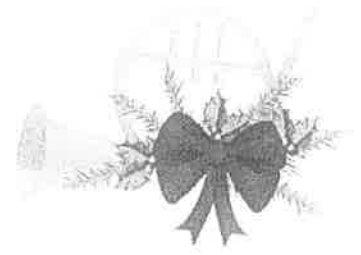




# Panther Press December 2015



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Y O U   A R E   T H E   H E R O   I N   T H I S   S T O R Y ! !

Students need:

To bring all their items for home and be prepared for their day

To pack their books, writing material, P.E. clothes so they are ready for rotary 2 classes at a time

Be the best they can in the class, on the playground and on the bus!

It has been a great progressing term full of learning and focusing on student behavior and expectations. The seasons are changing and it is important that students change into their indoor shoes from outdoors. This helps greatly with the cleanliness of our school as well as safety! Students are understanding the importance of being prepared for the day, their classes and rotary. We are looking forward to our presentation of "Sights and Sounds of the Seson", our winter break and the beginning of 2016 ! Any questions at all, please contact our office and we are happy to help!



Congratulations to our volleyball team members who represented our school and conducted themselves on and off the court, with respect and sportsmanship skills ! Lots of good compliments!

Special note to the Grade 4-8 students working on school behavior expectations! We have many students taking leadership, by reminding their peers of the rules!

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Best Wishes!

The Staff of Pelham Centre!

**Representatives @ Wreath Ceremony: Ella, Alison, Kaiden and Bryanna**



YOU are the HERO of this STORY.

# November

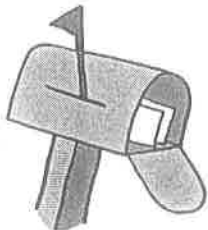


Our front hallway, continues to fill with a variety of student work each month. The theme until November 30th will be Remembrance Day. Our December student work will include December holiday items. When you are in the school, have a look at the great samples of talent!

The Grade 4 class wrote letters to Mr. Jackson. Here are three samples for you to read!

Thank you very much for coming to Pelham Centre. I'm sure that everyone including me enjoyed your stories and songs. This is so cool that you fought in a war. Your stories are super interesting. Thanks again for coming to Pelham Centre and making this the best Remembrance Day assembly I have had! Gage

Thank you for singing the songs and talking about being in WWII. You're very inspiring. You were very good in the assembly. You were an amazing soldier. I'm sad you lost an eye but I'm happy you survived. You are a very nice man and I hope you come next year. Have a nice day! Julien



You are awesome. I'm speechless! Can you come back again and sing again because you're awesome. Come back again. Marshall



We continue to gather pictures for our yearbook. If you have any volleyball pics we would like them please.

Send an email with your favourite pictures or your USB stick into the school with them all. Mrs. Furlong will sort through them. (Your USB will always be returned to you, if you label it with your name please) Any & all are appreciated! Thank you!! [nfurlong@cogeco.ca](mailto:nfurlong@cogeco.ca)

## Save The Date

When: **Wed. Dec. 16th 6:30 pm**

What: The Sights and Sounds of the Season



Price of Admission?

Thanks so much!



## A very special thanks to:

- Mrs. K. VanVliet for coordinating our Poinsettia Fundraiser
- Mrs. T. Reynolds for coordinating our Magazine Campaign
- School Council and hot lunch supervisors for adding so many activities to our school days
- Our student secretaries that look after the school during our breaks
- Our parents that drove our athletes to our Fall sports: Cross Country, Volleyball
- Our library and reading volunteer grandmothers and mothers
- Our milk monitors in every classroom
- Our spirit squad for their time and energy in planning events for us all!



We wish you a Merry Christmas

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

School is closed for the Winter Break :

December 21, 2015 to January 1, 2016

Classes resume: 8:45 am, Jan 4, 2016

The staff wish you a safe and wonderful holiday!



### Bus Education

Pelham Centre Public School hosted the K-3 E. W. Farr students on November 24, for the first part of the morning. The students participated in a highly engaging presentation about bus safety and etiquette. They also met Buster the Bus who was a 3-D automated bus that learned along with them.

Buster would spin and talk to the students about being a good rider. He was very engaging and the students loved him. When he was done his presentation, he backed up into his spot, parked, said his goodbyes, closed his eyes and had a nap!

### School Advisory Council

With the DSBN Parent Council Conference on the 4th, at Eden High School, our SAC and some Pelham parents attended and participated in the various workshops available.

