

Winger Public School

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<http://www.winger.dsbm.org>



Principal's Message

September 2011 Issue

Welcome back from a summer of spectacular weather! We hope that everyone had a rejuvenating break and that our Winger students are ready for an exciting new school year.

Our secretary has been very busy organizing the office, as well as all the necessary paperwork which you received on the first day of school. Thanks also to our caretaker who has made sure our school is shining clean! Our teachers have been very busy preparing their curriculum and classrooms for their new students.

This year we welcome back Mr. Ring who will be teaching grade 6/7, while Mrs. Whiteford is on Maternity Leave, enjoying her new baby boy. We also welcome Mrs. Robinson in grade 7/8. She comes to us from Pelham Centre where she has taught in the intermediate division for six years. Mrs. Bragg comes to us from Empire and is providing preparation time for staff by teaching our students about media literacy and managing our library resource centre.

Parents play a vital role in a child's education. You are one of the educational partners and can help your child(ren) by emphasizing the importance of learning, reinforcing what is taught at school, and by providing your child(ren) with learning experiences at home. Each child in grades one to eight has received an agenda, which will be used to record homework, projects and other major assignments, and can also be used as a communication tool for parents and teachers and should be reviewed at home each evening. Each student is asked to pay \$5.00 toward the cost of the agenda.

Our character skill for the month of September is **RESPECT**, an attitude of caring and treating people with dignity. We all practice respect when we speak courteously to everyone, practice the "Golden Rule", refrain from physical and verbal challenges, treat the property of others with care, practice the need for individual time and space, and honour the rules of our various families, school and country.

We are looking forward to the traditional fall activities and our school will be participating in the Wainfleet Fall Fair activities. Also we are beginning to plan for Pumpkin Fest which will occur this year on Thursday, October 13th. If you are interested in helping us organize Pumpkin Fest or volunteering on that evening, please contact the school, since we certainly welcome your participation.

Our Winger Staff is looking forward to working with you this year as we prepare your children for the challenges that lie ahead. By working together we can have a great September and a fantastic year!

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Wainfleet Fall Fair
September 22 - 24



School Year Calendar

Winger Public School will also be using a 10 Day Cycle as outlined on the DSNB calendar. Keep this calendar on your refrigerator or some other handy place for future reference. Please note the Early Release Days, P.D. Days and Holidays. In addition, classroom teachers may send home their own monthly calendar indicating gym, library and other special events. If you have questions, please contact the school.



SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

There will be a School Council Meeting on Wednesday, September 28, 2011.

**All parents are welcome.
The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.**



Early Release Day

On Friday, September 23rd, students will be released by 12:00 noon. Pizza Day will be on Thursday, September 22nd instead of Friday this week. Teachers will be involved in Professional Development on the afternoon of September 23rd.

ALLERGY ALERT

Please be advised that we have students with **nut allergies** in our school. Please do not send any nut products or anything containing traces of nuts to school with your child.

Staff Assignments 2011-2012

Principal	Mrs. Arlene Garrett
Kindergarten	Mrs. Tremblay
Grade 1	Mrs. Gruarin/ Ms. Young
Grade 1/2	Ms. Cunningham
Grade 3/4	Mr. Lynett
Grade 4/5	Mrs. Morgan-Rauh
Grade 6/7	Mr. Ring Mrs. Whiteford
Grade 7/8	Mrs. Robinson
Teacher/Librarian	Mrs. Bragg
French	Mrs. Jones
L.R.T.	Ms. Young
Ed. Assistant	Mrs. Stevenett
Caretaker	Mrs. Adams
Secretary	Mrs. Mammoliti

Attendance



Attendance will be taken at 8:35 a.m. and 1:20 p.m. daily.

Students who are not in class at that time will be marked absent. Late arrivals must first report to the office for a late slip before reporting to their classroom.

If your child is going to be absent from school, please inform the school before 8:35 a.m. You may also leave a message on the answering machine after school hours. The number to call is 905-899-3821. Your child's safety is our main concern, so please call us before our secretary has to call you.

NON-PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION

If your child requires non-prescription medication at school, an Authorization of Administration of oral/Topical Medication **MUST** be completed on an annual basis. Please note: Students are not to keep medication in their backpacks or lunch bags. All medication should be handed in to the office and should be clearly marked with the child's full name.

Niagara Student Transportation Services

NSTS launched a new tool on the NSTS website for bus delay and cancellation information. This information is available to the general public, schools and NSTS and will help track on-time performance.

For the first 2 weeks of school, bus drivers will be verifying the students who are assigned to their bus route. If a student's name is not on the bus route copy, the driver will permit the student to ride the bus if the student boards at an existing stop. Please contact the school if your child's name does not appear on the bus list.

After September 16th, the bus drivers will only provide service to the students on their route copies and will only pick-up and drop-off students at their designated bus stops.



