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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

When parents are engaged in their child's learning, the child will do better at school. With this in mind, November is an excellent time to reflect on how we are working together to support your child's learning.

All students will receive their Progress Report Card on Thursday, November 17, marking the mid-way point for Term 1. Please take some time to review, with your child, their strengths and next steps that have been identified in the progress report. On the evening of November 24, you will have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress to date during the parent-teacher conferences. Information will come out shortly in regards to booking a time. If you have any concerns or questions at other times, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher. If you require 2 copies of your child's report card, please let the office or your child's teacher know.

DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER

As cooler weather approaches, please be aware that children are expected to be dressed appropriately for the weather conditions every day. Coats, hats, boots and mittens/gloves are soon going to be necessary for your child to enjoy the outdoor fitness breaks and gym classes. Students will continue to have gym classes outside during this time. Students that are well enough to be at school are expected to be outside with their friends during fitness breaks as indoor supervision is not available during this time.

ONTARIO SCHOOL CALENDAR AND DAYS OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Ontario Public School calendar is available on the school website. In addition to our school events, you will find a link to the DSGN Days of Significance calendar on the first of each month. [Click here](#) for more information about the DSGN Days of Significance calendar.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Treaties Recognition Week.....	Nov. 6
Ontario Photo Retake Day	Nov. 8
Indigenous Veteran's Day.....	Nov. 8
Remembrance Day	Nov. 11
Pizza Orders sent home.....	Nov. 14
Progress Reports Home.....	Nov. 17
Pizza Orders due!!	Nov. 21
Pizza Day	Nov. 24
Interview Evening	Nov. 24
PA Day.....	Nov. 25

PA DAY

Friday, November 25 has been designated as a PA Day for the District School Board of Niagara.



KINDERGARTEN COMMUNICATION OF LEARNING: INITIAL OBSERVATIONS AND THE ELEMENTARY PROGRESS REPORT – GRADES 1-8

On November 17, students in Kindergarten will bring home the Communication of Learning Initial Observations report. This provides parents/guardians with an overview of the initial observations of their child's learning and early evidence of growth in learning related to the overall expectations in the Kindergarten Program. It also provides information about appropriate next steps to further your child's learning. It serves as the basis for discussion with parents/guardians and as a support for parents'/guardians' ongoing participation in their child's learning.

Also, on November 17, parents of students in Grades 1-8 will receive their Elementary Progress Reports. Although it looks much like the Report Card, the Progress Report has a very different intent. The purpose is to share early and specific feedback on your child's development of work habits and the learning skills. Reporting on the Progress Report is about looking forward and setting a course for the learning journey ahead.

Based on the evidence that teachers see, as well as what teachers know about learning at this grade level, the report communicates the path your child is on towards achieving the grade level expectations by the end of the year. The Progress Report does not include letter grades or percentage marks for academic subjects; it instead identifies whether your child is progressing very well, well or with difficulty. For subjects in which your child is 'Progressing with Difficulty', the teacher will discuss specific next step plans needed for success. Progress reports are intended to be part of discussions, interviews, or conferences with students and are part of ongoing communication with parents and students about student achievement throughout the year.

We look forward to partnering with you and your child for a year of great learning and growth.

REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

On Friday, November 11, the students at Ontario will participate in a Remembrance Day assembly and will recognize a moment of silence. We would like to take this opportunity to honour all of the family and friends of our school community that have given of themselves to serve Canada. If you have a family member that you would like to honour during our assembly, please submit a photo (in uniform if possible) with the following information: name of the student, name of veteran or person currently serving and relationship to the student, rank (if known), years of service (if known), any other relevant information you are willing to share. Please send this information and pictures to Jennifer.Gaudreault@dsbn.org. This information is due by November 8 to be included in the assembly. At this time, the assembly will be limited to students and staff at Ontario.

TREATIES RECOGNITION WEEK

Ontario has designated November 6-12, 2022 as Treaties Recognition Week with the goal of promoting education and awareness about treaties and treaty relationships. DSBN joins with other school boards across Ontario in encouraging schools to support learning about treaties as an important aspect of our province's history. I encourage our families to take a few minutes to view the video "[Voices from Here](#)" with Rick Hill. For more information on treaties, go to <https://www.ontario.ca/page/treaties>.

