



# Year End Newsletter General Vanier School June 2011

As of this printing next year our classrooms will be: one morning JK/SK, a grade 1&2, a grade 2&3, a grade 4&5, a grade 5&6 and a grade 7&8. Next year there have been quite a few changes to the look of the staff at Vanier.



Leaving us will be: Mrs. McAlpine to Garrison Road; Miss Sims to Quaker Road; Miss Schultz to Crystal Beach, Mrs. Cassidy to Fort Erie P.S. and EA, Andrea Wright is also leaving.

Changes at General Vanier next year will be: Mr. Pielt, L.R.T. and Mr. Badger – 7/8 and teacher-librarian.

Being welcomed are: Ms. R. McMahon, JK/SK mornings & 7/8; Mr. J. Haynes, grade 2/3 and Miss M. Wilson, French - PM. Ms. Eves and Mr. Cross, both EA's, are also returning.

## Bike Rodeo

We'd like to give a **BIG thank you to Canadian Tire** for their generosity in helping with prizes. Prize winners are:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Karen Gross - girl's bicycle & helmet
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Theo Johnson – boy's bicycle & helmet
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Robin Brant – mini Coca-Cola fridge
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place: Laura Moore - ladies' Coca-Cola watch
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place: Leah Kinghorn – men's Coca-Cola watch



Also, **thank you to our community liaison officer, Constable McKnight and also to the Fort Erie Fire Department** for their help. Another thank you goes out to those who donated other prizes.

## Student Transportation for September 2011

Niagara Student Transportation Services (NSTS) is a consortium between the District School Board of Niagara and the Niagara Catholic District School Board. The mandate of NSTS is to plan and manage safe, efficient and effective transportation services for the students of Niagara.

NSTS is open all summer, planning the 2011-12 transportation routes. You can find your child's transportation eligibility information, bus stop location and times on the NSTS website after August 22 for the 2011-12 school year.

To sign-in to the parent portal and receive arrangements specific for your child, you will need their Ontario Education Number (OEN) which can be found on their report card.

For Junior Kindergarten students or new students to the system who have not been assigned an OEN, a letter will be mailed directly to your home if your child is eligible for transportation.

If you are moving over the summer, please change your address with the school **BEFORE JUNE 30<sup>th</sup>**, so that NSTS can plan service for your child for the new school year.

For student transportation information, please visit the NSTS website at: [www.nsts.ca](http://www.nsts.ca) or call 905-346-0290.



**Important Dates  
2011/12**

**September 6:** 1st Day of School  
**September 23:** Early Release Day  
**October 5:** World Teachers' Day  
**October 7:** PA Day  
**October 10:** Thanksgiving Day  
**November 11:** Remembrance Day  
**December 26 - January 6:** Winter Holiday Break  
**January 20:** PA Day  
**February 2:** Kindergarten Open House 4-6  
**February 20:** Family Day  
**March 9-16:** March Break  
**April 6:** Good Friday  
**April 9:** Easter Monday  
**May 18:** PA Day  
**May 21:** Victoria Day  
**June 8:** PA Day  
**June 28:** Last Day of School

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**Please Note: Effective September 2011, and until further notice, all children will be expected to remain at school during both 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Nutrition Breaks.**

As of September 2011 there will be no crossing guard service provided between morning arrival and afternoon departure as there has been in the past, including for the 2nd Break at 12:55 to 1:35.

Children may be permitted to leave school property at 2<sup>nd</sup> Nutrition Break **BUT ONLY** if they are either:

- a) picked up by a parent/guardian or
- b) we have a written note from by a parent/guardian giving permission to do so.

In both cases that child's supervision during their time off-property will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian giving permission.



## URGENT! Volunteers Needed !

Another school year is over. We had some ups and downs, a couple of fundraisers that were not too successful. If your child is coming back in September, please think seriously about joining the Parent's Council. We only have three or four on the council and need more input and help. There will be a sign-up sheet available at the Open House in September. We also need volunteers for bingos. We don't have many and they go a long way in keeping the cost of class trips affordable for most families. Those on Council work very closely with the school staff.



I would like to thank Mrs. Walpole, Mr. King and Mrs. Spencer for all their help with the Bike Rodeo. It was a very disappointing turn-out, considering all the flyers we sent to neighbouring schools. I'd also like to thank the Fort Erie Fire Department for bringing the fire house (which we had to book six months in advance). The children that were here enjoyed themselves. Thank you to Constable McKnight for giving up his off-duty time to spend at the school and to Mr. Olsen for cleaning anything we didn't. Also, a big thank you to Susan Taylor for coming in at the end of the school year as Council Treasurer. We are lucky to have such a terrific staff at General Vanier School.

Once again, please think about joining the Parent's Council in the up-coming school year. School bingos will continue to run through the summer. We need about 3 hours of your time for each bingo. A small honorarium is available for each worker. You don't require any experience, just a willingness to learn. Please **call me at 905-871-3136**, if you can help out.

Thank you, Lesley Kinghorn, School Council

### Grade 8 Award Winners – June 2011

Excellence in Education - Cassie M.  
Bronze Medallion (85% or higher) – Cassie M.,  
Makayla J., Courtney K., Scarlett R., Brittany C.,  
and Alyssa G.  
DSBN Student Success Award – Fred W.  
F.E.S.S. All Round Student Award – Scarlett R.  
Principal's Award – Makayla J.  
Sue Etherington Memorial Award – Conner A.  
Citizenship Award – Holly W.  
English Award – Cassie M.  
French Award – Makayla J.  
Geography Award – Brittany C.  
History Award – Scarlett R.  
Math Award – Courtney K.  
Science Award – Alyssa G.  
Most Improved Award – Jessica Mc.  
Teacher Recognition Award – Kristin B.  
Top Female Athlete Award – Alyssa G. & Jami M.  
Top Male Athlete Award – Conner A.  
Valedictorian Award – Jami M. & Courtney K.  
Optimist Club Award – Cassie M.

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The Walk to School Day winners are: the Grade 2 class, and the Dayboll and Detenbeck families. The School Travel Plan winners are: the Linwood family - \$50.00 and the Golden family took second place and was given \$25.00.

Thanks to Mrs. Spencer, Ms. Wright and Ms. Eves for all their help with our breakfast club program. We couldn't have done it without you! And a special thanks to Mrs. Walpole for making it all work each day here at Vanier.

At our year-end Celebration Assembly we recognized the Milk Monitors, Student Announcers, Badminton team, Track & Field winners, the Chess Club and of course, our Student Council members. We also acknowledged all departing staff members: Mrs. McAlpine, Ms. Wright, Miss Schultz, Miss Sims and Mrs. Cassidy. Good luck next year, we'll miss you.

Have a safe and wonderful summer and we'll see you on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>!

