

DRAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
380 Drake Drive
North Tonawanda, NY 14120
807-3725

NOVEMBER, 2011

Dear Parents,

Happy November! Here are a few exciting things going on around Drake School this month.

- We are introducing a new *character pledge* for the students at Drake. It is an affirmation of positive behavior and kindness and respect for others.

DRAKE CHARACTER PLEDGE

- ✓ I will treat others as I want to be treated.
- ✓ I will not tease, threaten, or harm others.
- ✓ I will not start or spread rumors.
- ✓ I will look for the good in people.
- ✓ I will do what is right, not what is popular.
- ✓ I know the things I do and say add up to who I am!
- We will have an opportunity to help others in the community this month. The North Tonawanda Food Pantry is always in need of food donations, especially at Thanksgiving time. The whole school will be working together on a food collection to benefit this very worthwhile organization. This is a great way for our students to learn the importance of community service. If you are able, please consider sending in a food or paper product donation between November 8th and 16th.
- If you are looking for something fun to do with your family, check out the NTHS production of *The Wizard of Oz*. Several of our Drake students will be featured as "Munchkins," and we will be very proud to see them up on the big stage! The performances start at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 10, 11 and 12.

As a closing note, I sincerely hope that you and your families enjoy a restful and enjoyable Thanksgiving holiday. It's one of my favorite times of year. I am especially thankful to be working at Drake School. Your children make every day a delight!

Sincerely,

Janet Matyevich

REMINDER!

Children will be dismissed at 11:45 on these early release dates

**Parent Conferences are scheduled on:
December 2, 8 and 13
(Evening Conferences are December 12)**

March 22

REPORT CARDS WILL BE ISSUED ON:

Grades 1 – 6.....December 9th March 15th June 22nd
Kindergarten.....January 13th June 22nd



GLOBAL CONNECT

School closing and emergency information will come to you via Global connect, an automated telephone system.

If you have changed your phone number, please check with the office to make sure we have the correct information on file. Whenever there is a change throughout the school year, please let the office know so that we can update our records.

If you have moved recently, your new address needs to be reported to the Administration Building, so that your child’s records can be updated.

HOMEWORK REQUESTS

If you know that your child will be absent from school for two or more days, you may call to request homework. Homework will be available to be picked up ***after 3:20 p.m. in the Main Office.*** We will leave it on the counter in case you are not able to make it until after hours. We will gladly send work home with a sibling if that is your preference.

Due to ***safety concerns***, we are not able to send work home with a classmate unless arrangements have been made with that child’s parent, and we have written or verbal confirmation from both parents. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Help is Available!!!



Christmas

Again this year, the North Tonawanda Police and Fire Department are having their annual "Caring for Kids" Program. Any child in grades K-6 that resides in North Tonawanda is eligible. This is a program for families who could use some extra assistance this Christmas. Each child will receive a new pair of shoes, and possibly a winter coat. Clothing, stuffed animals, toothbrushes, cereal and the makings for a Christmas dinner may also be available, depending on the types of donations that are received. If you are in need of some help, please call Amy Gorman, Drake School Social Worker at 807-3725 ext. 4034.

CALLS NEED TO BE MADE BEFORE NOVEMBER 8!!!



Glasses

Is your child in need of glasses but you are having trouble coming up with the extra money? North Tonawanda Schools works in conjunction with the Lions Club of the Tonawandas to provide glasses for children. If you have any questions regarding eligibility, please call Amy Gorman, Drake School Social Worker at 807-3725 ext. 4034.

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## Health Insurance

Are you in need of health insurance for your family? Medicaid or Child Care Plus may be the answer for you! Call Amy Gorman, Drake School Social Worker at 807-3725 ext. 4034 for information .

Block, Cloe  
Booth, Cadence  
Broniszewski, Gavin  
Burton, Stephanie  
Chlebowy, Jackson  
Chlebowy, Parker  
Diliberto, Cassie  
DiNardo, Sarah  
Gagnon, Dylan  
Gonka, Kiria  
Handley, Mario  
Heck, Amanda  
Insana, Isabelle  
Jufer, Rachaele  
Kolbe, Luke  
Lubs, Billy  
Lubs, Monica  
Maier, Tyler  
Michlin, Samantha  
Ott, Christopher  
Ott, Samantha  
Palotta, Dylan  
Pasiak, Ian  
Pelt, Melanie-Mae  
Porter, Jack  
Purrington, Sam  
Riggi, Joey  
Scricco, Leeannmarie  
Szlis, Jacob  
Ulicny, Jackson  
Vantino, Josh  
Williams, Skylar  
Wydysh, Julian

Congratulations  
November Strive for 25  
Students

Great Job!



## Staff Listings

We have some changes in grade level and classrooms this year.

*To call and leave a message for your child's teacher, please use our EXPRESS MAIL SYSTEM. Dial 807-3725 and follow the prompts.*

| Grade Level  | Teacher        | Room # | Phone Ext. |
|--------------|----------------|--------|------------|
| Kindergarten | Mrs. Glogowski | 5      | 4005       |
| Kindergarten | Mrs. Helf      | 3      | 4003       |
| Kindergarten | Mrs. Trimboli  | 1      | 4001       |
| Grade 1      | Mrs. DePrima   | 2      | 4002       |
| Grade 1      | Mrs. Prezioso  | 4      | 4004       |
| Grade 2      | Ms. Siezega    | 17     | 4017       |
| Grade 2      | Mrs. Zinni     | 11     | 4011       |
| Grade 3      | Mrs. Harms     | 18     | 4018       |
| Grade 3      | Mrs. Mahoney   | 21     | 4021       |
| Grade 4      | Mrs. Anson     | 16     | 4016       |
| Grade 4      | Mrs. Beutel    | 23     | 4023       |
| Grade 4      | Mrs. Mosier    | 22     | 4022       |
| Grade 5      | Mrs. Mahady    | 25     | 4025       |
| Grade 5      | Mrs. Smith     | 24     | 4024       |
| Grade 6      | Mrs. Brown     | 14     | 4014       |
| Grade 6      | Mrs. Swartz    | 12     | 4012       |