The trade show is always a highlight for schools looking for new fundraising ideas.

We will continue to discuss needs of the school, fundraising updates and planning for the December 4th meeting @ 1:00 pm- 2:30 pm in the Pelham Centre Learning Commons.

We welcome interested parents/guardians to any of our meetings. Meeting agendas and minutes are posted on our school website for you to review. Please call the school if you would like further information or email Nadine Fur-



Then Grades 4 to 8 had a different presentation that was still linked to bus safety. They participated as two teams linked to the Para -Olympics! The Rios battled with the Athens in a competitive game show using buzzers and answering questions about the bus safety presented. The events included hurdles, archery, fencing and BMX. 100% of the students asked, remarked how fun and engaging the presentation was!

I loved the presentation because I liked it when we had to compete to learn! It took someone to decide what would be fun and learning at the same time! Evan, Grade 5

Riding the bus is character education in action!



## French Immersion Registration

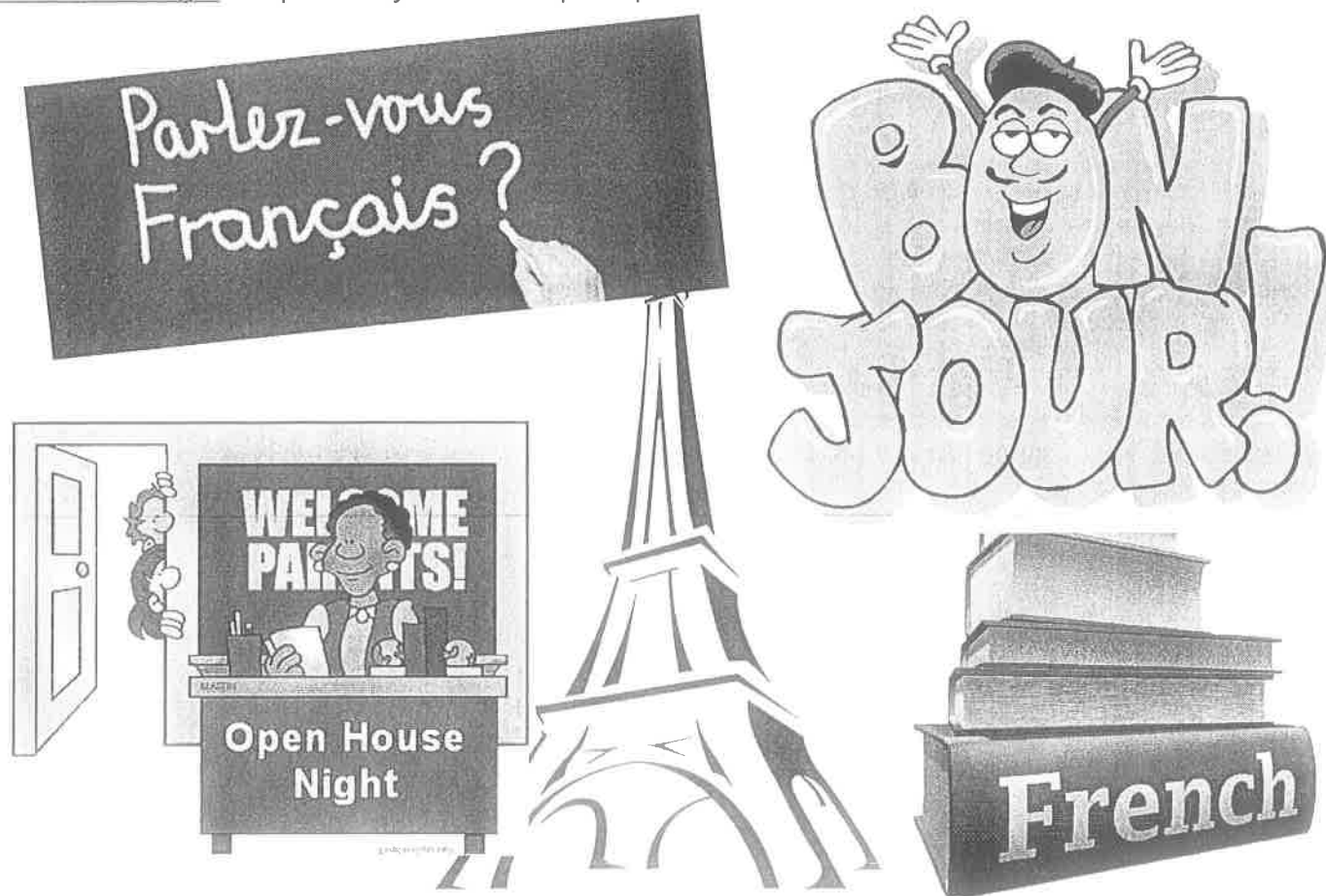
The French Immersion program (offered at French Immersion sites) is open to all students in Senior Kindergarten interested in enrolling for the 2016-2017 year. If you want your child to develop a high proficiency and fluency in Canada's two official languages, French Immersion has a great deal to offer.

