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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

June is finally here and I continue to be amazed at the resilience, perseverance, and hard work of our school community. Thank you to every member of our team - students, parents, staff, and community members!

As we enter the home stretch of the school year, many significant events will appear on your calendars, including track and field meets, graduation, and end-of-year field trips. It is important to keep a close eye on calendars as they get very busy at this time of year. Please remember to check the calendar on the school website for updates and events. We are looking forward to a lot of fun and learning during the next month of school.

CONGRATULATIONS MS. WALMA!

Congratulations to Ms. Walma, our Lunchroom Supervisor, as she will be retiring from the DSBM at the end of the school year. On behalf of the staff, students, and parents that she has had an impact on at Ontario, we wish you all the best. Happy retirement!

PLANNING FOR 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

In order to assist us with making the best decisions possible with respect to class organization and student placements for Ontario Public School for the 2023/2024 school year, we would appreciate if you would let the office know if your family is planning to move over the summer months. Also, if you know of a family moving into our Ontario community, please encourage them to register as soon as possible. Providing us with this information in the spring will also facilitate transportation arrangements for September.

As we continue to grow, we are excited to announce that Mrs. Susan Plat will be our new Vice Principal here at Ontario. She is currently our Instructional Coach so many of our students are already familiar with her. Additionally, we will be granted another half time secretary to help Ms. Swartz in the office.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

PRIDE Month.....	All June
Indigenous History Month.....	All June
PRIDE Flag raised daily starting ...	June 1
Intermediate 3-Pitch Tournament.	June 1
Grade 1&1/2 Trip.....	June 2
Grade 2, 2/3 & 3 Trip	June 5
District Track & Field	June 6
Grade 5/6 & 6/7 Trip.....	June 7
Grade 7& 8 Vaccination Clinic	June 8
Pizza Day.....	June 8
PD Day	June 9
Primary Track & Field.....	June 13
Hotdog Day.....	June 14
Play Day (Gr 1-8).....	June 15
Gr 7 & 8 Trip	June 16
Grad lunch	June 19
Gr 8 Graduation	June 20
Dance A Thon	June 21
National Indigenous Peoples Day	June 21
Junior 3-Pitch Tournament.....	June 22
Pizza Day.....	June 22
Kinder Mudder	June 23
Report Cards go home.....	June 27
Talent Show	June 27
Year End Assembly	June 28
Pita Pit Day	June 28
Talent Show	June 29
Last Day of School	June 29

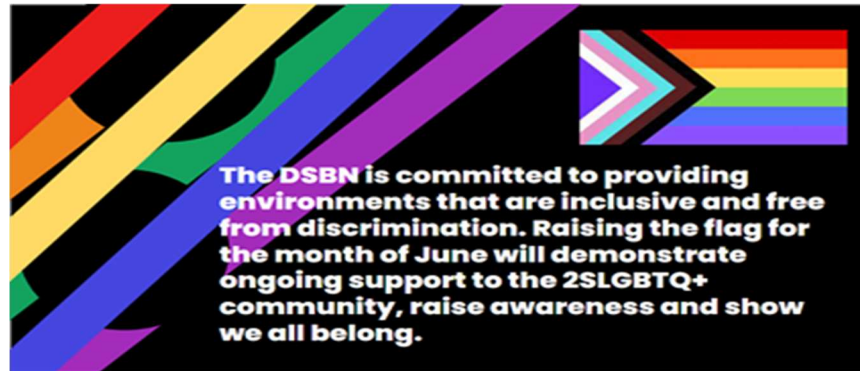


**I Matter
At DSBM**

PA DAY-FRIDAY, JUNE 9TH DSBN SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED

Teachers will be engaged in assessment and evaluation activities during this day.

JUNE IS PRIDE MONTH



EXTRA-CURRICULARS UPDATES

Thank you to our staff that are currently running the following clubs and extra-curricular teams. Also, a shout out to our parents and our volunteer drivers that allow our teams to compete in our tournaments and track meets!

