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Where Learning Takes Flight

Message From the Office

We are off to a busy start at GBA this year and are pleased with all of the positive activity at the school this month. We want to thank everyone who joined us for a wonderful evening of fun on September 25th at the Welcome Back BBQ to meet our staff and visit classrooms. We thank STAR Burger for preparing the food and helping to make it a great night. Thank you to all who visited the Scholastic Book Fair in the library. This helps to support us in purchasing resources for the library. Thank you to those who came to the Terry Fox Run on Sept. 20th. It was a warm day but the students ran and walked to help raise funds for Cancer Research. We set an all-time high of almost \$2000 which is fantastic. The afternoon was well attended and staff, students, families and friends all had a great time.

We are wishing our school teams much luck this month as they compete in their area meets and tournaments. The cross country team is running on Thursday October 3rd at Lakeridge Ski Hill. The Flag Football teams have their tournaments the third week of October and the Co-ed Junior soccer team has a tournament on Saturday Oct. 19th. Thank you to the coaches who are working hard with our athletes to hone their athletic talents, and to teach them leadership skills as they represent Gordon B Attersley PS at these events. Go Arrows!

This month, we are focusing on the character trait of teamwork at GBA.

We remind all families that Friday October 11th is a PA Day and there will be no school for students. Staff will be busy attending professional development workshops for the day.

Monday October 14th is a holiday and we wish all families a Happy Thanksgiving.



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Growth Mindset– We work on these skills every day at GBA with our students. We build our perseverance skills every day in academics as well as in sports, the arts and in our social skills development.

INSTEAD OF.....	TRY THINKING....
I'm not good at this	What am I missing?
I give up	I'll use a different strategy
It's good enough	Is this really my best work?
I can't make this any better	I can always improve
This is too hard	This may take some time
I made a mistake	Mistakes help me to learn
I just can't do this	I am going to train my brain
I'll never be that smart	I will learn how to do this
Plan A didn't work	There's always Plan B
My friend can do it	I will learn from them

Safe Schools Report Bullying Now

The DDSB works with its school communities to prevent bullying in our schools. Bullying is unacceptable.

Report Bullying Now was created to provide students, parents and community members the opportunity to report bullying at their school through the internet.

All DDSB school websites and the board's site have a button on them which reads "Report Bullying Now". Anyone can click on this link and report bullying.

At Gordon B. Attersley, we are committed to providing a positive school environment for everyone. Our staff implement a number of proactive strategies to prevent incidences of bullying. If bullying does occur, it is important that it is reported to school staff. The sooner trusted adults intervene, the more quickly situations can be resolved.



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

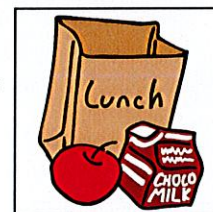
Visitors are always welcome at GBA. Thank you for being sure to check in at the office and request a visitors pass. This is an essential procedure to ensure the safety of all students. We require everyone to respect this routine as we work together to ensure that we do not have the opportunity for strangers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

Bicycle Safety

Students are welcome to ride bikes to school in the nice weather. Please ensure bikes are locked up at the bike rack and helmets must be worn. Bikes must be walked on school property to keep everyone safe. Scooters and skateboards should be left at home and not brought to school.

LUNCH FACILITIES

Lunch research has clearly shown that it is healthier for students to go home for lunch, if at all possible. Children who stay at school for lunch are expected to behave in a courteous, respectful manner towards staff, supervisors and one another. Eating lunch at school is a privilege. Students who stay at school for lunch are not permitted to leave school property unless they have written permission from parents/guardians.



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AGES
5-12
YEARS OLD

	FALL	WINTER	SPRING	
	Oct 5, 19, 26 / Nov 2, 16, 23, 30 / Dec 7, 14	Jan 11, 18, 25 / Feb 1, 8, 22, 29 / Mar 7, 28	Apr 4, 18, 25 / May 2, 9, 23, 30 / June 6, 13	9 AM - 11 AM
UNIONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL 201 Town Centre Blvd, Markham, ON L3R 8G5				
	Oct 5, 19, 26 / Nov 2, 16, 23, 30 / Dec 7, 14	Jan 11, 18, 25 / Feb 1, 8, 22, 29 / Mar 7, 14	Mar 28 / Apr 4, 18, 25 / May 2, 9, 23, 30 / June 13	9 AM - 11 AM

REGISTER ONLINE
KINGNATIONBASKETBALL.COM

School Community Council

Calling all interested parents and guardians!

If you would like to work on the 2019-2020 School Community Council, please call or send a note to Ms. Spencer. Please include: your name, your children's names and grades, your interests in serving on the council and your phone number.

