



## DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA



### MEMORIAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

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OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

## The Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Memorial School's goal this year is to ensure that assessment practices, which allow teachers and students to share responsibility for learning, are in place. At the school, anchor charts/ criteria charts, rubrics with accompanying exemplars and teacher feedback are used to scaffold student learning and set high standards for all students. Also, the staff will continue to work with students to be able to identify and discuss their strengths and areas of need to improve their work (e.g. "Bump It Up" - bumping up student work to the next level. More information regarding our goals will be shared with families throughout the year (through classroom newsletters, school newsletters etc).

## Safe School Action Plan

In order to make our school a safer place and a better place to learn we continue with our **SAFE SCHOOL ACTION PLAN**. Some of this plan includes the following:

- All school visitors are expected to report to the office
- If a child is being picked up for an appointment, please report, wait at the office and sign your child out in the Late Arrival/ Early Dismissal Book
- If your child comes late to school, please use the front doors and check in with the secretary to receive an admittance slip
- If you are one of our valuable volunteers, we ask that you sign in the guest book on the little counter by the office and take a volunteer tag
- Thank you for continuing to call the school to report your child's attendance
- Please make sure the office has up to date phone numbers and emergency phone numbers
- Please inform the school if there are special Custody Orders for your child
- If someone other than yourself, or your regular care giver, is picking up your child, please send written permission
- Continue to use safe pick up and drop off procedures
- Parents picking up their children at lunch or after school are asked to wait outside

Your cooperation in this matter minimizes disruption to the classroom instructional program. We truly appreciate your help in ensuring the safety of all Memorial students.

## EQAO Results from 2010– 2011

The following information depicts the percentage of Grade 3 and 6 students who are achieving at or above the provincial standard in the EQAO testing in Reading, Writing and Mathematics which was conducted in May and June 2010.

Staff will be meeting on October 8 to develop plans of action to improve student achievement. If you have any questions about the following EQAO summary, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

### How do parents make the best use of the results?

The best thing to do with your child=s EQAO results is to discuss them with his/her teacher. Together you can review how the EQAO results compare with those from classroom and other evaluations. You can also discuss the broader issue of your child's overall progress and how you can offer additional support to your child at home.

Note: Overall Grade 3 and 6 achievement percentage at levels 3 and 4

<b>Grade 3</b>					
<b>Reading</b>		<b>Writing</b>		<b>Mathematics</b>	
<b>Memorial</b>	<b>Board</b>	<b>Memorial</b>	<b>Board</b>	<b>Memorial</b>	<b>Board</b>
<b>79%</b>	67%	<b>96%</b>	73%	<b>82%</b>	67%
<b>Grade 6</b>					
<b>Reading</b>		<b>Writing</b>		<b>Mathematics</b>	
<b>Memorial</b>	<b>Board</b>	<b>Memorial</b>	<b>Board</b>	<b>Memorial</b>	<b>Board</b>
<b>96%</b>	76%	<b>88%</b>	72%	<b>88%</b>	57%

## Halloween Dance October 31, 2011

Every student at Memorial School will be participating in the Memorial Halloween Dance. The PTA will be selling water for \$1.00. Thank you to DJ Island man for supplying the music for this day. We will be asking students for donations to be given to UNICEF.



## Reminder PA DAY Friday October 7, 2011

Staff will be involved in professional assessment and evaluation activities.

**Monday, October 10, 2011 is Thanksgiving there is no school this day.**

## Picture Re-takes

Picture retakes will be taken on Thursday, November 3rd, 2011.

## Magazine Fundraiser

The Magazine Fundraiser will begin on Monday October 3, 2011 with our kick off assembly at 2:30 p.m., and will continue until Monday October 17, 2011. All magazine subscriptions are due back to the school on the 17th. You can renew your magazine or start off fresh with a new magazine

Thank you again to the PTA for organizing this great fundraiser for Memorial School.

## Fire Safety

National Fire Prevention Week is held October 9 – 15, 2011. Do you have an emergency home escape plan in case of a fire? If you don't you should make one with your family. If you do have one make sure that you practice it so that you are well prepared in case of a fire. Here are some websites to help you with your plan:

[www.fiprecan.ca](http://www.fiprecan.ca)

[www.stayingalive.ca/fire\\_safety](http://www.stayingalive.ca/fire_safety)



## Thank you for your support and making the school reorganization successful

I would like to thank all the families for your patience, understanding and support in ensuring the reorganization of our school was successful. Thank you for all your support with the transition. I recognize not all families were happy with the situation, but we will continue to work as a Memorial team to ensure the best for every student.

Memorial is a fantastic place to be and I am extremely proud of our parent community and of the staff and students!



## Student with Medical Concerns

Any prescribed medication that is to be administered to students at school *must have an authorized form completed by the physician*. Forms are available at the office.

Medications of any kind must NOT be left in students' backpacks. If your child requires any medication, please send the medication to the office. Any medical conditions or concerns MUST be brought to the attention of the Principal or Office.

A form entitled "EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN" must be completed for a highly allergic (anaphylaxis) child. These forms are kept with the necessary medication in the office and names and photographs are compiled on a sheet with a list of allergies and necessary actions to be taken in the event of an emergency. If you as a parent have not informed the office of your daughter/son's medical conditions - please do ASAP.

## Memorial T'shirts

Memorial t-shirts will be available for purchase shortly. We are still meeting with local businesses to find the best price.



## Open House/BBQ

Thanks to all who attended our Open House/BBQ. It was a great opportunity to meet all of our staff. A great big thank you to our PTA for organizing the event! Also a special thank you to **Mr. A. Daniels** from **Giant Tiger** for donating drinks for the evening.



## Terry Fox Run—Friday, September 30 Working Together to Outrun Cancer

On Friday, September 30, **all** Memorial staff and students (JK - 6) will participate in The Terry Fox National School Run Day.

We ask each student for a \$2.00 donation to support this cause. If families are interested in pledge forms, they must contact the office to receive this information. Tax receipts are issued automatically by the Foundation for donations \$20 and over but address information needs to be shared with the office for this process to be complete. **Cheques should be made to "The Terry Fox Run"**. Or visit [www.terryfoxrun.org](http://www.terryfoxrun.org) to **pledge online**. An income tax receipt will be emailed to you instantly for your online donations.

We will begin the walk around the block at 11:10 a.m. (after the first nutrition break). The route is as follows: right on Welland, right on Thomas, right on Lowell, right on York, right on Welland and back to school). The kindergarten classes will walk on school property (out the kindergarten doors, around the field and around the school and entering the front doors and back to class).

Thank you for supporting this cause and helping to fulfill the vision of Terry Fox. A single dream. A world of hope.

Memorial Staff



*"If you've given a dollar,  
you are part of the  
Marathon of Hope."*

# E-Mail Newsletter Form

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In an effort to reduce paper/photocopying cost, as well as be more environmentally friendly, we are asking parents to consent to receiving school newsletters and information via e-mail. Emailing will ensure that you receive your newsletter on time. Individual classroom teachers may also choose to send their classroom newsletters/messages this way. By completing the form below and returning it to the office, you will begin receiving your school newsletter or office notices by e-mail. This is strictly voluntary and we appreciate any and all participation in this endeavour.

***Please return only one form per family.***

Thank you.

C. Ayotte

Principal



I wish to receive school newsletters/notices via e-mail.

<i>Student Name:</i>	<i>Teacher:</i>
<i>Student Name:</i>	<i>Teacher:</i>
<i>Student Name:</i>	<i>Teacher:</i>
<i>E-Mail Adress:</i>	
<i>Parent/Guardian Signature:</i>	