Activity	Day of the Cycle and Meeting Time	Grades for Student Involvement	Teacher Supervisor
Track and Field	Group 3-June 6 DSBN Meet – June 14 (at Welland Centennial)	Grades 4-8 that have qualified	Mrs. Garrett
Co-Ed 3-Pitch	<u>Tournaments</u> Intermediates (Grade 7 and 8) on June 1 Junior (Grades 4-6) June 22 Both at Memorial Park-Welland	Intermediates – Grades 7-8 Junior - Grades 4 - 6	Mrs. Hansen (Jr) Mr. Kraus (Int)

A 'THANK YOU' TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

As we are head into the final month of school, we would like to thank all of our parents and community members that volunteer their own time to make Ontario a great place to be. We have had a number of volunteers support our students and staff, from supporting our grad lunch, to volunteer drivers, to supervising school trips. Thank you to each and every one of you for supporting these opportunities for our students!

CLASS PLACEMENTS 2023-2024

The staffing process for a new school year always continues through the remainder of the school year and often requires “fine tuning” during the first weeks of September. The teachers assigned to each class and class organizations have not been finalized at this point. When we organize classes, a great deal of consideration goes into the placement of students for the next year. The staff takes into account the children’s needs in order to provide an appropriate academic and social environment. Families will receive notification of their child’s class placement by Friday, September 1, 2023.

TALENT SHOW AUDITIONS

Ontario’s Got Talent is back! We will hold auditions during breaks starting May 30. Teachers will connect with interested students to assign audition times. If your child is interested in showcasing their talent, please ensure they are preparing an audition piece. The talent show will take place on Tuesday, June 27, 2023.

PARKING/DROP OFF

We are thankful that we have seen an increase in parents walking to pick up their children at the school as it eliminates traffic. We know our parking lot doesn't even have enough spots for staff currently and this makes pick up difficult by car. Unfortunately, the school was only designed for students walking or coming by bus. If your child is eligible for bus transportation, please consider this option. We'd appreciate it.

GRADE 8 GRADUATION – SAVE THE DATE

We are excited to announce our Grade 8 Graduation will be held on the evening of Tuesday, June 20 at the school. Our ceremony will begin at 6:00 pm followed by a reception and photo opportunity. We look forward to honouring the Ontario class of 2023 with the families of our graduates. Additional details will continue to be shared with the families of our graduating class.

TRACK AND FIELD UPDATES

Congratulations to our Knights that have qualified to move on to the Group 2 meet that will be held on Tuesday, June 6 at Welland Centennial Secondary School. We wish them all the best and are excited to see if some of our athletes qualify for the DSBN Meet (on June 14) based on their performance at the Group 2 meet. Go Knights Go!

DSBN INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM

The graphic features a background of musical notes and instruments. A large yellow banner in the center reads "DSBN INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM". Below it, a blue banner says "Looking for FUN & AFFORDABLE music lessons right in your child's school?". At the bottom, another blue banner states "Registration is now open for 2023-2024". A small box at the bottom right says "For more information visit neimusic.com".

Are you interested in having your child learn to play a musical instrument? The DSBN Instrumental Music Program is back in person for the 2023-2024 school year. These music lessons are affordable and convenient. The music program runs from the 3rd week of September until the last week of May. Each student will receive approximately 60 lessons (two per week): one group lesson during school hours and one after-school band/orchestra rehearsal. Registration is open for the fall to students entering Grades 3-7 in September. No experience necessary! Please visit neimusic.com for more info and to register.

DSBN eFLYERS

Many community events and activities are posted on the DSBN eFlyers website. I encourage you to take a look, on occasion, to ensure you do not miss any community events that might be of interest to you or your family. To view the eFlyers, please follow the simple instructions:

1. Log onto our website: www.dsbn.org
2. Click on "Community" tab
3. Click on "eFlyer Request" and you may browse through the 'Recent eFlyers' to find offerings from a variety of community organizations.

SCHOOL PROPERTY, THE PLAYGROUND AND THE OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

Now that the warm weather has arrived, we seek your cooperation in reducing school vandalism. If you notice any vandalism or damages to DSBN schools or properties and are looking to report it, please call Password Protection Services. The phone number is 1-800-561-3099. Once notified, they will then contact the appropriate personnel at DSBN and the issues will be dealt with in a timely manner. Thank you for your support in keeping our school and community safe and for your help in keeping our building safe for when our students return!

