



"Soar with the Eagles"

# Gagetown School PARENT PAGE

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## Safe School Week

Safe School Week was held from October 11<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup>. In all schools across Canada, students and teachers talked about how to make their schools safer. We also talked about what we can do as individuals, to make ourselves and others feel safe while at school. Many drills took place including, fire drills, lock-ins, lock-downs, evacuations and bus safety drills.

One of the safety policies that New Brunswick Schools and other schools across Canada have put in place is having the school doors locked at all times and that we have a bell to ring to enter the school.

When mothers, fathers, or other relatives or guests come into the school, they are to sign in at the office with Miss Mersereau. This way, we know who is in the school at all times and that they have a reason to be here at Gagetown School. This is one example of things that have been done to make schools safer and to keep people out who should not be allowed in the schools. We also ask that when adults are at the door, students do not open it as visitors are expected to ring the bell and proceed to the office to sign in.

The reason we practice these drills is so that students can feel secure knowing we have a plan and know exactly what to do in case of an emergency.

## Fire Prevention Week

Fire Prevention Week was also held from October 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>. Students from Kindergarten to Grade 5 received the Fire Safety Gazette. We ask that you as the parents and guardians reinforce the importance of fire safety both at home and at school.



As part of Fire Prevention Week, we had some special guests arrive on site to assist us in our last Fire Drill and to present a Fire Safety Assembly to our students. We would like to extend a huge thank you to the Village of Gagetown Fire & Rescue and the Upper Gagetown Fire Department who taught us what to do if ever we were threatened by a fire. We also learned the importance of fire prevention techniques.



We greatly appreciate the time that you invest into helping us be prepared in the event of an emergency.

Thank you to Mrs. Sullivan, who is also a Volunteer Fire fighter for organizing these assemblies.



For more information on Fire Safety Tips and Resources, please feel free to check out these Useful and Fun Websites:

<http://www.firesafekids.org/index.html>

<http://www.firefacts.org/>

## Gagetown School Adopt a Grandparent

Gagetown School has once again partnered with the Gagetown and District Recreation Council and the Gagetown Special Care Home for a third year to offer a unique experience for Middle Level students. The Adopt a Grandparent initiative provides an opportunity for students to take part in various engaging activities with local seniors. This past week, we decorate pumpkins with "our grandparents". Thank you to Margaret Rowney and her sister Sandy and to Chrissy and Alyssa from the Gagetown and District Recreation Council for leading this great activity.



## Terry Fox Run



As many of you know, Gagetown School took part in the Terry Fox Walk. We would like to thank all students, staff, parents and community members who also participated in the walk. Also, thank you to all who donated towards Cancer Research as we raised \$200.00. We all know that Terry didn't physically complete

his marathon, but his dream lives on and his goal of raising money for the fight against cancer continues to this day.

## Gagetown Eagles' Sport and Physical Activity

### Middle Level Soccer



The Grade 5 to 8 Soccer Team have been practicing and playing hard in the District Co-Ed League. They are going into the Play-Off week with their semi-final game scheduled for Wednesday. The Championship game will be played on Thursday at 4:30 in Oromocto. Ron, John and Stu will have the team ready to play to their best this week! Go Eagles Go.

### Cross Country Running (Grades 3 to 8)



Congratulations to all the students who competed in the District Meets. Special Congratulations to Megan Warren who finished first in her division. The Grade 3 to 5 Cross Country Team included - Kalie, Gabrielle, Evan, Megan, Ella, Esther, Kasey, Cooper, Brian, Katie, Dylan, Constance, Olivia, Xavier and Emily. The Middle Level team included: Isabel, Helen, Kean, and Victoria. Thank you to Ms. Meek and to her assistant coach, Ms. Hogan, for leading the team.

### Parent School Support Committee (PSSC)

The PSSC committee met on Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. Kelly Estabrooks continues to serve as the Chair while Bob Francis is serving as the Vice-Chair. Gisele Conway was appointed as Secretary of the Committee. We welcome new members to the Committee and look forward to working together as we continue to strive towards a successful school year for all. For more information about the PSSC or for meeting times, please contact Kelly Estabrooks at 468-2047 or [kellyestabrooks@rogers.com](mailto:kellyestabrooks@rogers.com).

### Home and School

Home and School will be having their next meeting on Wednesday, November 16 at 6:30 pm in the library.

Thank you to everyone who purchased magazines and items from the QSP Fall campaign. Congratulations to Mrs. Boudreau's grade 3/4 class for having sold the most items. They will be receiving a special recognition. Well done to Mrs. Boudreau and to her students. A special congratulations to Mia who raised the highest amount of \$250. Way to go Mia! Thank you to the Home and School President, Jenny McConchie, and Secretary, Jenn Ball, for leading this Campaign. For those of you who would still like to order- you can do so on-line:

**SHOP ONLINE** for faster processing! SIMPLY go to **QSP.CA** and enter your school code: **3706736**

If you are able to volunteer for one or more activities, please contact Jenny McConchie (461-6659/ [jenny.mcconchie@hotmail.com](mailto:jenny.mcconchie@hotmail.com)).

