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HAPPY
NEW YEAR
2016

D I S T R I C T S C H O O L B O A R D O F N I A G A R A

YOU ARE THE HERO IN THIS STORY!!

Students need:

- Outdoor wear
- Indoor shoes
- Warm clothing
- Large cereal boxes in Grade 4
- To use Dreambox at home for 2 hours a week
- To continue to be safe on the bus and on our playground



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January 2016

Happy New Year! We continue to complete our Term 1 and the report cards will be issued on Feb 5th. This seems unbelievable that the time is flying and we are at this point. For the snow lovers its been a disappointing season, for others, the weather is a true gift.

Our school focus for these next few months will be on Mathematics. We are particularly interested if students understand language in a mathematics setting and know what to do! How do we know that our students are understanding?

We will keep you posted on our teaching and learning!

If you have any questions please contact us! We are here to help!



Thanks, S. Lawrence



MADD was sponsored by the LCBO to provide schools with a trained person to speak to young people about driving under the influence. At the end of the assembly, Emily spoke eloquently to the Grade 7 and 8 classes about her personal experience involving a drunk driver. It was brave of her to share and emotional for everyone as well! Emily and Ella then signed the van!

Message: Take the Pledge to Drive Safe and Sound



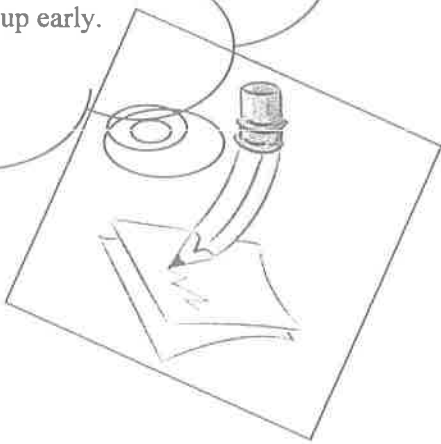
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KEEP CALM AND BUY CANDY CANE GRAMS

Thank you to the Child Family for organizing this event. The candy grams were a hit!

Student safety is our priority. Please remember to sign in at the office when picking up or dropping off your child. When you call ahead, we make every effort to have your child ready if you are picking them up early. Thank you!



When a weather alert is given due to high winds or extreme cold temperatures outdoors, the students stay inside for fitness breaks. They can be involved in a sports practice, or a time for playing board games or drawing with friends. Some choose to complete classroom assignments too!



Our school dance profits were sent to the Education Foundation of Niagara and put towards the purchase of a coat for a child. We sent in \$60!
Every little bit makes a difference!



We continue to gather pictures for our yearbook. If you have any that we could use we would like them please.

Send an email with your favourite pictures attached or send in your USB stick to the school with them stored on it! 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

DSBN Academy
Parent Information Sessions

Area 2 Thursday, January 7 6:30-7:30, Diamond Trial for Welland

Wednesday January 13
6:30-7:30, McKay for Port Colborne

Open House: Jan 21
6:30-8, DSBN Academy



District School Board of Niagara

Where can I find out about school closures? Information about transportation changes and school closures will be available on the websites, radio and television stations before 6:00 am on the day of the cancellation. Please do not phone the school for transportation or school closure information.

Suggestions: 105.7 EZ ROCK, 600 CHML

DSBN Website



School Advisory Council

We will continue to discuss needs of the school, fundraising updates and planning for the Friday February 5th meeting @ 9:00 am– 10:30 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 Furlong (nfurlong@cogeco.ca)



Immunization Record Review: Is Your Child's Vaccination Record Up to Date?

The *Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA)*, Amending Reg. 645 of R.R.O. 1990, requires Public Health to collect and maintain immunization records for all school-aged children in Niagara. At the beginning of December 2015, letters were mailed to parents/legal guardians of elementary and secondary school students who have **incomplete immunization records on file at Public Health**.

If you received this **Immunization Notice** in the mail (blue form) please ensure that you provide the required immunization information to Public Health in order to avoid suspension from school. Suspension will take effect in May 2016. If you have any questions or concerns, we encourage you to call the Vaccine Preventable Disease program at **1-888-505-6074** or

905-688-8248 ext. 7425

Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



Safety First!

Perhaps you have heard from the students something about “**walk and talk**” fitness breaks. This is something that we have tried this year when the grounds are especially wet, the playing field is slippery and difficult to play on, or fresh air would be great, but the usual play areas are not appropriate to be on due to workers felling trees or doing maintenance at the same time as our fitness break. Students are being supervised outdoors yet they are asked to walk and talk instead of game playing. The tarmac is a small place for our 140 students to be mobile with balls bouncing around everyone. So this time is spent playing hand games, visiting with their peers, or playing mental math/word games. It's all for “safety sake”!

Did you know that we have also had 12 confirmed cases of concussion since school began? We are also instructing sending player to get eye contact with the receiving player before a ball is passed. Teachers and students are hit daily by students passing freely and not checking to ensure someone knows the ball is coming. We continue to set the weekly goal of no concussions. Active supervision by teachers continues and first aid is provided as needed!

Bus Safety has improved. Students are encouraged to report to the office, any concerns on the buses daily. They can also let the bus driver know that there is a problem on the bus.