Student Agenda/Organizer

Agendas were distributed to students on the first day of school to students in grades 1 to 8. Contained in this book is the School's Code of Conduct. Please take the time to read and discuss the Code of Conduct with your child.

The cost per agenda is \$5.00. Please send the \$5.00 to the school as soon as possible.



Barbecue and Open House

Again this year, we will be holding a barbecue and open house on **Wednesday, September 14th** from 4- 5:30 p.m. Families are asked to bring a donation to offset the cost of food for the BBQ.

4:00—5:30 p.m. Barbecue

5:30 - 5:45 p.m. Assembly in gym to introduce staff.

5:45-Meeting for parents of Gr. 6/7/8 students

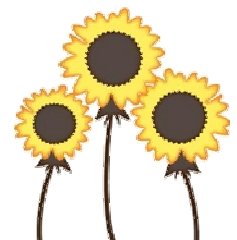


Sunflowers- "Watch Us Grow"

Wainfleet Fall Fair

September 22nd -September 24th

Students from Winger School will have a chance to participate in the Wainfleet Fair in September. We plan to enter a float on Thursday, September 22nd followed by class visits on Friday, September 23rd for students from grades 1-5. Students in the primary and junior grades will travel by bus to the Fair grounds in the morning. We may be calling on parents to help with transportation for the older students. More information about times, transportation, riding the float and permission forms will go home closer to Fair time.





Athletics



In gym class, students need a pair of runners, a t-shirt or sweat shirt and shorts or track pants. **Outdoor shoes should not be worn in gym class.**

Interschool - Two sports will be starting the first week of school. Junior co-ed soccer will begin and cross country running will begin with practices for students in Grades 3 to 8. Again, look for information to arrive home with your child if they are interested in participating in these sports. Volleyball will begin in late September or early October.



Turkey Trot

The Turkey Trot will begin on September 26th and continue until October 5th each day during the afternoon fitness break. It is a whole school daily physical education activity whereby students run, walk or jog laps around the school. For each lap they receive a popsicle stick. For every 5 sticks they collect they will get a ticket for a classroom draw for a Thanksgiving gift to be made on October 5th. Parents are always welcome to join us.



Lunch



Students will eat lunch in their homeroom or the primary lunch area. The tuck shop will continue to offer healthy snacks and will be open at the beginning of the second Nutrition Break.

Milk - This year we will once again offer the students the opportunity to have milk with their lunch. You may order for the complete school year or on a monthly basis.

SOS

"Save Our Subscriptions"



We will be running our annual magazine subscription campaign again in November and would appreciate your continued support. Although you may have received notices from publishers for your new and/or renewal magazine orders, it would be very much appreciated if you didn't renew your subscriptions through them, but waited for our campaign to start so the students can take your orders. However, hold onto your renewal notices - if that price is lower than offered through the school program, you will pay the lower price by attaching the coupon to your order. A large portion of the funds stays here in our school community. Thank you in advance for "saving" your magazine orders and helping make our future campaign a great success!

Safe Schools Policy

The safety of our children is a shared responsibility. We need your cooperation in following our Safe Schools Policy to keep our children safe. These are some things you can help with. If you are picking your child up at any time throughout the day, please stop at the office and let us know so we may call them from class and record their leaving.

Parents are reminded that cars should not enter or leave the school parking lot while buses are loading or dropping off students.

Please do not park in the handicap parking area (unless you have a permit) or the marked area in front of the school as this is where the children exit the building to the parking lot.

If parking on the road, please keep well back from the entrance and exit so that the bus drivers have room to make a turn out of the parking lot, as well as having clear sight lines to see oncoming traffic.

If your child is not taking the bus home, we need a dated and signed note from you letting us know your wishes. **Please be aware that school staff are not permitted to allow students to alter their pick up and drop off points or ride another bus.**

Parents Visiting the School



This is just a reminder to sign in at the office if you are visiting or picking up your child at the school.

We do not interrupt classes for lunches or messages.

