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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Congratulations on a great start to another year at Princess Margaret Public School. It is difficult to believe that October has already arrived. Students have settled into their classes and the programs are well underway. I would like to thank the parents and students for their patience as we reorganized some classes to create the best learning environment for our students.

Welcome to Ms. Osborne and Mrs. Beatty who are joining our staff in the new Early Learning Program Class. We are looking forward to making them part of the Princess Margaret Family.

Our EQAO results are included in the newsletter. Battlefield School results can not be released due to the small number of students participating in the assessment. Individual student results for Grade 4 and 7 students will be sent home shortly. Teachers will be considering this and other information when identifying student needs and planning for improvement.

Extracurricular activities are well underway. Our Intermediate Boys' and Girls' Volleyball teams will soon be starting their seasons. Cross Country runners have been training since the start of September and will soon be participating for the second meet.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The Princess Margaret Parent Council works tirelessly to improve our school. They provide advice and feedback to the school, they organize many special events and raise funds for the students and school.

All parents are welcome to attend the meetings.



Students entering on the first day of school.

Mrs. Grant's Communication Class would greatly appreciate the following donations:

Fisher Price - Starter Books
Leap Frog - Learning Pad Books
Puzzles (up to 30 pieces)

Please check out the rest of the newsletter for information about some of the great things that will be happening in October.

Join us for the next meeting of the year on

**Wednesday
October 26, 2011
At
6:00 pm**

Our **Breakfast Club** is up and running. We are always looking for more volunteers. Please contact the office if you can help one or two days a month. Our students would greatly appreciate your efforts.



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BOOK FAIR

Thanks to all those students and families who supported our fall Scholastic Book Fair. With your help, we were able to purchase books for our Library!

Thanks also to the volunteers for their time to make the

book fair a huge success. Special thanks to Clifford for making an appearance at the book fair. Our new books will be soon be on the shelves!!



GARBAGE FUNDRAISER

We will be participating in the garbage bag fundraiser again this year. Participation is a family based decision. Each child will receive a order form and a sample garbage bag. The garbage bags are sold in packages of 50 with ties for \$10.

The money raised by this fundraiser will be used to support the programs at Princess Margaret School.

We hope that your family and friends will be able to support this fundraiser.

We ask that students do not go house to house unless supervised.



CROSS COUNTRY

The Princess Margaret Cross Country Team had a great showing at the first Regional Cross Country Meet which took place at Queenston Park on Monday, September 26th. Top Panther runners were Lucas H. who placed 1st in Bantam Boys, also, Ben K. placed

3rd in Midget Boys, Kristin R. placed 4th in Midget Girls, Victoria E. placed 4th in Bantam Girls, and Dakota D. placed 10th in PeeWee Boys. Great job Team. Our next Regional Meet is on Wednesday, October 5th.



JUNGLE RUNNERS

The Princess Margaret Jungle Runner's Club is in full swing as the Panthers are busy accumulating mileage every Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Approximately 45 runners will take part in the challenge this year. We are working hard to achieve 40km prior to the final run on Sunday, October 23rd.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR COURAGE
STUDENTS



Each month Princess Margaret School will be recognizing one character trait.

This month in honour of Terry Fox, we recognized Courage.

In October, we will be looking for students who demonstrate Cooperation.

Student who happily doing something that will help others. Agreeing to play a game others want to play if it means the group will benefit. Helping someone in need by opening a door or helping to carry something. When participating in sports or games, and being a “good loser” and a “good winner”.

TERRY FOX WALK

Congratulations to all the families of at Princess Margaret School. Our school was able to raise over \$900 for the Terry Fox Foundation. Great job Panthers!



Halloween Safety

Some pointers to keep the trick or treaters safe.

Children under nine years of age should go out with an adult or responsible older child.

Be sure your child stops at all curbs, looks left, right and left again to check for traffic. Remind children to cross at crosswalks, street corners or intersections. It is important they walk on the sidewalk, or walk facing the traffic if

there is no sidewalk.

Bright coloured costumes make your child easier to see. You can use reflective tape on a costume to make your child more visible. Face paint instead of a mask helps them to see well. Have your child carry a flashlight.

When they get home, check all of their treats carefully. Throw out any treats that aren't wrapped, if the wrapping

is torn or loose, or if the wrapper has a hole. Remember that small treats can cause your child to choke.

You might want to offer an alternative to sugar based treats. Stickers or multicoloured pencils can be a nice surprise in place of, or in addition to, traditional treats.



SAFE SCHOOLS 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 per-mission

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 students.

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NO CHILD WITHOUT

The *No Child Without* program offers a free MedicAlert membership to students who attend our school and are between the ages of 4 up to their 14th birthday. If your child has a medical condition, allergy or is required to take medication on a regular basis then you should consider a MedicAlert membership through this program. MedicAlert is your child's voice in an emergency,

MedicAlert membership;

- Gives emergency first responders immediate access to a your child's medical information on their MedicAlert bracelet or necklet

- Enables first responders to quickly obtain up to date medical information by means of the child's Electronic Health Record through the **24 Hour Emergency Hotline.**

- Communicates with the parent or emergency contact upon activation of the **Hotline**

Allows free updates of the child's medical record as needed

MedicAlert identification can alert school staff, friends, coaches and others about your child's medical condition should an emergency occur.