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;

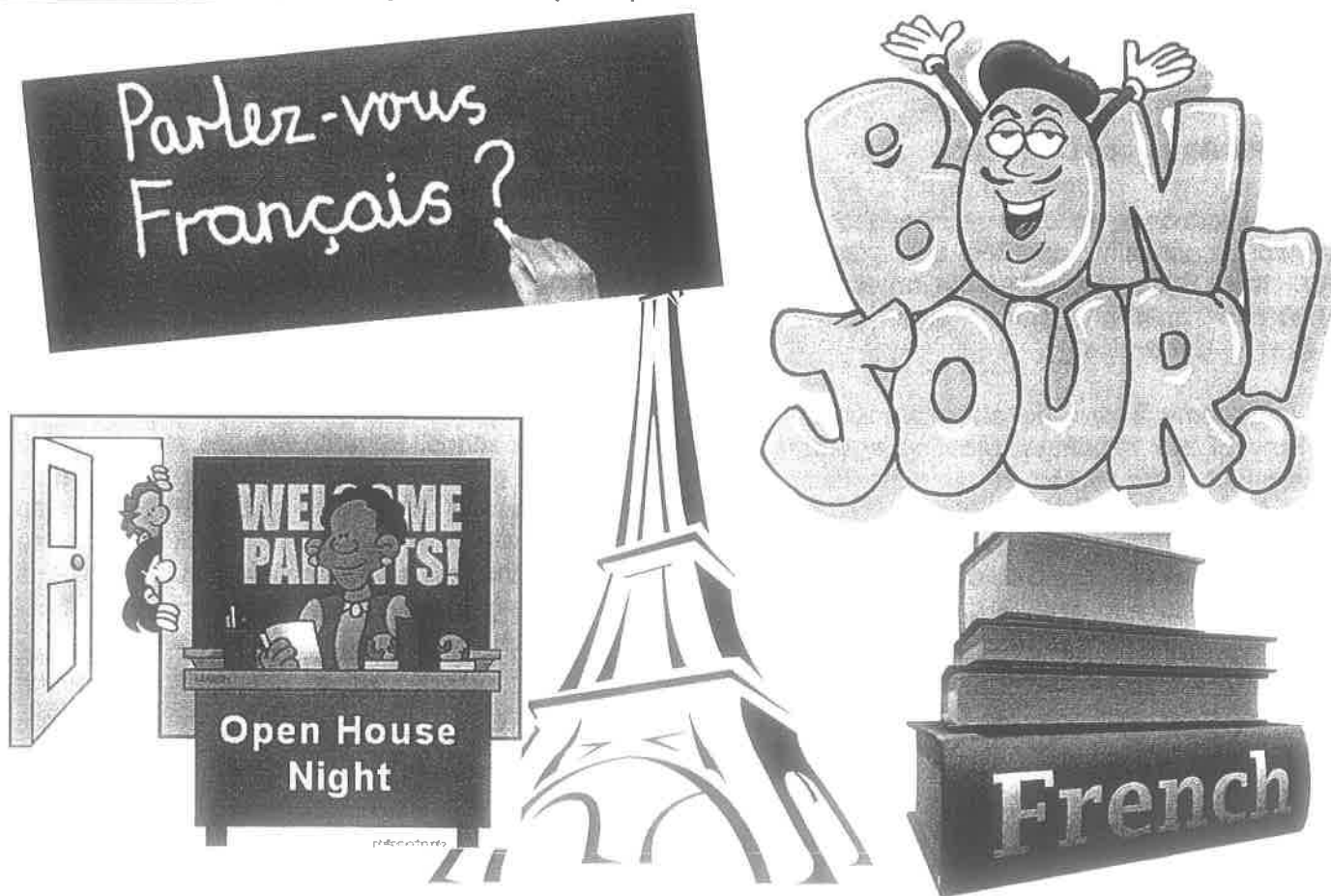
Promoting understanding of different cultures;

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 4th, 2016 at 12:00 p.m. and will close February 16th, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

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





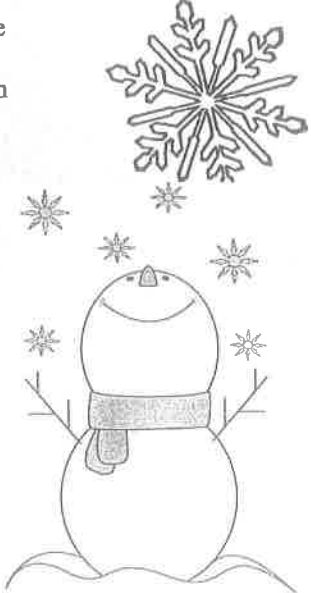
Parent Information evening sessions will be held in January:

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.



Pelham Centre Public School

Expectations on Snowy / Icy Days

Item	What's Expected From Students?	If expectations are not met?
Snow /Ice	No Throw Snow /Ice Sliding on ice patches could lead to head injuries	Education about snow safety annually Consequences include: Reminders
Snow Wrestling	No Body Contact	Coaching Time Out Detention
Snow Creations	Respect each others' creations Destroy what you have made only Plan to recreate a creation on the next break or next day Snow remains on the ground	Removal of Privileges Parent Contact Sent Home Suspension
Dress For Snow	Snow pants & coat, boots, mitts, hats	
Playground Equipment	Playground is closed December to April for safety reasons. Stay OFF due to ice and snow	Ideas included from Grade 6 students (2016)