The SCC helps to make GBA a better place for learning by discussing ideas with the administrators and running activities to raise funds for our school events like the BBQ (September 25th). The next meeting of the SCC will be held on Wednesday November 6th at 6:30 pm at GBA PS. Babysitting is provided. All parents/guardians are welcome to attend. GBA's SCC accomplished some wonderful goals last year and they are looking forward to continuing their work with the school. Hope to see you on November 6th!



At GBA, we SOAR:


- S** – SEE each other
- O** – we OWN our behaviour
- A** – we ACHIEVE our best
- R** – we RESPECT ourselves and others



At GBA we SOAR: See each other, Own our behaviour, Achieve our best and Respect others.

When we have a problem, we...

- 1. Own it**
- 2. Fix it**
- 3. Learn from it**
- 4. Move forward**



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.



CAN YOU SKATE?

**DO YOU NEED
VOLUNTEER HOURS
AND ENJOY
WORKING WITH CHILDREN?**



The Oshawa Skating Club is looking for Program Assistants for their CanSkate (Learn-to-Skate) program!

Classes run weekly on Sundays, Mondays and Thursdays starting in October through to June. Come out once a week or for all sessions.

You can help whether you have hockey skates or figure skates.

For more information, contact
Sandra at canskate@oshawaskating.com

Dates To for October

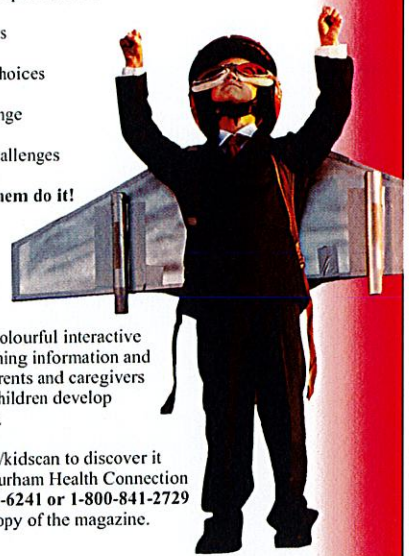
Oct. 1	School Picture Day
Oct. 3	Cross Country Meet at Lakeridge Ski Hills Morning session
Oct. 11	PA Day– no school for students
Oct. 14	Thanksgiving Holiday
Oct. 17 and 18	Flag Football tournament for junior and intermediate teams
Oct. 19	Co-ed Soccer Tournament
Oct. 23	Oshawa Generals Visit the school
Oct. 25	Intermediate Immunization Clinic at school
Oct 31	Hallowe'en



Kids Can

- Handle life's ups & downs
- Find solutions
- Make good choices
- Adapt to change
- Cope with challenges

You can help them do it!



Kids Can is a colourful interactive resource containing information and activities for parents and caregivers to help young children develop resiliency skills.

Visit durham.ca/kidscan to discover it online or call Durham Health Connection Line at 905-666-6241 or 1-800-841-2729 for your Free copy of the magazine.



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Information available in accessible formats.

Follow us on:



Active Kids are Fit to Learn!

Did you know? Regular physical activity not only provides health benefits, but it can also improve learning.

Research shows that physical activity throughout the day **can help your child do better in school by:**

- helping with self-regulation and better classroom behaviour
- improving memory, concentration, attention span, and attitude
- helping maintain an interest in class
- providing a way to cope with stress and anxiety
- increasing self-esteem, self-confidence and self-image

Before sitting down to homework time with your kids, take a family walk, go for a skate, or have some fun playing actively outside.

For more ideas on how to become more active as a family visit durham.ca/physicalactivity



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



“Showing gratitude is one of the simplest yet most powerful things humans can do for each other.” Randy Pausch

2019 FOURTH ANNUAL
SPECIAL NEEDS
INFORMATION FAIR
FOR THE DURHAM REGION



- Get to know services like:
- PUBLIC & PRIVATE THERAPY PROVIDERS
 - SPORTS & ARTS PROGRAMS
 - RESPITE & DAY PROGRAMS
 - MEDICAL EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES
 - EDUCATION SUPPORT SERVICES
 - FUTURE AND FINANCIAL PLANNING
- ... AND MORE !**

If you're a person with Special Needs (any diagnosis), a family member of, or a professional looking for more information about Therapeutic, Recreational, Informational, and Supportive Services in Durham Region, then this event is for you.

Services for all ages, from infant to adults with Special Needs, as well as their families or caregivers will be present and represented.

Come and see what's available in Durham Region and speak with Service Providers in person!

WHEN: Saturday October 19, 2019 12:00pm – 3:00pm

WHERE: Queen Elizabeth Public School (in Gymnasium)
1205 Simcoe Street North, Oshawa (Taunton & Simcoe)

COST: FREE !

**THIS IS AN INDEPENDENTLY ORGANIZED AND RUN EVENT THAT IS
NOT ASSOCIATED WITH THE DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

For further information contact Elizabeth at: dsnif@yahoo.com