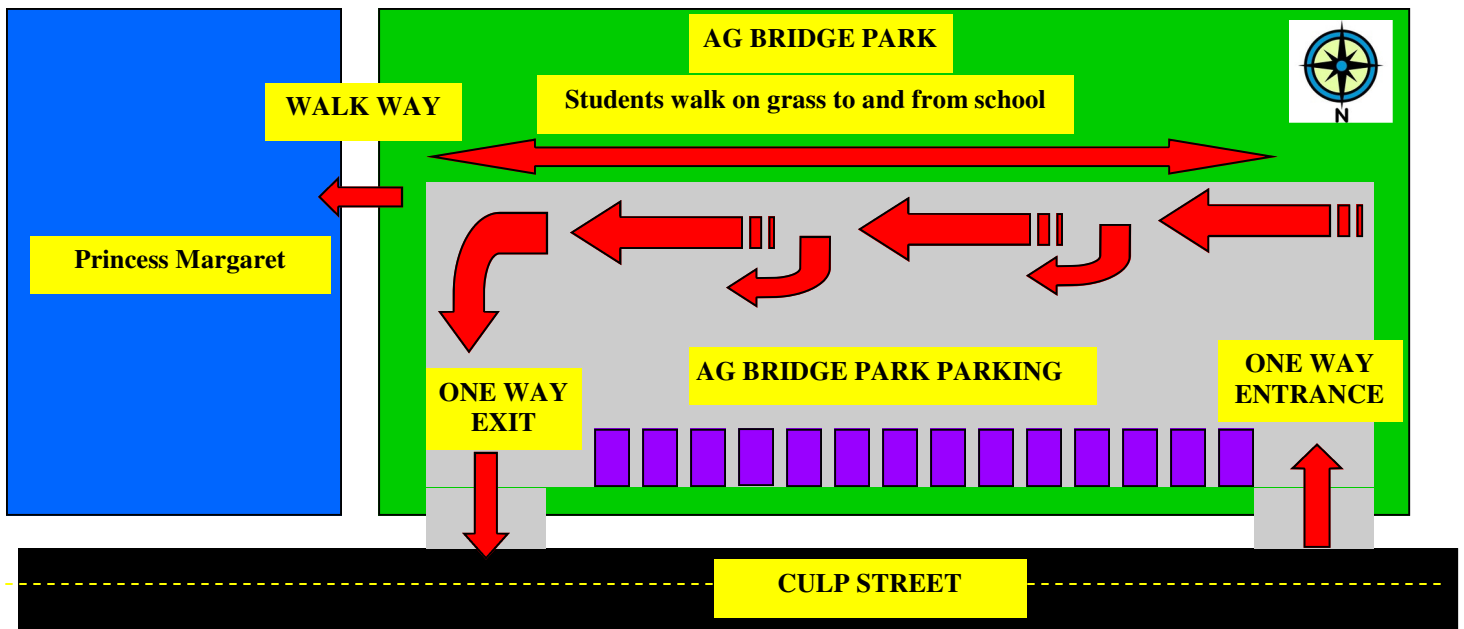


For further information come to the office for a brochure or go to www.nochildwithout.ca.

To register your child you will need a *No Child Without* brochure from the office.

If your child is already part of the *No Child Without* program and there have been changes to their medical condition, medications or emergency contact information, call MedicAlert at 1-866-679-3220 to update your child's file.

KISS AND RIDE



We are having a few issues around our Kiss and Ride in Bridge Park and in our school parking lots. Our first priority is student safety. Please review the Kiss and Ride rules.

In 2004, the Parent Council at Princess Margaret School, the District School Board of Niagara and the City of Niagara Falls reached an agreement on the school's use of the parking lot for our Kiss and Ride.

It was hoped that the Kiss and Ride would provide a safe way for students to be dropped off picked up at school and be convenient for parents.

Parents are asked to enter the parking lot by the west entrance. It is marked as a one way entrance and exit at the east end of the parking lot by the one way exit.

If you need to park and leave your vehicle we ask that you park on the north side of the parking lot. There is a sign at the southwest end of the parking lot indicating that this area is a no-parking area and designated for the Kiss and Ride.

DROP-OFF

When dropping off your child, in the morning, students can exit the vehicle and walk on the grass to the walkway and onto school property. Students are then asked to proceed around to the back of the school to their designated areas.

PICK-UP

When picking up your student after dismissal, we ask that you line-up along the south side of the park. We ask that you remain in your vehicle. Students should come down the walkway and move along the grass to their vehicle. Students are asked to carefully enter their vehicle. Once the vehicle is loaded the driver can pull out of the line and proceed out, the one way exit, at the east end of the park.

We ask that all of our parents are courteous to all of the other users of the park. From time to time, there are baseball tournaments or other special events at the park and these lead to considerable disruption of the Kiss and Ride area.