



**Board Meeting
Director's Update - Pino Buffone
23 October 2018**

Acknowledgement of Students, Staff and School Communities

There are a number of exciting activities, events and initiatives that have taken place during the past month. Highlights include...

NTIP Orientation Day... On Tuesday 09 October 2018, the District held an orientation day for new employees (as part of the New Teacher Induction Program)..an opportunity for employees (academic staff) new to the organization to hear from, and speak with, mentors in their respective employee groups regarding best practices as well as helpful hints in their work.

SHSM Kickoff in Cobden... On Wednesday 10 October 2018, the District held its annual Specialist High Skills Major event with over 400 Grade 11 students participating at the Cobden Agricultural Society Hall. Participants earned a SHSM certification specific to their SHSM focus in one of twenty workshops. Certification instructors included local business owners, college instructors, local emergency service providers and various professionals in a wide array of fields. The event also hosted guest speaker, Sean Aiken, on the topic of "Discovering Your Passion" - finding a career that you are passionate about as a major lifetime decision.

Garden Fall Clean-Up at Eganville & District Public School... On Thursday 18 October 2018, students and staff of Eganville & District Public School gave up their recesses to conduct a garden fall clean-up so that the school grounds are well-prepared for the coming winter season!

Update to Principals and Vice-Principal Assignments

There is an additional change to the principal and vice-principal appointments and/or transfers at this point in the school year... the addition of a 0.5 FTE VP at Herman Street Public School, Mr. Lorne Ogilvie, effective 01 October 2018.

Professional Activity Day - 05 October 2018

On Friday, October 5th, 2018, all staff took part in the second professional activity day of the school year. The focus for this important day of learning was school improvement planning processes, including effective instructional practices in the area of mathematics.

Fire Prevention Week - 07-13 October 2018

As part of Fire Prevention Week earlier this month, members of the local fire departments have conducted a number of class presentations regarding fire safety, including sessions for students and staff at Admaston Public School, most recently.

Dress Purple Day - 24 October 2018

Tomorrow is Dress Purple Day... a day coordinated by the Children's Aid Society to raise awareness about the rights of children and youth to safety and well-being, and, the responsibility of adults and community services to help children, youth, and families who need support.

Visiting Delegation from l'Académie Clermont-Ferrand - 24 & 25 October 2018

The District is excited to be hosting a delegation from l'Académie Clermont-Ferrand in South-Central France over the next two days (24 & 25 October 2018) as part of the initiatives related to International Education. The delegation will visit the county to explore options for student exchanges, staff exchanges and governance partnerships between the two jurisdictions.