## Gagetown and District Recreation Council

Many evening clubs have begun! A new Multi-Sport Evening has begun on Thursdays from 6:30-8:00 at Gagetown School. Come out and try a new sport and be physically active. We encourage everyone to check out their website at: <http://www.vgdrc.com/>

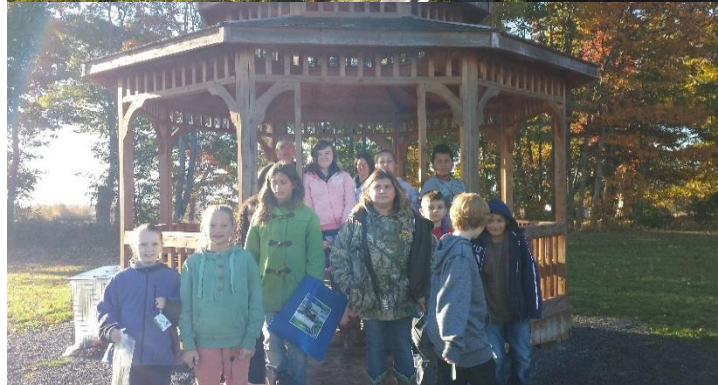
### Kindergarten to Grade 5 Trip to Cameron's Apples Apple Picking Adventure



Elementary Students and Staff enjoyed a nice fall day as they went apple picking at Cameron's Apples. Students brought apples home and hopefully shared them with their family and friends.

### Branch Out- Make Waves

Thank you to all students and staff for taking part in the Branch Out - Make Waves morning this past Tuesday. The New Brunswick Environmental Network sent out a challenge to schools to link up with local community groups to work together on conservation projects, by planting trees and cleaning up riversides or shorelines. We answered the challenge and had a great day! Thank you to Mrs. Francis and Ms. Roxborough for leading this great morning with a focus on the environment. Thank you to the community members who came in to help with this worthwhile cause. The trees planted will remind us of how we have to take care of our environment and that we all have a role to play.



**Upcoming Dates - Mark Your Calendars**

Wednesday, October 26	Home and School Hallowing Halloween Dog hot lunch special
Friday, October 28	"We Scare Hunger" Movie Afternoon
Monday, October 31	Halloween Parade (12:30- 1:30) <b>Please Note:</b> <b>We will be running one bus run at 1:50 for all students</b>
Tuesday, November 1	Picture Retake Day (am)
Tuesday, November 8	Veterans' Week Assembly & Lets Make it Right Assembly (9:10 and 10:30am)
Thursday, November 10	Remembrance Day Assembly with Legion Members (10:30)
Friday, November 11	Remembrance Day No School
Thursday, November 24	Parent- Teacher Interviews (5:30-7:30pm)
Friday, November 25	Parent Teacher Interviews (8:30-11:00 am) Professional Learning (1:00-3:30pm) <b>No school for Students</b>

**Upcoming Home & School Fundraiser**

Your Gagetown Home and School Association will be offering 10 lb. bags of Cortland apples for sale at a price of \$10.00 per bag. This fundraiser allows our Association to keep 100% percent of the profit of the cost of each bag sold. Cortland Apples will be sold from: **Monday, November 7, 2016 to Thursday, November 17, 2016.** A letter will be going home for this fundraiser next month with specific details.

**Me to We - We Scare Hunger**



The *Me to We* club will be participating in two worthwhile initiatives over the next several months. The "*We Scare Hunger*" Campaign will consist of collecting non-perishable food items to donate to our local Food Bank. As part of this campaign, the *Me to We* club will also be hosting a movie afternoon on Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> for students in K to grade 8. Students are asked to bring a food item to donate and they will be able to purchase snacks. A permission form will be sent home and must be signed for your child to attend. Please have drives arranged to pick up your child by 1:30pm.

Another worthwhile cause that the *Me to We* club will be supporting is the "Because I am Girl" campaign. They will be raising funds through various activities, including the movie afternoon, to send a girl to school from a developing country. As we know, girls living in some developing countries do not "have a right" to their education. This campaign will help send one girl to school on behalf of Gagetown School and the *Me to We* Club in hopes that she can help eliminate poverty for herself, her family, and her community.

**Hallowing Halloween Dog Hot Lunch Special**

The Home and School will be offering a special hot lunch on Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. Hallowing Halloween Dogs can be purchased for \$1.00 as part of the special Halloween events. If your child would like to order a Hallowing Halloween Dog(s), please return this portion of this parent-page along with the money to your child's homeroom teacher by **Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>.**

Name of Child: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Hallowing Halloween Dogs Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

\$\_\_\_\_\_ has been attached to this form.

Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_