GREENBELT
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CENTRE INC

Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2026



Message From Directors

We're so proud of the community that has been created through Greenbelt! We've had the opportunity to see our students and their families grow, alongside our school- and we couldn't be happier seeing our vision come to fruition. In 2022 we made the decision to join the CWELCC Program (Canada Wide Early Learning Child Care) which was inline with our vision for the school- to provide opportunities for children to have access to nature on a regular basis; and being an affordable program helps us achieve this goal. We currently welcome 74 children onsite daily- amazing!



The choice to join CWELCC means we are a government funded program. As such, our need to fundraise for extras (ex. concerts, events, supplies etc.) has increased. Over the coming year, we will be offering opportunities to support our programs through fundraising initiatives. We ask that our Greenbelt families help us get the word out! Your support is so very appreciated. All funds raised will be used towards the enhancement of our programs and community events.

We wouldn't be here without the continued support of our families; we are eternally thankful. ❤️

Jackie, Tiffany, and Joelle

IMPORTANT DATES

NOV 1

MacMillan's Fundraiser begins!

NOV 10

World Discovery Day

This month we're travelling to India!

NOV 11

Remembrance Day

We will take a moment of silence at 11:00am in honour of all soldiers and veterans. Classrooms will provide age-appropriate activities to represent the day.

NOV 18

Community Day

We're excited to welcome the Niagara Regional Police onsite to share their skills with our students!

NOV 20

Last day to order for the MacMillian Fundraiser!

Save the Date:

Winter Solstice Concert

December 4th at 5:00 PM

The concert will be held at Mountainview Church, 290 Main Street East, Grimsby

December Baking Day

December 17th will be our annual Baking Day! We're asking families to join us for the morning to assist with activities. We will include a sign up sheet in our December Newsletter for all those who can join us.

Attention Kindergarten Families!

We will be holding Parent and Teacher Interviews on November 10 & 11th and November 17th & 18th. Please find the link below to sign up:

Parent & Teacher Interviews - November 2026

DONATION REQUESTS

- Hay bales after Halloween. Done with your hay bales? We'll take them! We use these for sensory activities and in our Gross Motor Areas.
- Socks! Specifically for children aged 5-10.
- Thin gloves

We're Excited to Announce the Arrival of Our Duck Babies!

Our ducks will go to good homes when they are old enough

They stand upright when adults, making them look like walking bowling pins!

Meet...



Spruce



Honey Locust



Ginko

They can run instead of waddle because of their long legs!

They are flightless birds!



Maple



Black Walnut "Wally"

Our ducks are Indian Runner Ducks and will look like this when they grow up:

They originate from the islands of Indonesia.





This breed has been around for over 2000 years!

It's time to FUNDRAISE!

We're excited to partner with **MacMillian's Gourmet Fresh & Frozen Food** for our Fundraiser this season! The items offered can be purchased as gifts, supplies for holiday parties, or just to enjoy as a family- there are so many options. All you need to do is order items online and add Greenbelt Academy under the Organization/ School Name, add the student, classroom name, pay, and you're done!

The Fundraiser will run from November 1st to November 20th. Please note that all items will be delivered to the school. Pick up will be on Friday December 18th. We will send a pick up reminder email closer to the date.

TO ACCESS THE ONLINE FUNDRAISER

Visit: www.macmillansfundraising.online

HOW TO PLACE AN ORDER

- Select "**Shop Our Products**"
- Add items to the cart
- Proceed to checkout
- Select "**Greenbelt Academy**" from the dropdown
- Complete all required fields (customer name, participant name, payment info)

MacMillan's

CLICK HERE TO START SHOPPING!

PROGRAM UPDATES

Our Seeds, Roots 1 and Roots 2 programs will be starting inside as of Monday November 2nd, 2026. Please carefully read over the **Dressing for Fall - Starting Inside guide** to ensure your child is prepared for our program. The main change to the dressing guide is that we ask that all items needed for outdoor play be placed in each child's cubby so that they are accessible when we transition outdoors. Please do not put these items in your child's backpack or in their cubby bag - the document contains checklists to help.

PLEASE NOTE THAT KINDERGARTEN WILL STILL BE STARTING OUTDOORS

Please ensure your child is dressed for the weather when they arrive at school. All items needed for the day need to be with them and accessible, not in their backpack or cubby bag please.

Thank You!

Developmental Focus

Roots Programs & Kindergarten

SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL	SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS
PHYSICAL	BASIC FUNDAMENTAL MOVEMENTS
COGNITIVE	COGNITIVE-PERCEPTUAL ABILITIES

HOW TO DRESS FOR THE FALL!

Please click below for helpful information on how to ensure your child is prepared for the outdoors. Especially this time of year, it is very important that children are dressed properly. This ensures they can fully participate in our program and that we can extend our time in nature.

Thank you all for your support!

STARTING OUTSIDE

CLICK HERE FOR THE DRESSING FOR FALL GUIDE

STARTING INSIDE

CLICK HERE FOR THE DRESSING FOR FALL GUIDE

TICK AWARENESS



It is important to check your children for ticks, especially on forest days!

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