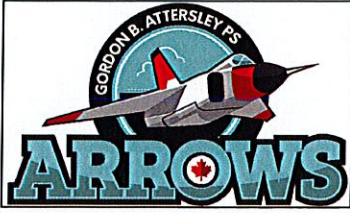


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Where Learning Takes Flight



Gordon B. Attersley P.S.

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Message From the Office

Welcome back students and families for another wonderful school year at Gordon B. Attersley P.S. We also want to welcome new students and families to our community this year and know you will become a large part of our Attersley family.

Over the summer we also had a few additions to our staff. We are pleased to welcome Chantelle Morgan as our Intermediate Instrumental Music and coverage teacher. We are pleased to welcome Debbie Bacon and Dawna Sarmento to our Educational Assistant team as well. Mrs. Winsor has moved into a new role this year as the Teacher/Librarian and she is very excited to continue the work in transforming our Library Commons and Makerspace areas.

We owe a great big thank you to the custodial staff- Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Estrada and Mr. Craddock for their hard work this summer. The school looks amazing and is ready for our students. All of us appreciate the time and effort you took to make the school ready for another amazing year of learning and fun.

Please be sure to stop by and introduce yourself when you are at school. Both Mrs. Clay and I are looking forward to working with all families this year. We recognize the importance of having parents and guardians as our partners in education. We hope to see everyone at the Welcome Back BBQ on September 25th from 5:30-7:30pm. There will be a Scholastic Book Fair in the library and STAR Burger will be on-site to serve up delicious, hot food.

Have a great year everyone !

Ms. Spencer (Principal)

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2019-2020 Gordon B. Attersley Staff

FDK

Mrs. Morris and Mrs. Prentice (100)
Mrs. Byers-Slemon and Mrs. D'Souza (102)
Mrs. Daniels and Mrs. Barrett (104)

Primary

Grade 1: Mrs. Creighton (110)
Grade 1/2: Mrs. McKinlay (112)
Grade 2: Mrs. Woods (108)
Grade 2: Mr. Ruddy (109)
Grade 3: Mrs. O'Neill (209)
Grade 3/4: Ms. Heaney (211)

Junior

Grade 4/5: Mrs. Anderson(210)
Grade 4/5: Mrs. Telford (212)
Grade 5/6: Mr. Smith (205)

Intermediate

Grade 6/7: Mr. Haley (200)
Grade 7/8: Mrs. Petre (201)
Grade 7/8: Mrs. Noel (206)

Primary/Junior School Support Program:

Mrs. Anderson-Gay, Mrs. West-Bentley, Mrs. Hemminghaus (107)

Junior/Intermediate School Support Class:

Mrs. Pollock, Mrs. Millar, Mrs. Frayne, Mrs. Furyk (208)

SERT: Mr. Kyriakopoulos

SERT: Mrs. Dunstall

Teacher/Librarian: Mrs. Winsor

Coverage: Mr. Sawyer, Mrs. Langlois, Ms. Morgan

Flexible Support Educational Assistants:

Mrs. Pickett, Mr. Scott, Ms. Bradley, Mrs. Bacon (pm), Mrs. Sarmiento

Administrative Assistant: Mrs. Pearson

Chief Custodian: Mr. Ferguson

Evening Custodians: Mr. Estrada, Mr. Craddock

Vice Principal: Mrs. Clay

Principal: Ms. Spencer

Parking Lot Changes

Last year, in partnership with Facilities Services, we began to revamp our parking lot to allow for the safe arrival of all students, staff and community members. Over the summer, there have been a few changes. The three Accessible Parking Spots have been moved to the front of the school. Facilities installed a new sidewalk that runs along the back of the parking lot and leads directly to the back playground and field which will allow pedestrians to avoid having to cross the parking lot when it is busy during arrival and dismissal times. There are still a few more changes coming so please look for updates in the next newsletter.

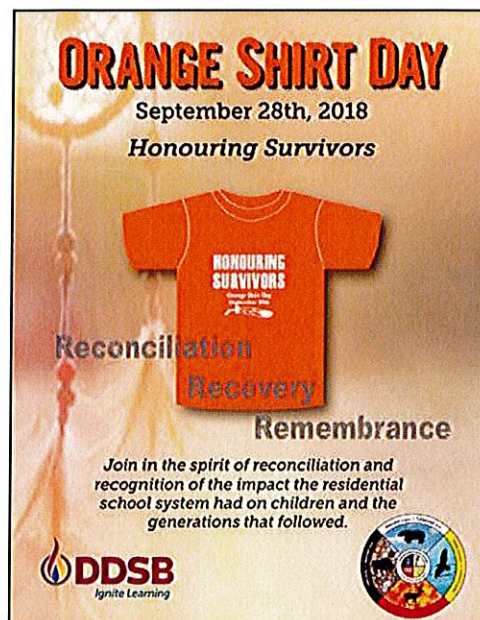


Orange Shirt Day

September, 30

Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of the St. Joseph Mission (SJM) residential school commemoration event held in Williams Lake, BC, Canada, in the spring of 2013. It grew out of the account of a young girl, Phyllis, having her shiny new orange shirt taken away on her first day of school at the Mission. This has provided us with an opportunity to keep the discussion on all aspects of residential schools happening annually. The date was chosen because it is the time of year in which children were taken from their homes to residential schools, and because it is an opportunity to set the stage for the continued creation of a safe, equitable and inclusive school environment as the school year begins. Orange Shirt Day is also an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come.

