



# POWER GLEN NEWSLETTER

POWER GLEN PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We would like to extend our thanks to all members of our school community, including students, parents and staff, for an amazing kick off to our 2021-2022 school year. We know things are a little different this year but our staff appreciate your support in following our protocols with everything, from our entry and exit, to daily self-assessment screenings.

We cannot stress the importance of ensuring your child is symptom-free before arriving at school in the morning. Both staff and students need to complete a daily self-assessment before arriving. Any students (or staff) that develop any of the following symptoms while at school will need to be picked up right away. The symptoms include:

- Fever/chills (feeling hot to the touch, a temperature of 37.8 degrees Celsius/100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher)
- Cough that's new or worsening (continuous, more than usual)
- Shortness of breath (out of breath even when sitting or walking)
- Unusual level of fatigue
- Nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, loss of appetite, stomach pain (not related to other known causes or conditions)

If children display symptoms, they must remain home from school and seek medical attention by a health care provider to see if testing is recommended. You should speak with a doctor if your child feels sick or think they have the cold or flu because symptoms are similar to COVID-19. You may also connect with a public health professional through the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Info-Line, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. by calling 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074, press 7. Alternately, you may connect through [Chat online](#) in 90 different languages with auto-translate Monday to Sunday from 8:30 am to 4:15 pm.

We appreciate your support and cooperation as we work to keep everyone safe.



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Grade 5 CCAT ..... Oct. 4 – 8
- School Photo Day ..... Oct. 5
- World Teacher's Day..... Oct. 5
- Turkey Trot..... Oct. 8
- Thanksgiving Day ..... Oct. 11
- Power Glen Cross Country Meet ..... Oct. 15
- Dress Purple Day for Child Abuse Awareness ..... Oct. 27

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## WORLD TEACHER'S DAY – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5

World Teacher's Day is recognized annually on October 5. We would like to thank our educators for all you do each and everyday to ensure that our Panthers are safe, well, and challenged to do their best. Thank you to our amazing teaching staff for making our community an amazing one where we all belong and support each other!

## DRESS PURPLE DAY – CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS – OCTOBER 27

The DSBN has joined the commitment to Dress Purple to support Child Abuse Prevention Month. October is Child Abuse Prevention Month and Wednesday, October 27, 2021 is Dress Purple Day, a provincial day of action when students and staff are encouraged to wear purple and show your support for child abuse prevention. On Wednesday, October 27, DSBN will be recognizing Wear Purple Day.

## CCAT – CANADIAN COGNITIVE ABILITIES TEST (GRADE 5 STUDENTS)

All Grade 5 students will take the Canadian Cognitive Abilities Test during the period of October 4 to October 6. This assessment helps to identify individual student needs and abilities to ensure appropriate programs are provided as well as information about student strengths in verbal, quantitative and non-verbal reasoning. The assessment provides a benchmark as students complete future achievement tests, whether these tests are teacher-generated, board-wide or provincial.

## PARKING ISSUES

Now that we are almost through our first month back to school, we just wanted to send out a reminder to all Power Glen families regarding the school parking lot both before and after school.

As a reminder, the Power Glen school parking lot has one entrance and two separate exits from the lot. Please be aware of the entrance and exit signs when at the school.

Once again this year we have set up the Kiss and Ride drop off zone out in front of the school. This drop off zone is directly behind the school bus drop off area. As a reminder, the Kiss and Ride area is meant as a quick stop and drop off on the sidewalk side of the vehicle. Having your child exit the vehicle on the sidewalk side will keep all of the Power Glen students away from the parking lot traffic as well as provide all the families an opportunity to get their child to school safely.

Families are also welcome to park their vehicle in a designated available parking spot and walk their child to their designated drop off area.

Please be mindful of the school bus drop off area. Remember that this area is to be available at all times.

To assist with the flow of traffic at drop off and pick up we are hoping to put together a volunteer group of parents. Our goal will be to see the benefit to keeping the flow of traffic as smooth as possible before and after school. Please email the school if you are willing and /or have time to participate in this initiative.

## STUDENT NUTRITION PROGRAM

We are pleased to announce that our student nutrition program has begun! Following protocols set out by Niagara Nutrition Partners, students will be able to access 'grab-and-go' snacks, including fresh fruits, grain, and dairy products, in their classrooms.

## TERRY FOX

On Monday, September 27, our Power Glen Panthers participated in the Terry Fox School Run. Thank you to the families that donated directly to the Terry Fox Foundation. Your generosity will help to support cancer research.

## THE NOSE KNOWS: NO SCENTS MAKES SENSE

Scented products have chemicals that can cause health reactions in people with asthma, migraines, allergies, or environmental sensitivities. Please help keep our air breathable for everyone and use unscented or scent reduced products where possible. Power Glen is a Scent-Reduced Environment. Some staff and students have a sensitivity to odours, smells, and scents. Please do not wear, or send your child with, perfume, cologne, after shave, or scented body lotion into the school.

## ANAPHYLAXIS – BE NUT AWARE!

Anaphylaxis is a severe and potentially life-threatening reaction to certain food substances. We have students in our school that suffer from a severe allergy which can cause an anaphylactic reaction. An anaphylactic reaction is an allergic reaction so severe that in some cases, it can be life threatening. These children have a severe allergy to nuts. Prevention is the best approach. Therefore, we ask your cooperation in not sending any snacks or lunches containing nut products with your child.

## SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

With School Cash Online, you will be able to approve permission forms and make payments for items online. Understanding that we're quickly becoming a cashless society, we know it can sometimes be a challenge to find exact change for items and then send it to school through your child's backpack. Using School Cash Online, you'll be able to use your debit, credit card or echeque to make quick and easy payments online. It will also allow you to track payments made and receive an invoice for your purchases.

School Cash Online is a safe, reliable portal that will ensure the security of your information. The system is already active. You are able to gain access through the School Cash button which has been placed on our school website. We are asking that you click on the button and follow the simple instructions to register. Registration should take less than five minutes. If you registered last year, you do not need to register again!

If you require some assistance registering for School Cash Online, please visit the office and we will be happy to help you get started.

## SO MANY WAYS TO STAY INFORMED AND CONNECTED

The following is a list of ways we use to connect with families to ensure all families are aware of the many events happening throughout the year.

**SCHOOL WEBSITE:** <http://powerglen.dsbn.org/>

**SCHOOL TWITTER:** @PGDSBN

### SCHOOL MESSENGER

Using the School Messenger program, all families will receive important information via School Messenger email. If you are not receiving these emails, please check your contact information with the office to ensure we have the most current information. We have received many positive comments about this method of communication! In order for School Messenger to be it's most effective, it is imperative that we have up-to-date email addresses.

### MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

All newsletters will be posted to the school website and sent via School Messenger through email on the first school day of the new month.