THE BAGEL OVEN

The Bagel Oven fundraiser started off with great success. In the first week, we have sold 100 cards. You may continue to purchase the cards through the month of June on School Cash online. As well, you can come into the school office between 8:15 a.m.-4 p.m. We cannot thank this community-minded business enough. For those that missed the email this week, we are selling punch cards for \$30. Each punch card entitles the purchaser to a 6 pack of bagels each month for a year. Not only are the bagels delicious, for every 15 cards we sell we will raise enough money to purchase a Chromebook for the school.

INDIGO ADOPT A SCHOOL PROGRAM

Ontario Public School is excited to announce that we have been selected to participate in the 2023 program. This is a partnership between Indigo Love of Reading Foundation and Indigo Books & Music Inc. Between September 10th and October 1, the program will run at the Coles Pen Centre location. We are thankful for this opportunity as funds raised will help with purchases for our school library. More information will be sent out in September about this event.

SNACK BINS – NIAGARA NUTRITION PARTNERS

The last week of our snack bins will be the week of June 20, 2022. At this time, we would like to thank Niagara Nutrition Partners for supporting our snack bin program.

LEARNING COMMONS UPDATES

The second week of June marks the last week that students will be able to check out books from our library collection for the school year. All library books will be due on Monday, June 12. Starting Wednesday, June 14, we will be following up with students who have overdue or lost library books. Please make every effort to return our books so that we can all continue to enjoy them in the future. Thank you!

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Our final Ontario School Advisory Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 6 at 7pm. Please join us at this final meeting as we discuss the end of the year and ideas for the next school year. Please email me if you would like the Teams link. We would like to thank our parents who attended the School Advisory Council meetings throughout the 2022-2023 school year. We would also like to thank our chair, Alicia Dawson for accepting this role. Also, a huge 'thank you' to Wendy Marshall for taking on the role of secretary.

DSBN SOCIAL WORKER SUPPORT AVAILABLE

Do you have questions about your child's mental health and well-being, such as anxiety, behaviour, or self-harm?

Do you need support in accessing supports in the community?

Do you need advice for setting goals to help with regular school attendance?

Do you have any questions or looking for support regarding a certain aspect of parenting?

If these are some questions that you have, please speak with your child's teacher or Mrs. Falardeau. All DSBN schools work with a DSBN Social Worker who supports families to provide an additional layer of support to help our students and families achieve success.

THE NOSE KNOWS: NO SCENTS MAKES SENSE

Scented products have chemicals that can cause health reactions in people with asthma, migraines, allergies, or environmental sensitivities. Please help keep our air breathable for everyone and use unscented or scent reduced products where possible. Woodland is a Scent-Reduced Environment. Some staff and students have a sensitivity to odours, smells, and scents. Please do not wear, or send your child with, perfume, cologne, after shave, or scented body lotion into the school.

ANAPHYLAXIS – BE NUT AWARE!

Anaphylaxis is a severe and potentially life-threatening reaction to certain food substances. We have students in our school that suffer from a severe allergy which can cause an anaphylactic reaction. An anaphylactic reaction is an allergic reaction so severe

that in some cases, it can be life threatening. These children have a severe allergy to nuts. Prevention is the best approach. Therefore, we ask your cooperation in not sending any snacks or lunches containing nut products with your child.

STAY INFORMED AND CONNECTED

In our busy lives, events can sometimes be overlooked. Technology allows us multiple ways to connect with families. The following is a list of ways we use to connect with families to ensure all families are aware of the many events happening throughout the year.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Please take some time to visit the Ontario Public School website. Our website includes current newsletters, school calendars, code of conduct, school council information, a school year calendar, classroom websites, and bell times.

SCHOOL MESSENGER - Using the School Messenger program, all families will receive emails with information that needs to be shared with the whole community. If you are not receiving these emails, please check your contact information with the office to ensure we have the most current information.

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER - All newsletters will be posted to the school website and sent via School Messenger through email on the first school day of the new month.