



# POWER GLEN NEWSLETTER

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

WELCOME TO THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR! On behalf of the staff at Power Glen, we would like to welcome back all our returning students and families. For our students and families new to Power Glen, we are excited that you will be joining our 'Panthers' this year. A new year is always filled with possibilities. We know that this year will be full of new learnings, new experiences, new opportunities, and new friendships. There is a great deal of information in this newsletter and we appreciate the time you are giving to reading all this information!

We encourage our families to visit the '[DSBN Welcome Back to school – Elementary Students](#)' webpage. You will find resources and answers to some questions you may have as you prepare for your child's return to school, including:

- a link to "[Kindergarten Frequently Asked Questions](#)"
- a link to information on [Covid safety in schools](#)
- information about transportation
- a link to [Frequently Asked Questions and a 'Contact Us'](#) page

The first day of school brings life back to the building, such as seeing smiling students eager to share their summer tales and hearing excitement in the air as students settle into their new classrooms. Thank you to Miss Ruddy and Mrs. Groff for the excellent job they have done this summer getting the school ready to greet our students.

Our amazing Power Glen team of educators and support staff are here to keep our school safe as we begin our 2022-2023 'Learning Journey'! We are Panther Proud!

We are to embark on our learning journey together! Our amazing Power Glen team of educators and support staff are here to keep our school safe together!

## PREVALENT MEDICAL CONDITIONS

If you have a child with a prevalent medical condition (Anaphylaxis, Asthma, Diabetes, and/or Epilepsy or others) we want to make sure we have a current Plan of Care to support your child. All parents of children with prevalent medical conditions are asked to fill out the new Plan of Care and submit to the school. You can download the forms here [dsbn.org/prevalent-medical-conditions](http://dsbn.org/prevalent-medical-conditions). For more information, please contact the school.



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

School Office Opens .....	Aug. 29
Labour Day .....	Sept. 5
First Day of School.....	Sept. 6
Dot Day .....	Sept. 15
Meet the Teacher.....	Sept. 22
Terry Fox Day .....	Sept. 23
School Picture Day.....	Sept. 23
School Council Meeting .....	Sept. 27
Rowan's Law Day - Wear purple .	Sept. 28
Orange Shirt Day - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation .....	Sept. 30

## DAYS OF SIGNIFICANCE

In addition to our school events, you will find a link to the DSBN Days of Significance calendar on the first of each month. [Click here](#) for more information about the DSBN Days of Significance calendar.

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## OPEN HOUSE -MEET THE TEACHER EVENT

We are planning an Open House - Meet the Teacher Event for the first on September 22 from 5:00 to 6:30. This is an opportunity to tour the school and meet your child's teacher. Please remember that this is an informal event. If you would like to discuss specific concerns, please schedule an appointment with the teacher to ensure your privacy and the teacher's undivided attention.

## EXTRA-CURRICULARS UPDATES

We are looking forward to offering a variety of extra-curricular opportunities for our Panthers during the 2022-2023 school year. Stay tuned for further details!

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

We understand that the partnership between home and school is vital to your child's success. We would love to have you join our Power Glen School Council. Our first school council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 27, 2022 and will run from 6:00 until 7:30. We are required to have a minimum of 4 meetings per school year but may schedule additional meetings depending on the needs of council. Meetings will be held on a Tuesday evening. We would love to have as many parents participate as possible! Also, if you are interested in a position on the school council, we will review these opportunities at the meeting. Elections for positions will be held during the meeting on September 27, 2022.

## ARRIVING AT SCHOOL

Most of our Panthers live within walking distance to Power Glen.

When arriving by car please make sure that you are NOT blocking the bus lane or the entrance to the school parking lot. Please be patient and help us ensure the safety of all our students and families!

Of course, we encourage our families to choose active transportation to school by walking or riding a bike (for our students in Grade 3 or older). Bikes must be locked in the bike rack at the side of the school. Please make sure that students wear their helmet. Unfortunately, we are unable to store scooters or skateboards inside our school and we encourage students to use an alternate method to arrive at school.

## MORNING ARRIVAL

As students begin to arrive after 8:25 a.m., parents will say goodbye at the school designated drop off area.

For the safety and security of all students within our class communities:

- Supervision staff are on duty
- Students must be on time and follow all routines that support the well-being of the whole school.
- Parents are asked to say good-bye to their children at the school yard gates and allow them to enter the school yard to join their friends with the support and guidance of their teachers.

## ATTENDANCE

Attendance is taken twice daily. Please help us to ensure the safety of our students by reporting your child's absence or if they will be arriving late to school. Your co-operation in calling will assist our secretary immensely. If we do not hear from you, we will call you either at home, on your cell, your place of employment and your emergency contacts. Please note that due to starting our days outside, attendance calls may be a little later than usual. Also, all students who arrive late to school (morning or afternoon) must report to the office. Parents will not be able to escort their child into the building. A staff member will meet the child at the front door and will ensure the child gets safely to their class.

