weather was so nice that day, the sun was just coming out over the clouds. My team got many turns on the field and we took turns too. It was a different experience because we were at the school and didn't have to go in and do any work! I kicked and chased the ball so much and I got pretty tired. One time I had the ball and passed it to my friend and my friend Max scored a goal! It felt like the team might win and we were doing such a great job. We came in fourth place and we should really proud of our team! By Robbie Shaver, Grade 5

Thank you to Ms. Telford, Mrs. O'Neill and Ms. O'Reilly for coaching the boys and girls. Great opportunities to learn teamwork and sportsmanship!



Anaphylaxis and Allergies

GBA has several children with life threatening allergies. Please read the information sent home by the classroom teachers. Do not hesitate to ask questions if you require further information. We have children with allergies to peanuts, other nuts, and fish. You can also check out Sabrina's Law on the DDSB web site.

STUDENT DROP OFF AND PICK UP

Thank you for setting up a meeting place outside of the school rather than waiting for your child indoors. The space you create makes movement in our halls easier and safer. It teaches our children to be independent as they use appropriate doors to enter and exit the school.

Please park in the legal areas on school property and have your child use the sidewalks when moving around the school. If you are late to pick up your child, please instruct them to see the teacher on duty at the end of the day so it can be reported to the office.

Remember Safety over convenience!

VISITORS TO Gordon B. Attersley

Visitors are always welcome at GBA. Thank you for being sure to check in at the office and request a visitors pass. This is an essential procedure to ensure the safety of all students. We require everyone to respect this routine as we work together to ensure that we do not have the opportunity for strangers to enter the building.

Drivers

Slow down and be prepared to stop! Watch for pedestrians and obey traffic laws, signals and signs.

Pedestrians

Watch for cars and be alert! Always cross at a crosswalk and obey all traffic signs and signals.



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FOOD for CLOTHING exchange



Open to all families in Durham Region

If you or your family are in need of winter clothing, bring a non-perishable food item to the Food for Clothing Exchange on November 23 in exchange for winter clothing. Food items will be donated to the local food bank.

For more information, please contact Jim Fergusson
905-436-0275

Saturday
NOVEMBER 23, 2019
9am to noon

BOBBY ORR PUBLIC SCHOOL • 7 WATERLOO STREET • OSHAWA

How Can You Help?

Donate any type or size of new or used winter clothing by dropping off the items by November 21 to Bobby Orr Public School. We are happy to accept any clothing items such as, snowsuits, coats, pants, hats, mitts, scarves, sweaters, shirts, blouses, jeans, boots, shoes, etc.

Free Dry Cleaning

If your donation items need to be dry cleaned, take clothing to one of the following dry cleaners by November 18. Cleaning will be free of charge and then picked up by a volunteer. Cleaners will only accept individual items that require cleaning, and not bags of clothing.

Carriage Trade Cleaners
932 Simcoe Street North
Oshawa • 905-576-7500

Professional Dry Cleaners
850 King Street West
Oshawa • 905-576-0024

Betty Brito Cleaners
864 Brock Street North
Whitby • 905-668-7775



Remembrance Day

On Remembrance Day we honour all who served and continue to serve our country during times of war, conflict and peace. Every year, at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, people who live in Canada as well as many other Commonwealth countries will stop what they are doing to observe a moment of silence to pay tribute to the sacrifices that were made and are still being made on our behalf. Over 6000 First Nations soldiers fought alongside the Canadian Forces throughout the First and Second World Wars.



November 16, International Day of Tolerance

The United Nations has defined tolerance as respect, acceptance and appreciation of the endless richness of our world's cultures, our forms of expression and ways of being human (Declaration of Principles on Tolerance, 1995). The International Day of Tolerance encourages people to learn about, respect and recognize the rights and beliefs of others. It is also a time to reflect on the impact of intolerance and how various forms of injustice, oppression, racism and other forms of discrimination have a negative impact on society.