School Council

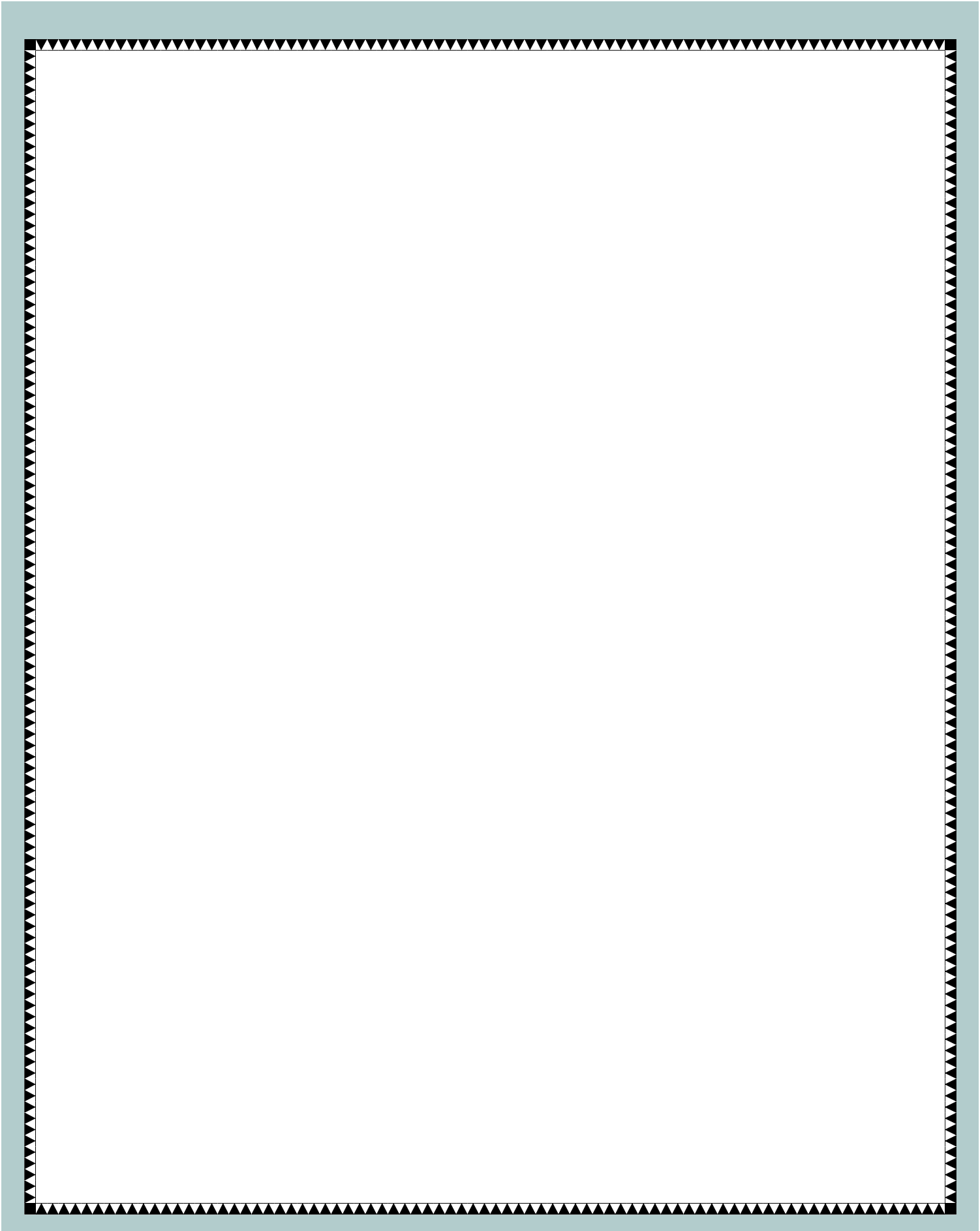
Your first opportunity to be a part of this year's School Council will be on Wednesday, September 28th at 6:30 p.m. in the Library. Thank you to Mrs. Charlebois who has offered to chair the Council. At this meeting we will complete our executive and establish items of interest to be addressed at our upcoming meetings. This is a perfect opportunity for you to become involved in your child's education at Winger School. Hope to see you there!



Bus Procedures

The bus procedures can be found in the student agenda. **It is important that both students and parents are aware that students may NOT ride buses other than their own and that they may NOT be dropped off at a different stop.** These procedures are a requirement of the bus company, as each driver is to have only the students on their list on the bus. We appreciate your co-operation.





Head Lice

This is the time of year that head lice seem to be most active. Please check your child's scalp regularly and treat immediately if you discover any eggs. Please be sure to notify the school if you discover any on your child so the other children may be checked as well. Our procedure at the school will be to check any student suspected of having head lice and send them home for treatment upon discovery. Letters will also be sent home with children in the affected classroom. Please use an appropriate shampoo as recommended by a pharmacist. The public health unit has informed us that the careful removal of all eggs is important, and that shampooing alone will not necessarily kill all eggs. We will do "head checks" of all classes throughout the year. Thank you for your co-operation.

Before a child will be readmitted to the school, a parent must accompany them and they will be checked to make sure all eggs have been removed.

Immunization

Have you checked your child's immunization to make sure it is up to date? If you're unsure if your child requires any needles, You may call the Public Health Department at 905-688-3762 ext.7396.