On this day, we wear orange to remember the experiences of former students of Residential Schools and to commit to ongoing reconciliation.



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.

Picture Day is Coming!

Picture Day is on Tuesday Oct. 1st with Edge Imaging.

Picture Day Order forms will be sent home with all students.

Please review the information form and send it back with your child on Picture Day. All students will be photographed for school service products. Proofs will be sent home for you to preview before you buy.



Watch for some exciting online order opportunities when you receive your proofs!

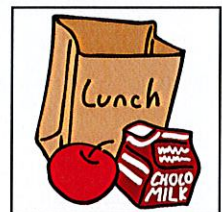
Be ready to bring your smiles on picture day!

Bicycle Safety

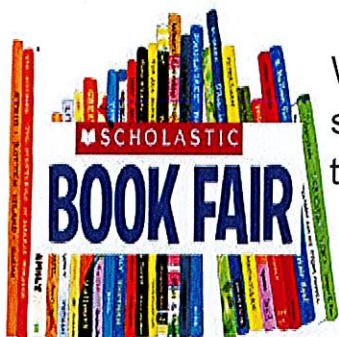
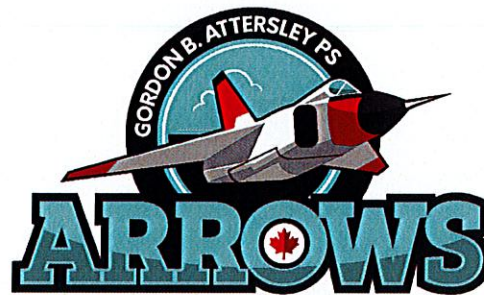
Students are welcome to ride bikes to school in the nice weather. Please ensure bikes are locked up at the bike rack and helmets must be worn. Bikes must be walked on school property to keep everyone safe. Scooters and skateboards should be left at home and not brought to school.

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.



LIBRARY NEWS



Welcome back to the 2019-2020 school year! As the new teacher librarian at GBA I'm excited for this new adventure and having the privilege of meeting and working with all the great students of our school.

Our annual Scholastic book fair will be taking place the week of September 23rd to September 29th. Students from K-8 will have the opportunity to purchase books that are affordable and include various non fiction, fiction text, graphic novels, and much more! The book fair will be open the evening of our Welcome Back BBQ, September 25th. Parents and family members are welcome to come and check out the great books and merchandise the book fair has to offer! All proceeds go directly back into our library. Thank you in advance for your support.

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP WORKSHOPS

In the coming weeks students from Grade 3-8 will be attending Digital Citizenship workshops in the library. We will be focusing on topics such as daily screen time limits, digital access, cyberbullying, social media and much more. The sessions will delve into age appropriate content and conversations.

Stay tuned in the coming weeks for more news coming from our library.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Winsor



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 first meeting of the SCC will be held on Wednesday October 2nd 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 October 2nd!



Terry Fox Run

We will join thousands of other schools for the Terry Fox Run on Friday September 20th in the afternoon. We are asking that students donate a toonie for the fundraiser. More information will be sent home over the next week.

If you have some spare time come on out and walk or run with us to support cancer research. Our school did a great job of achieving the fundraising goal. Let's do it again this year GBA!



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.



STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Board. Families should however recognize that there is always a potential risk of injury with field trips, sports and other student activities both on and off school grounds. Accidents can happen, despite precautions to prevent them. Accidental injuries may involve medical, dental or other expenses not covered by provincial health care or employer group plans.

Please be aware that the Durham District School Board does not provide accident insurance coverage for student injuries. For your convenience, we do make available a Student Accident Insurance program through Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada. This program offers a variety of plans and benefits at affordable prices.

All rates are one-time annual premiums. The insurance agreement is between **you and Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada**. For complete details please refer to the *insuremykids Protection Plan* information/application form or visit their website at: www.insuremykids.com.

Any questions should be directed to Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada toll free at 1-800-463-5437.

Some of the benefits included are:

- dental expenses (resulting from an accident)
- fracture or dislocation
- Rehabilitation
- emergency transportation

Gordon B. Attersley P.S has an EarlyON Outreach Location!