How can I report my child's absence or late arrival? Whether it's an illness, a medical appointment or other important event, there are times when students may need to be away from school. Using the [Safe Arrival](#) system, parents will be able to report daily absences, and even schedule absences in one of three ways:

1. Call toll-free before bell time: 1-866-606-5567
2. Logging on to the web portal (<https://go.schoolmessenger.ca/#/account/login>). Using this website, you can set up your account to report and schedule absences.
3. Using your smart phone or tablet. Simply download the SchoolMessenger app. The app is compatible with both Apple and Android devices.

Please report all absences prior to bell time for the current day. If your child has an upcoming appointment, you can also schedule future absences by using one of these three methods. Please do not contact the school directly to report your child's absence. For more information, please visit: <https://dsbn.org/safearrival/>

If you are changing your child's pick-up time, the office must know by 2:30 pm as it gets busy near the end of the day and some classes may be extending their learning outside at that time.

## AGREEMENTS AND DOCUMENTS

Please inform the school if there are special custody orders for your child. Any relevant custody orders MUST be kept on file at the office. Please ensure that the school always has the most recent custody orders for your child(ren).

## IMPORTANT FORMS TO SIGN

Most of our very important back to school forms will be available through [School Cash Online](#) during the first week of school. With a click of a button, these items can be quickly approved. If you would prefer a paper copy, please let the school know and we will send a paper copy home the first week of school. The back to school forms that are required to be returned include:

- ✓ Student Verification Information Form (please see below)
- ✓ Permission to Participate - DSBN Curricular (Physical Education) Athletic Program form
- ✓ an "Information Technology Digital Citizenship Agreement" which must be signed in order for students to use technology within the school

## STUDENT VERIFICATION INFORMATION FORMS

During the first week of school, you will receive a computer printout of your child's information on file. Please check this and make any changes, fill in any missing information, and return it to the school promptly. In the interest of health and safety, it is important that students' medical and personal information is updated each year. Please let us know if any of the information changes during the school year to ensure we have the most up-to-date contact information.

## DAYS OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Niagara Region is growing more diverse in creed and/or religious beliefs and practices. The District School Board of Niagara (DSBN) is committed to fostering diverse, equitable, and inclusive learning and working environments that promote acceptance and protect individuals from discrimination and harassment based on the protected grounds under the Ontario Human Rights Code. Creed and/or religion is one of the grounds that is both an individual right and a collective responsibility. The DSBN recognizes and embraces the creed diversity represented in its students, staff, and community members.

As we start our school year, I invite you to share with me your family's most significant creed-based holiday(s). We will work together through the accommodation request process as Woodland Public School recognizes the importance of families celebrating their creed and/or religious beliefs and practices.

The DSBN has created a [Family Guide: Recognizing and Respecting Creed Diversity](#) to support families in requesting accommodations. This guide has also been translated into the following languages; Arabic, French, Hungarian, Korean, Mandarin, Spanish, Urdu and Vietnamese, which can be viewed on the [DSBN Equity webpage](#). For a list of Days of Significance, please refer to the [Days of Significance Calendar](#).

## ROWAN'S LAW DAY – WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Rowan's Law was named for Rowan Stringer, a high school rugby player from Ottawa, who died in the spring of 2013 from a condition known as second impact syndrome (swelling of the brain caused by a subsequent injury that occurred before a previous injury healed). Rowan is believed to have experienced three concussions over six days while playing rugby. She had a concussion but didn't know her brain needed time to heal. Neither did her parents, teachers, or coaches. Rowan's Law and Rowan's Law Day were established to honour her memory and bring awareness to concussions and concussion safety. We wear purple on this day as this was Rowan's favourite colour.

## ORANGE SHIRT DAY – FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, (Orange Shirt Day) is a legacy of the St. Joseph Mission residential school commemoration event held in Williams Lake, BC, Canada, in the spring of 2013. It grew out of Residential School survivor Phyllis Webstad's account of having her new orange shirt taken away on her first day of school, and it has become an opportunity to keep the discussion on all aspects of residential schools happening annually. The initiative calls for every Canadian to wear an orange shirt in the spirit of healing and reconciliation. The date was chosen because it is the time of year in which children were taken from their homes and placed in residential schools, and because it provides an opportunity to set the stage for anti-racism and anti-bullying policies for the coming school year.

This year, DSBN will be recognizing this day on Friday, September 30. Please join our school staff in wearing an orange shirt on September 30. We hope to see our students and many community members wearing orange on September 30.

## 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.dsbns.org/>

### 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.

## 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.



# 2022-2023 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

- First and Last Day of School
- Holiday / School Closed
- Professional Development Day

September 2022						
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November 2022						
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March 2023						
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May 2023						
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June 2023						
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## RECOGNIZING DAYS OF SIGNIFICANCE

The DSBN believes in building a culture of appreciation and inclusion, where students know they are valued, respected and celebrated. In addition to this school year calendar, there is also a calendar for [Days of Significance](#) that occur throughout the year.

This calendar highlights culturally-relevant events and tools to cultivate young minds to embrace their genius, appreciate our differences and disrupt oppression so we all can live harmoniously.

[Please visit www.dsbni.org/equity/days-of-significance-calendar](http://www.dsbni.org/equity/days-of-significance-calendar) to view this calendar and resources.