LATEX ALLERGY

This is just a friendly reminder not to send any latex products like balloons to school. We have a staff member with a severe anaphylactic allergy to latex. Thank you for your co-operation.

PIZZA DAY – Nov. 24

We will be having our first Pizza Day on Thursday November 24. Individual pizza orders will be due to the school on Monday November 21. Each slice will be \$1.00. With such a large order we can't accept any late orders. Pizza order forms will be sent home the week on Nov. 14th. Thank you!

IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES

There are times in Niagara when weather conditions are so poor that we must cancel student transportation, and/or close schools to preserve the safety of students and staff. The decision to cancel transportation and/or close schools is not taken lightly; a variety of factors are considered when making this choice. To learn more about how these decisions are made, please go to <https://www.dsbns.org/inclementweather>.

Transportation Cancellations:

Information about transportation delays and cancellations are posted to <https://portal.nsts.ca/Cancellations.aspx>. When transportation is cancelled, every effort is made to communicate the decision by 6:00 am on the day of the cancellation. There are times when transportation is cancelled, but schools remain open. If, on those days you feel it is best for your child to stay home, please report your child's absence <https://dsbn.org/safearrival/> so we can make sure they are safe at home.

School Closures:

When the decision to close schools is made, it refers to all schools. Every effort will be made to share school closure information before 6:00 am on the day of the school closure. You will find it on dsbn.org, all school websites, DSBNS social media, and local media share the news widely as well.

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.

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

School Cash Online is a safe, reliable portal that will ensure the security of your information. The system is already active. You are able to gain access through the School Cash button which has been placed on our school website. We are asking that you click on the button and follow the simple instructions to register. Registration should take less than five minutes. If you registered last year, you do not need to register again!

If you require some assistance registering for School Cash Online, please visit the office and we will be happy to help you get started.

EXTRA-CURRICULARS UPDATES

We are looking forward to offering a variety of extra-curricular opportunities for our Knights during the 2022-2023 school year. Here is what is currently being offered!

Activity	Day of the Cycle and Meeting Time	Grades for Student Involvement	Teacher Supervisor
Intermediate Boys and Girls Volleyball	Games Tuesdays and Thursday Tournament Date to be determined	Grades 7 - 8	Mrs. Garrett / Mr. Gill
Junior / Intermediate House League Volleyball	To Be Determined – Stay tuned for more details	Grades 4 - 8	Mrs. Thaler / Mr. Kraus

SUPERVISION REMINDERS

Your child's safety is very important to us at Ontario. In order to help us keep your child safe, we ask that you keep in mind the supervision schedule for students. Supervision for students begins at 8:45 am. **Students should not be arriving at school prior to 8:45, as supervision is not provided prior to that time.** When there is inclement weather, students will enter the school to wait for the 9:05 am bell.

STUDENT RECOGNITION – RESPONSIBILITY

During the month of October, Ontario PS students were recognized for their work as a learner for their learning skills and/or academics, as an individual for their character traits, and as a community member for contributing to the school and/or classroom. October's character trait was "Responsibility". The following students were recognized:

October Student of the Month: Responsibility

K1 - Kraus	Vasilisa T, Isla B, Sammy R,	Gr. 3	Easton M, Kabir D, Miya W
K2- Phillips	Charlotte S, Auden F, Philip A	Gr. 4	Sparsh P, Ebo A, Lili N
K3-Lirantzis	Arsh P, Sammy B, Aditri M	Gr. 5	Yara Y, Paige S
Gr. 1 -T	Faye D, Connor H, Jiho L	Gr. 5/6	Sarah G, Emma H-O, Emma S, Rileigh G
Gr. 1 - G	Anthony M, Nesim J	Gr. 6/7	Golan Y, Darshi P, DJ Van D,
Gr. 1/2	Maya U, Eddie J	Gr. 7	Esi A, Niles S, Eli T
Gr. 2	Mickey B, Isabella F, Louane G, Charlie R	Gr. 8	Ayesha B, Shianne S, Jackson M
Gr. 2/3	Mariam H, Keenan B		

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 - Ontario.dsb.org

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. Our website also includes the most recent Facebook posts and Tweets.

SCHOOL MESSENGER - Using the School Messenger program, all families will receive an email on Sunday afternoon (Monday's on a long weekend) with reminders about events for the upcoming week. 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.