EarlyON Centres offer **free, high-quality drop-in programs** for families and children from **birth to 6 years old**. Parents, grandparents and caregivers can explore and play in our child focused, age appropriate environment.

Play is a learning experience for children. Play is universal and vital to the healthy development of every child. Our programs allow adults and children to play together in a safe and stimulating environment, which enhances communication and strengthens the relationship between the child and adult.

EarlyON Centres are open to all families in Ontario. They are welcoming places that offer a range of services and resources, where you can:

- join fun activities such as reading, storytelling, sing-alongs and games
 - get advice from professionals trained in early childhood development
 - find out about other family support services in your community
- connect with other families with young children.

Come and find us in **Room 103 on Wednesdays and Friday mornings from 9:00-11:15 am** or look for these signs to locate EarlyON in your school!



Healthy Snack Program

GBA will continue to provide daily healthy snacks for all students. We know that students need to have full stomachs to be able to learn to the best of their abilities. We would like to thank Denise Pickett for organizing and running the program each and every day.



Pizza Days and Hot Dog Days are Back!

We are pleased that Pizza and Hot dogs will be available for students again this year. Pizza sales help to fund events for students in the school and the Hot Dog sales are toward the Grade 8 graduation and trip at the end of the year. The first Pizza Day is Sept. 12 and the First Hot Dog Day is Sept. 25. Please look for forms coming home over the next few weeks.



Dates To for September

Aug. 29	PA Day No school for students
Sept. 3	First Day of School
Sept. 6	Welcome Back Assembly 10 am
Sept. 12	First Pizza Day
Sept. 20	Terry Fox Run—pm
Sept. 23– 27	Aussie X is visiting the school for work-shops
Sept. 25	First Hot Dog Day Welcome Back BBQ– 5:30-7:30 p m
Oct. 2	School Picture Day
Oct. 11	PA Day No School for students
Oct. 14	Thanksgiving Holiday



School lunches and snacks that make the grade!



Vegetables and fruit are a quick and healthy solution for school snacks and lunches. Children like to eat foods they help to prepare. Involving your children in adding more vegetables and fruit to their own lunches can be fun, productive and healthy at the same time.

Healthy snacks have at least 2 of the 4 food groups and healthy lunches have at least 3 of the 4 food groups in Canada's Food Guide. Try to include at least one fruit or vegetable with every meal and snack.

Sample Ideas

	Day 1	Day 2
Snack (am)	Cucumber with low fat cheese cubes *	Strawberries with low-fat yogurt**
Lunch	Tuna on whole grain bread with an apple	Cooked chicken with veggies in a whole wheat pita
Snack (pm)	Banana with low fat yogurt** dip	Celery, mini carrots with hummus

*low-fat cheese (20% M.F. or less)

**low-fat yogurt (2% M.F. or less)



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Information available in accessible formats.



"The beginning is the most important part of the work." Plato



Canadian Cognitive Abilities Test (CCAT) Gifted Screening

Parents and Guardians of current DDSB Students in Grades 3 and up are invited to CCAT Testing (also Gifted Screening) Information Night at the following locations:

Please choose ONE of the following sessions

NO RSVP OR REGISTRATION REQUIRED (6:30-7:30)

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	ADDRESS
Thursday, September 19 th , 2019	6:30 p.m.	William Dunbar P.S.	1030 Glenanna Rd, Pickering, L1V 5E5
Wednesday, September 25 th , 2019	6:30 p.m.	R.H. Cornish P.S.	494 Queen St. Port Perry, L9L 1K2
Thursday, September 26 th , 2019	6:30 p.m.	DDSB Board Office Board Room	400 Taunton Rd E., Whitby, L1R 2K6

Special Education Facilitator for Gifted Programming will be on hand to:

- Describe the testing procedures, timelines, considerations and requirements for gifted identification with the DDSB
- Provide a copy of nomination form if guardian did not receive one from home school
- Briefly describe programming options available for gifted learners
- If you cannot make one of the information sessions, you can still have your learner tested by requesting a copy of the nomination form and handing it in to your child's current DDSB school SERT. Questions, please email michelle.doiron@ddsb.ca

YMCA Gordon B. Attersley

PlayON Program



FREE after school recreational program for students in **Grades 1-8**

Every Tuesday - Wednesday - Thursday

From dismissal bell until 6:00 P.M.

September 17th - June 11th

Program focuses on:

Healthy Food Choices & Nutrition Education

- Healthy Meal Planning
- Label Reading
- Snack and Meal Preparation

Physical Activity

- Dance
- Recreation
- Sports
- Games

Wellness & Personal Health Education

- Mindfulness Activities
- Building Self-esteem
- Bullying & Violence Prevention

To register, visit us at the:

YMCA Program Registration Open House
Gordon B. Attersley, 1110 Attersley Dr., Oshawa
Sept 10th or 11th 3:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Program limited to 15 students. A lottery selection process will be in effect.

For more information:
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