



Amherstburg Public School

Eagle Pride News



Principal's Message

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Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe that one month of school has already passed by. We have had a great start to the school year at Amherstburg Public School. This is a fantastic place to learn thanks to our students, staff, and parents. Our students come to school daily to learn in a safe, caring, and nurturing environment.

Our Meet the Teacher Night was a great success. We had over 400 members of our community come out for this event. Thank you for the continued involvement and support in your child's education.

The Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) elections were held on Thursday, September 22nd. The following people were elected to positions on the School Council: Chair – Alison Pillon, Vice Chair – Tallie Wright, Treasurer- Melissa Weaver, and Secretary – Heather Northrup and Chrissy Chadwick. The next PIC meeting will be on Wednesday, October 5th. We thank all the members of the PIC who spend their time willingly in assisting our students. Feel free to join us at the next meeting.

I also need to thank the Parent Involvement Committee for applying for the Parent's Reaching Out grant. Through this grant they were able to bring Dr. Eva Olsson to the school to speak to our students. Over the last 12 years, Eva, a Holocaust survivor, has spoken to over one million people in schools, service clubs, armed forces, police conferences and she has addressed conferences at Queen's Park and the United Nations. The focus of her message is bullying and the importance of not being a bystander to injustice. She uses her life experiences, primarily in the Holocaust, to illustrate the power of hate and the importance of standing up against forces of racism, bigotry and tolerance. I am very proud of the way the students attentively listened and learned from Dr. Olsson on Tuesday, September 27th. She certainly affected those that heard her speak. I know her message will stay with our students for a long time.

The Terry Fox Fundraiser has been postponed due to the soggy conditions of our playground. We are just about up to our goal of \$1000 dollars. I'm sure we will reach this goal before the raindate of Friday, October 7th. The students are in for a show as many of our teachers will be performing crazy acts. Way to go Eagles! A big thank you to Ms. Williams who organized the Terry Fox event.

As you can see we are very busy at Amherstburg but never too busy to speak with you whenever you have questions or concerns. Our phone number is 736-2189. We look forward to hearing from you. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving with your families and we look forward to a very productive month of October.

Sincerely,
C. Mills
Principal

HOMWORK HELP

FREE MATH TUTORING FOR GRADES 7-10

The Greater Essex County District School Board, the Independent Learning Centre and the Ontario Ministry of Education are pleased to partner together to bring the Homework Help Program to students. **Homeworkhelp.ilc.org** focuses on math help for students in Grades 7, 8, 9 and 10. Ontario certified teachers will be available from 5:30pm – 9:30pm on Sunday to Thursday evenings.

Key areas of the site include:

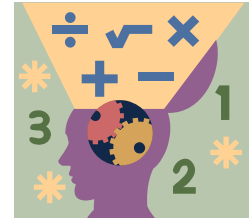
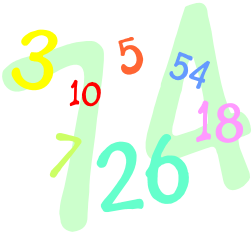
- *Ask a Teacher chat rooms*
- *Listen & Learn presentations with certified teachers*
- *Interactive tutorials*
- *A Variety of other sessions*

The eLearning Contact for the Homework Help Program will be visiting your child's school to help them register and begin to use the Homework Help system.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Email

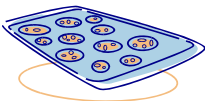
homeworkhelp@gecdsb.on.ca



FALL FUNDRAISER

Our fall fundraiser this year is the Santa's Little Helper Gift catalogue and English Bay Frozen Gourmet cookie and muffin dough. Fundraising forms will go out on Wednesday October 5th and all orders and money are due back at the school by October 19, 2011.

With all of the fundraising options available, we tried to select products that are of a high quality. We hope that you, your family and friends will all find something to enjoy out of the selection provided. As in previous years, prizes will be given to the top sellers in each division and to the top class average per person.



If you have any questions, please contact Ms Alexopoulos at 519-736-2189.

A few reminders...

Yard Supervision

Please do not send children to school before **8:45 am**. There is no adult supervision on the playground until 8:45. We want to ensure the safety of all of our students.

Parking Lot

Our parking lot and the front of the school are very busy at dismissal time due to the many cars and school buses. Please be sure to park your car in a marked spot and walk your children to and from the school. Thank you for assisting the staff on duty and Ms. Alexopoulos and I by walking your children to your cars. We would also like to thank you for not parking in the middle of the parking lot or in the drop off area, when picking up your child, especially on rainy days. This can create safety issues and we appreciate your cooperation. The safety of our children is our utmost concern. Our Drop-off area provides safe passage for our students from their cars in the marked area on the parking lot to the school yard every morning. Please be sure to use the crosswalk when walking your children from the parking lot.

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE AN EAGLE

At the first assembly of the year Mr. Mills asked “What does it mean to be an Eagle?”. Here are some of the responses he received:

To me, being an A.P.S. Eagle means that we push ourselves and give ourselves challenges like the eagle gives himself challenges to push himself to soar high above the rest. It also means that we respect others like the eagle respects his mom. Written by Audrey

To me being an A.P.S. Eagle means to be strong enough to make my goal that I set and be able to soar above. The goal that I set, I keep on going until I make it. Even if it takes a long time I’ll keep my goal. To me eagles shall do what they can and what’s possible to do. It takes an eagle’s heart to achieve it’s work that it has to do. When an eagle makes a mistake, it should never be sad on it’s work. It should just take more time to do it. Written by Mia

What it means to be an eagle is to be a team leader, and to take charge and to never give up on anything you’re doing. To be an eagle means to make a difference in the world and in our school and environment. Eagles always do and try their best. Us as Eagles set goals for ourselves that we want to achieve. When we set goals for ourselves, we always try our best to achieve our goals and never give up. We always work hard and work to our best ability. Eagles care and look out for their young ones as we look out for everyone in our school and everyone we know. Us as Eagles enjoy sports very much. We have all kinds of sports teams that we work very hard at. But being an Eagle means to never give up and always remember there is always something each and every one of us Eagles are good at. Written by Sianna

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE AN EAGLE Continued

To me being an A.P.S Eagles means you can do anything if you put your mind to it. That you can do things that you never thought you could do. It means that when you fall just use your wings and fly. If you get stuck and don't know how to do something say 'I can do this' and push yourself to your best. If it's wrong then who cares, you did your best.

Being an A.P.S. Eagle means you're never too young or too old to set your goal. That means you are never too old or young to have fun at A.P.S. Soaring above the rest. Written by Abby

For me to be an eagle means to learn, respect and take care of others. Making goals and completing them. Making dreams that come true. That's what it means to me to soar above the rest! Written by Hallee

Being an Eagle is amazing! If you come to our school you can tell. We treat each other with respect and the way we like to be treated. We always help each other out and always achieve our goals. We work together until the end and get along with everybody. We always have a smile on, even when we fall down. We soar above the other schools, that is very true. That is what being an Eagle means to me. Now what does it mean to you?

Written by Elizabeth



Monthly Newsletters and calendars will be on-line this month. Check us out at www.gecdsb.on.ca/schools/elem/aps

Newsletters will be sent to e-mail addresses submitted to the school starting in November. If you would like to receive newsletters to your e-mail, please send us your e-mail address.

(Should you require a paper copy, please contact Ms. Alexopoulos at the school.)