



March 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

Students need:

Dress for the weather especially for seasonal changes

Dreambox at home: Unit twice a week (Grades 4,5,6:)

To continue to be safe on the bus and on our playground

Enjoy March
Break: 14-18



Grade 6 and 7 classes are writing a mid-year EQAO practice test. We observe the students test taking behaviours so we can better support them in their learning. As well, we wonder how many students: use math tools; ask to have the questions read to them; reread the questions; handle multiple choice questions and retain information learned a year later? Our students are doing a great job during this time. Your questions are very welcomed and greatly appreciated.

Grade 6s are scheduled to write the provincial testing between May 24 and June 3.



When the Niagara River Lions came to PC for a spirit assembly with the upcoming game, the players threw mini stress basketballs to the students. It was heartening when a younger student missed her toss and Mason gave his stress ball to her. Being kind and thoughtful is a great character trait to have everyday!

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Fenwick Lions Speech Competition

Our intermediate students had an oral speaking contest in our gymnasium to select a representative for the Fenwick Lions Speech Competition this week. Grade 8 student, Spencer K performed very well and should be congratulated for his participation. He ended up placing second and will be moving on to the Port Colborne Lions Competition on March 6. Good luck to both Specer and Hannah as they compete at the Fonthill Legion on Sunday, February 28th.



Please continue to encourage your grade 4,5,6 student(s) to complete a lesson in Dreambox twice a week! We are finding that students have begun a few lessons and they need to go back and complete each one. Our goal is for all our students to complete their current grade level that they are working in and all the strands from now until June!
 You can do this Panthers!

**Be the change
 that
 you want to see**



encourage
 instruct
 GO TO IT
TEACH
 THE NEXT DAY
 influence
 inspire

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March 22:

Graduation Photos



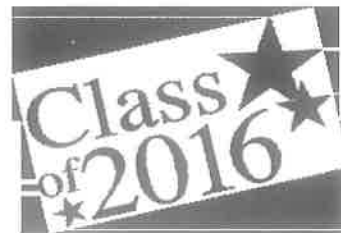
What Makes Someone Exceptional?

Pink Shirt Day Assembly was held on February 24th. by all staff and students. We talked and role-played about verbal, physical and cyberbullying. The assembly ended with a video of Nick V: No Limbs! How can we be the change on the playground, on the bus, in our school, in our community and in our world?



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



Graduation

Tuesday, June 28

Early Evening

Details to follow ~





The elementary school year calendar has been tweaked slightly. As a result, your children will get to enjoy a **PA Day on Friday, April 15, 2016**. We'll also send out a quick reminder closer to the date, but wanted to give you a heads up so you can begin planning. If your children currently access before and/or after school care, your provider will contact you with information about availability closer to the date.

April 24th
DSBN Road Race
 Applications for race or
 volunteering?
 See Mme Corbeil



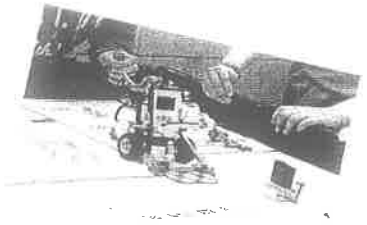
School Advisory Council

We will continue to discuss needs of the school, fundraising updates and planning at the meeting Friday, April 1 @ 9:00 -10:30 am 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)



Lego Robotics



On Feb 19, two teams of students, one junior and the other intermediate, went to the Lego Robotics Competition at Brock University for the day. Their day was a real successful one where they cooperatively performed 4 one-hour challenges for robots to tap trees, fish for lobster, dig for diamonds and feed animals bales of hay (inspired by regions in Canada). Both teams achieved well over 200 points each and were contenders in every event! We are particularly proud of our exceptional Panther behavior. The teamwork that was demonstrated as well as much persistence working on every challenge as they strived to gain more and more team points! Mrs. Bench would like to thank Mrs. Lawrence and all teachers who did their fantastic part to make our day possible for our students. A huge thanks is extended to Mr. Blacquiere for helping prepare them with fully charged and loaded Netbooks programmed with their NXT Program. Also a shout out to all the parent drivers for their support! Our junior team members were: Robert, Blaine, Coleby and Alex. Our intermediate team members were: Chase, Spencer, Zach and Wyatt.

Niagara River Lions Basketball

@ Meridian Centre



We were thrilled to have 63 Panthers attending the Niagara River Lions Basketball Game at the Meridian Centre in St. Catharines! Our Anthem singers were proudly representing our school and we thank you all! Our Anthem Singers were: Alyssa, Bryanna, Marshall, Sam, Caitlyn K, Cole, Sydney, her sister Claire and brother Brook, Belen, Mason, Jackson, Emma R and Jake. Way To Go Panthers! Mrs. Bench, Lauryn Bench, Mrs. Brennan and Mrs. Lawrence met all anthem singers at 5:45 pm in the lobby and sang with the children while we waited for our time to sing. We wore our Pelham Panthers shirts. We warmed up our singing voices, played hand and rhythm games and watched the players warm up as well. We met the coach of the team, Mr. Murray; the trainer of the team as well as the cheerleaders! Members of the team came by to high-five us all! What a ROARING time we all had!



School Lunches

Let's do Lunch!

MAKING SAFE LUNCHES AT HOME

Packing lunches for school takes time and energy but taking the time to follow these tips could prevent a food-borne illness in your family.

CLEAN

Wash your hands for 20 seconds with soap and warm water before preparing any meal. Make sure you routinely clean countertops, utensils and any lunchboxes or lunch bags. Raw fruits or vegetables can be contaminated with bacteria. Wash them with clean water and a scrub brush before eating.

KEEP COLD FOOD COLD

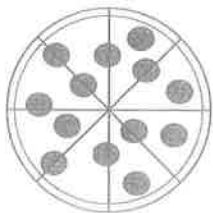
Foods like meat, chicken, seafood, eggs and dairy products must stay cold to stay safe. Use frozen freezer packs to keep food at or below 4C (40F). Use an insulated lunch box/bag and keep it away from heat sources. Place freezer packs between food that needs to stay cold. Refrigerate items the night before to get your lunch box/bag off to a cool start.

KEEP HOT FOOD HOT

Hot food must stay hot at above 60C (140F). Use insulated containers and keep them closed until ready to eat, or take your food cold and reheat it in a microwave.

Please keep in mind that any leftover food items coming home in your child's back pack can carry bacteria or have the ability to support bacterial growth. These bacteria can grow rapidly to harmful levels when food safety precautions are not followed. If these items have not been properly stored, place them in your green bin, do not consume them.

The grade 8 students are working hard to provide pizza days. We are very happy when the smell of pizza fills the halls and the slices are hot! We also like our ice cream sandwiches! Thanks to Mr. Bruzzese and your students for collecting the money, organizing the order and the clean-up crew! Well done!



We appreciate our Hot Lunch Parent Teams and our student hot lunch teams. We look forward to this every week! Many thanks!



We love our milk every day at Nutrition Break. Thanks so much!