Hepatitis "B" & Gardasil Immunizations

The hepatitis "B" immunization program for grade 7 students and the Gardasil program for grade 8 girls will occur again this year. The Hep "B" vaccine is given in two doses, four months apart. The first dose and the Gardasil vaccine will be given on Friday, September 16th. Consent forms will be sent home very soon and should be returned promptly.

Empty Printer Cartridges Dropped off a Staples

Please bring in your empty printer cartridges to Staples and let them know that they are for Winger School. We get credit for them in the form of a rebate. This rebate allows us to purchase items at Staples for school use. Last year we received a rebate of \$334.00.

Toonies for Terry

The annual Winger Terry Fox Walk will be held on Friday September 30th during the 3rd learning block. Mrs. Nancy Salvage from the Terry Fox Foundation of Port Colborne will visit to talk to the students about what Terry Fox did for cancer and why this is such an important campaign. The students will then proceed outside to walk around the school with their classrooms and teachers. A donation of a Toonie for Terry would be appreciated for this worthwhile fund raising event.



Campbell's Soup Labels

We are once again collecting Campbell's Soup Labels in order to receive free gym equipment through Campbell's Soup Company. The UPC symbol must be in good condition. All sizes of Campbell's Soup, Goldfish Crackers, Gardennay Soup, Chunky Soup, Hearty Noodles, Soup at Hand, Prego Sauce, Habitant Soup and V8 are eligible for points.





Important Reminders

- Milk/Pizza and netiquette forms should be returned as soon as possible.
- Verification forms need to be returned regardless if there are no changes to the school as soon as possible.

Monthly Newsletter/Calendar Online

The Winger Newsletter and calendar will once again be available online. If you do not want to receive a copy monthly, please return the form below.

NEWSLETTER/CALENDAR

I am able to view the monthly calendar and newsletter online. Please exclude my family from the mailing list when sending home these documents. Please return this form to the office as soon as possible.

Family: _____

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Yes, I have read the September Newsletter. Please add my child's name to the monthly draw.

Student : _____

2011-2012 School Hours

Buses arrive and students enter the school and go directly to class.	8:30 - 8:35
Period 1	8:35 - 9:25
Period 2	9:25 - 10:15
Nutrition Break 1	10:15 - 10:55
Period 3	10:55 - 11:45
Period 4	11:45 - 12:35
Nutrition Break 2	12:35 - 1:20
Period 5	1:20 - 2:10
Period 6	2:10 - 3:00
Dismissal and Bus pick-up	3:00 - 3:05

MedicAlert's No Child Without Program is at Our School

Our school is involved in the Canadian Medic Alert Foundation's *No Child Without* program. If your child is already part of the **No Child Without** program. There is no cost for students who attend our school and are between the ages of 4 up to their 14th birthday to join Medic Alert through this program. If your child has a medical condition, allergy or is required to take medication on a regular basis, then you should consider this program. A child's Medic Alert 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

School Photos

Our school photos will be taken by Lifetouch Canada. Individual and class photos will be taken.

Date: October 19th and October 20th



Roots of Empathy

We wish to have our grade 1/2 class involved in the DSBN Roots of Empathy Program. To do so, we need to locate a mom with a 2-4 month old baby who would be willing to participate in the program. This would involve visits to the grade 1/2 classroom with the baby once per month if possible throughout the school year.

Dress Code

We believe that student dress should be appropriate to an academic setting and contribute to an overall positive image of our school. The following rules concerning student dress have been adopted and apply to both male and female attire. The following attire is not permitted. Hats or head coverings are to be removed before entering the school or participating in school events. Head dresses or head coverings worn for medical or religious purpose are exempt.

Any personal apparel that poses a potential risk to others (e.g., metal spike studded collars) are not allowed on school events or on school property. Halter tops, tube tops, muscle shirts are not considered to be appropriate classroom attire. Shirts of any kind that reveal bare backs, midriffs or spaghetti straps or revealing necklines are not permitted. Shorts and skirts should be appropriate for an educational environment and not reveal undergarments in the normal range of motion. Clothing that advertises or promotes drugs, violence, racism or that displays obscene, distasteful, or hurtful messages are not to be worn in the school, in school activities, on field trips, or on school property.

Students are expected to dress appropriately for the weather so as to permit the student to participate in outdoor activities at recess or during class time.

Eco-Team

The Winger Eco-Team will be in full force again this year. Start up will be in the next few weeks so please listen to the morning announcements for more details. Junior and intermediate students who would be interested in participating in our club are always welcome. A helpful website that students can access from home to learn more about Energy and the Environment is kidsclub.nrcan.gc.ca Have fun learning with the special teaching assistants on the Web site. NRCat, inspector Joules and Simon have great games, activities and cartoons going on for your enjoyment. Explore the tree clubhouse, play detective on energy mysteries and click on some cool links. Have fun while being an Eco-Team supporter!

Mrs. Jones

Mrs. Tremblay

