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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Every year with the beginning of June, I begin my personal and professional reflections on the school year - what went well, and what I have learned. I continue to be amazed at the resilience, perseverance and hard work of our students, families, and staff. Thank you for **raising \$6202 for the Rankin Cancer Run**. Amazing! The ongoing and continuing support that our Ontario PS community shares is second to none! 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 classroom 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 out 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.

## PLANNING FOR 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

In order to assist us with making the best decisions possible with respect to class organization and student placements for Ontario PS for the 2022/2023 school year, we would appreciate if you would let the office know if your family is planning to move in the next few months. Also, if you know of a family moving into our Ontario PS 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. We thank you in advance for keeping us informed!

## CLASS PLACEMENTS 2022-2023

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 considers the children’s needs in order to provide an appropriate academic and social environment. Families will receive notification of their child’s class placement on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, the first day of school.



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

PRIDE Month.....	All June
Indigenous History Month.....	All June
Intermediate 3 pitch .....	June 2
PD Day .....	June 10
Primary Track and Field .....	June 13
DSBN Track and Field .....	June 14
Kindergarten Tough Mudder .....	June 15
Primary Play Day.....	June 20
National Indigenous Peoples Day	June 21
Grad Lunch.....	June 21
Grade 8 Graduation .....	June 22
Primary Trip to Balls Falls .....	June 23
Talent Show .....	June 28
Report Cards go home.....	June 28
Red, white Canada Day .....	June 29
Last Day of School .....	June 29

## PA DAY

On Friday, June 10 all DSVN schools will be closed for a PD Day in which teachers will be engaged in assessment and evaluation activities.



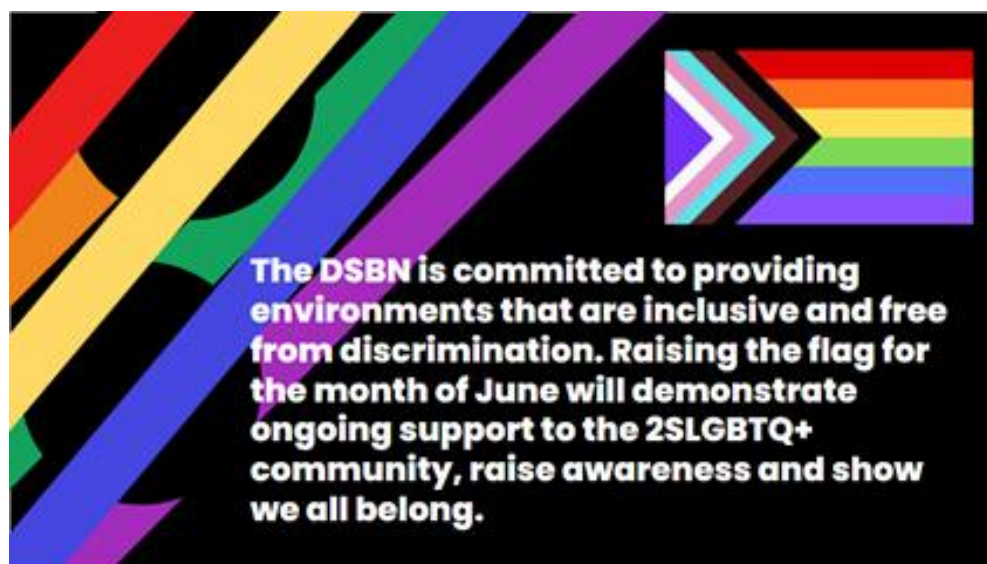
## STUDENT RECOGNITION

During the month of April, 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. May's character trait was "Character in Action". The following students were recognized:

### May Student of the Month: Character in Action

K1 - Kraus	Levie H, Emi H, Alivia W	Gr. 3/4	Farzan J, Sparsh P, Addyson F
K2- Sutton	John S, Raef M, Nesim J, Catherine W	Gr. 4	Markus Z, Connor S, Shayne M
K3-Simpson	Muhammad A, Sophia M, Zoe A-L	Gr. 5	Demarion W, Dominic L, Adalyn B
Gr. 1	Andy C, Charlie R	Gr. 6	Dylan G, Owen W
Gr. 1/2	Eddie J, Tyler F, Autumn R, Bianca L-T	Gr. 7	Summer W, Caleigh E, Jak B
Gr. 2/3	Keenan B, Braxton J, Dawson van D M, Syanna L	Gr. 8	Jaidyn van D M, Aadi K

## JUNE IS PRIDE MONTH



## JUNE SPIRIT DAYS

There are a few exciting dates coming up in June we are looking forward to celebrating.

Date	Spirit Day	Purpose of the Day
Wednesday, June 29	Red, White, Canada Day	We encourage everyone to wear red and white or some Canadian or with the Canadian Flag on it.