News Flash

Lunch Room Supervisors Needed

The DDSB employs many people as lunchroom supervisors to ensure the safety of our students during the lunch hour.

We are in need of some people as regular and supply lunchroom supervisors at GBA this year. If you are interested in applying for a position, please see Mrs. Clay (VP) or Mrs. Pearson in the office to fill out an application

Foodless Celebrations!!

As we have numerous allergies in our school, it is difficult to celebrate holidays and events with cake and treats. A great way to recognize your child's birthday is to donate a book to his/her classroom with a nice inscription including his/her name and date!

Please refrain from sending in treats for the whole class for parties at holiday times as well. We will honor special events with Foodless Celebrations.

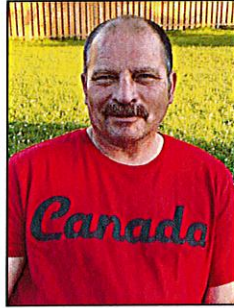
Staff, from time to time, may bring in some food items for class but will ensure that all allergies and ingredient requests are taken into consideration as to be inclusive for all.

We appreciate your support in this.



Volunteer of Distinction

Every year, schools across Durham Region nominate a person to be acknowledged for all of the volunteer work that he or she does to support the students at schools. This past spring, the members of the SCC selected Mr. Sheldon Pickett as our Volunteer of Distinction for the 2018-2019 school year. Sheldon spends many hours helping to shop for food items for our Healthy Snack Program. He delivers and unloads the food for us and helps to stock the fridges and cupboards. All of our students benefit from the Healthy Snack program and it would not run without the dedication of Sheldon, Mrs. Pickett, and other Educational Assistants who help deliver the snacks every day. We thank you for all you do!



Oshawa Generals Night!

We are excited to share that once again this year, we will have a Gordon B. Attersley Night at the Oshawa Generals Game. Please mark your calendars for Friday November 22nd! Our choir has been invited to sing O' Canada at the start of the game and Ms. Morgan is hard at work practising with the students to be ready for the game. To promote the event, a few of this year's Oshawa Generals visited the school on October 23rd to speak with the students and play a little floor hockey. Ticket information was sent home last week. We hope to see many of our GBA families there to cheer on the Generals!



Dates To for November

Nov. 6	SCC Meeting at 6:30 pm Babysitting is provided
Nov. 8	Recognition Assemblies in the pm
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day assembly at 10:30 am
Nov. 13	Progress Reports are sent home
Nov. 14	Interview Night— 4-8 pm
Nov. 15	PA day—no school for students Interviews in the morning from 9-12 pm
Nov. 22	Bus Safety Presentations in the morning Oshawa Generals Game 6:30 pm
Dec. 3	SCC Meeting at 6:30 pm
Dec. 11	Holiday Concert
Dec. 20	Last day of School before break— regular dismissal time of 3:20 pm

Family Fun with Vegetables and Fruits

Helping your children to eat more vegetables and fruits can be made easy by being creative and doing it together as a family. Picking, preparing, and eating vegetables and fruits with your children can help them include more in their daily meals and snacks.

Try these fun ideas:

Make food exciting to eat:

- Give foods funny names like "X-ray Vision Carrots"
- Cut vegetables and fruit into fun shapes with cookie cutters.

Make meals a family affair:

- When shopping, let children pick a new vegetable or fruit to try.
- Include children when packing lunches.
- Help children grow vegetables and fruits in planters.



For more ideas visit durham.ca/healthyeating



durham.ca/health



If you require this information in an accessible format, contact 1-800-841-2729.

November

"But the freedom that they fought for, and the country grand they wrought for, is their monument for today, and for aye." Thomas Dunn English



OSHAWA'S

BRIGHT & MERRY
MARKET

A variety of vendors,
entertainment
and activities

Friday, November 15

5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Tree Lighting

7:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 16

12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**City Hall, Civic Square
and surrounding area**

50 Centre Street South

For more information and updates visit:

oshawa.ca/merry