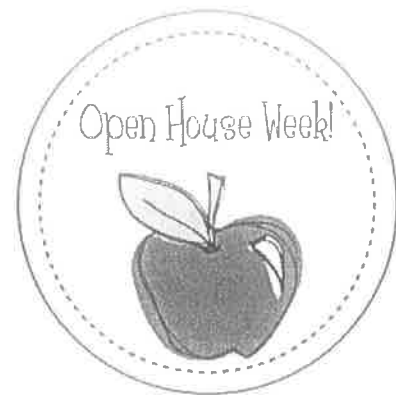
Features of the French Immersion program:

- Development of French language skills in speaking, listening, reading and writing from grades one to twelve;
- Designed to be a second language program for children whose first language is **NOT** French;
- Current enrolment of over 2,500 elementary students;
- Certificate of French Immersion Studies awarded upon successful completion of the elementary and secondary Immersion program;
- Promoting understanding of different cultures;
- Providing additional opportunities for employment using French as the working language;
- An increased ability to communicate and interact with confidence in French.

Registration will open January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 12:00 p.m. and will close February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

For more information about French Immersion in the District School Board of Niagara visit [www.dsbni.org/fi](http://www.dsbni.org/fi) or speak to your school principal.





Parent Information evening sessions will be held in January:

School	Information Evening Session
Dalewood French Immersion Public School Principal: Mme J. Tye Vice-Principal: Mme K. Kiemele 61 Duncan Drive, St Catharines, L2N 3P3	Wednesday, January 6, 2016, 6-7 p.m.
Garrison Road Public School Principal: Mr S. Webb Vice-Principal: Mr P. Stephenson 1110 Garrison Road, Fort Erie, L2A 1N9	Wednesday, January 6, 2016, 6-7 p.m.
Jeanne Sauvé French Immersion Public School Principal: Mme C. Sitko Vice-Principal: Mme P. McIntee 91 Bunting Road, St Catharines, L2P 3G8	Wednesday, January 6, 2016, 6-7 p.m.
Princess Elizabeth Public School Principal: Mme S. Niznik Vice-Principal: Mr B. Mayhew 330 Scholfield Ave, Welland, L3B 1P2	Wednesday, January 6, 2016, 6-7 p.m.
Gordon Public School Principal: Mr T. D'Alessandro Vice-Principal: Mr G. Watson 468 Thorold Rd. W, Welland, L3C 3W6	Thursday, January 7, 2016, 6-7 p.m.
Central Public School Principal: Mr M. Zeoli Vice-Principal: Mme J. Donato 10 Livingston Ave, Grimsby, L3M 1K7	Thursday, January 7, 2016, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
John Marshall Public School Principal: Mme J. Slade 3910 St. James Ave, Niagara Falls, L2J 2R3	Thursday, January 7, 2016, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
McKay Public School Principal: Mme R. Grenier Vice-Principal: Mme H. Hurd 320 Fielden Ave, Port Colborne, L3K 4T7	Wednesday, January 13, 2016, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

## Volley Ball Season Results



### Intermediate Girls Volleyball Team

The girls' volleyball team had a very good season this year. Their hard work, determination, and perseverance, helped them to solidify the Region 2 Consolation Championship as well as a spot in the DSBN Semi Final Match. I was very proud of all of their dedication and commitment to practise throughout the last couple of months as well as toward the achievement of a common team goal. They are truly an exemplary group of young athletes with a very bright future ahead!

Well done girls! Sincerely, Mr. Teal

Members of the team are listed below: Hannah D, Karlee M, Claire R, Jordan M, Jayda G, Mya N, Jenna C., Melanie, Ari J, Grace B. Thanks Coach Teal!

### Intermediate Boys Volleyball Team

The boys volleyball team has had a busy season. On Wed. Nov 18, the boys participated in the DSBN tournament. They played many close games and advanced to the quarter finals but unfortunately came up short to move on to the semi-finals. Nov 19th, the boys participated in the Area 2 playoffs. The boys played extremely hard but a few unfortunate breaks saw the team come up short of advancing on in the playoffs. The boys are congratulated for their dedication and commitment!

Great representation of sportsmanship and skill! Sincerely, Mr. Blacquiere  
Members of the team include:  
Carson S, Evan L, Jacob P, Billy B, Trent F, Tyler B, Chase B, Garret R, Kyle G, Nathan S., Tommy L, William G.  
Thank you Coach Blacquiere!

During his coaching time preparing for the volleyball tournament, Mr. Teal was hit in the back of the head with a volleyball. He suffered a concussion and is under medical care. Until his return, we welcome **Miss A. Arsenault**, as our Grade 7 homeroom teacher. Any questions about the Grade 7 program during this time, please contact Miss Arsenault by calling the school. We all wish Mr. Teal a speedy recovery!





## Bus Expectations At Pelham Centre Public School

Item	What's Expected From Students?	If expectations are not met?
<b>The Danger Zone</b>	Know that the zone is 10 steps around the bus Most dangerous: front, behind or if the bus driver cannot see you.	Education about safety on the bus Annually If you miss the presentation, a separate tutorial will be available.
<b>Steps for Crossing In Front of the Bus</b>	Get off the bus and turn left Take 10 steps forward Wait for the driver to signal that it is ok to cross to almost the centre of the road Stop, look and listen for traffic and danger If there is danger, the bus driver will honk the horn If it is safe, cross to the other side	Coaching Review of the rules
<b>Loading and Unloading the bus</b>	One person and one step at a time Say hello or good bye and thanks Use the handrail Always keep your personal items with you	Coaching Review of the rules
<b>Bus Etiquette and Seating</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• seats are designed to protect the rider</li> <li>• high backs, soft padding and closeness to each other make them the safest place</li> </ul>	Go to your assigned seat Face forward at all times Do not turn around in your seat Always stay seated  A food and snack- free ride avoids allergic reactions and choking hazards	Bus Driver reports students changing seats, excessive noise, and being a distraction on the bus Report 1, 2 : Coaching Review of the rules , call home Report 3: Parent meeting and warning about being removed from the bus for a period of time Report 4: Off bus for a decided time
<b>Respect</b> Bus Driver Riders Self	Audible voice Use of manners at all times Respect for all the riders	Report 1, 2 : Coaching Review of the rules , call home Report 3: Parent meeting and warning about being removed from the bus for a period of time Report 4: Off bus for a decided time
<b>Bullying</b> Verbal, Physical, Group	Be complimentary Keep feet tucked in No Body Contact Sit in your assigned seat	No Tolerance Off bus for a decided time



During our Q & A with all staff on our PA Day, we agreed that students need a list of expectations! In our assembly with students, these were presented and its been a changed climate ever since!

## What's Expected At Pelham Centre Public School

Item	What's Expected From Students?	If expectations are not met?
<b>Respect</b> All staff Occasional Teachers Support Staff Lunch Supervisors Guests Students	<u>Respectful voice</u> Volume/Tone No arguing No back talk <u>Respectful Body Language</u> No eye rolling No gestures <u>Respectful Words</u> Please Thank you Excuse me Sorry	Coaching Time Out Detentions Parent Contact Removal of Privileges Suspensions
<b>Body</b>	No Body Contact (NBC)	Coaching Time Out Detentions Parent Contact Removal of Privileges Suspensions
<b>Dress Code</b>	Hats off in the school Cleavage covered Shorts/Skirts appropriate Length Belly buttons covered Butts/Underwear/Bra straps covered Tank tops with tight arm holes Appropriate Sayings Backpacks neatly on hook	Coaching Opportunities to change (school t-shirt) Parent Contact Removal of Privileges Suspensions
<b>Transition Times</b>	<b>Movement</b> Quick Organized (single file, right side of hall) Lines Quiet Walking Timing Students are arriving at the next class when the bell is ringing Pack for two classes at a time	Reminders Coaching Detention Late Slip Loss of privileges
<b>Cell Phones</b> <b>Ipod Touch</b> <b>Cameras</b> <b>Electronic Devices</b>	All devices OFF all day (8:45-3:15) unless authorized by the teacher for specific in-class use	Item is removed from student Name on item and handed in at the office Parent/Adult to pick up Will be kept in safekeeping