## 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 that support our Eco-Club 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	DSBN Meet – June 14 (at Welland Centennial)	Grades 3-8 that have qualified	Mrs. Garrett
Intermediate Co-Ed 3-Pitch	Tournament – June 2	Grades 7 - 8	Mr. Kraus

## 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 PS a great place to be. Despite the school year looking a little different, we have still had a number of volunteers support our students and staff, from volunteering to be on our School Advisory Council, to donating to our Kindergarten Natural Play Space and to our parents that have been volunteer drivers to transport our extra-curricular teams to their events to our parents that have generously given their time to supervise on our school trips. Thank you to each and everyone of you from supporting these opportunities for our students!

## GRADE 8 GRADUATION – SAVE THE DATE

We are excited to announce our Grade 8 Graduation will be held in the evening of Wednesday, June 22 at Ontario Public School. Our ceremony will begin at 6:00 pm followed by a reception and photo opportunity. The Grade 8 graduates will celebrate with a 'Grad Lunch' in the gym on Tuesday, June 22. We look forward to honouring the Ontario PS class of 2022 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 qualified to move on to the Group 12 meet that was held on Tuesday, May 17 at Welland Centennial Secondary School. Our Ontario PS Track and Field team of 45 students were excited to compete against other DSBN schools. We had four students qualify for the DSBN Meet. We wish them all the best and are excited to see how they do at the DSBN Meet on June 14. Go Knights Go!

## RANKIN CANCER RUN

Ontario PS is pleased to announce that we raised \$6202 for the Rankin Cancer Run which we held on Friday May 20th. This is truly amazing for a school of 300. If you still wish to make a donation to the Rankin Cancer Run please donate online at <https://www.rankincancerrun.com/>. Thank you for donating to this awesome, community focussed charity. 100 % of the money raised for the Rankin Run goes back to support cancer patients and cancer treatment in Niagara.

## DSBN INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM

Are you interested in having your child learn to play a musical instrument? The DSBN Instrumental Music Program is back in person for the 2022-2023 school year. These music lessons are affordable and convenient. Registration is open for the fall to students currently in Grades 3-7. No experience necessary! Please visit [neimusic.com](http://neimusic.com) for more info and to register.

## SCHOOL VANDALISM

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 or you can call the Niagara Regional Police at 905 688 4111 (please do not call 911) 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!

## THANK YOU, MRS. BERRY

Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> will be Mrs. Berry's last day at Ontario Public School. We will all miss her smiling face and her warm, welcoming personality. She has been a big part of what makes Ontario PS a great place to learn and work. We would like to wish her the best of luck in her career and hope to see her again in the front office of Ontario Public School. Thank you, Mrs. Berry for everything. You will be dearly missed.

## TALENT SHOW

We are pleased to announce the return of The Ontario School Talent Show. Students in Grade 3 to 8 will have the opportunity to showcase their talents. Auditions will take place starting June 6. The talent show will be on Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 am.

## LIBRARY UPDATE

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 13. Starting Wednesday, June 15, Mrs. Hansen will be following up with students who have overdue or lost library books. Fines will be issued for lost books - soft cover: \$5, hard cover \$10. 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 PS, School Advisory Council meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, June 8, at 6:30 pm. We are looking forward to meeting in person for the 2022-2023 school year. We would like to thank all of our parents that attended the School Advisory Council meetings this school year. We would also like to thank our chair, Alicia Dawson for accepting this role.

## 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.

## PRIMARY NATURAL PLAY SPACE UPDATE (JUNE)

As many of you have noticed, we have new and exciting things happening in our front Kindergarten play space. We have worked hard to plant the perennials donated and are excitedly anticipating the arrival of our two mud kitchens this week. These mud kitchens are 8 feet long, with sinks and bowls and counter space for students to tinker and explore. They are made from Cedar, which is durable and does not contain the chemicals found in pressure treated wood. We are pleased to announce that they were built using mostly lumber "off cuts," demonstrating our commitment to reducing waste and reusing materials as much as we can. Our storage shed has also been purchased and will be assembled later this spring or in the fall.

We would like to give a big Ontario Knight THANK YOU to the following donors:

**The Country Basket (Niagara Falls)** - For their generous donation of a gift card towards plants

**The Gienow McConnell Family** - For their generous donation towards our outdoor area

**Mr. Phillips** - For volunteering his time to design and build the mud kitchens

**Kathryn Brock (DSBN)** - For the donation of perennials

**Jeanine Rivard (DSBN)** - For the donation of perennials

**Jackie Deruiter (DSBN)** - For the donation of perennials

**Sommer Bridgman** - For the donation of our lettuce plants

We are still in need of spoons, pots, pans and sieves for our mud kitchens. If you are able to donate any of these items please contact Mrs. Phillips.

## SCHOOL TIME CHANGES FOR 2022-2023

Next year our school times are **changing to 9:05 to 3:25 pm**. Therefore we will be starting the day at 9:05 am which is 10 minutes later than this year. More information on the time changes will be sent home in June.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM NIAGARA REGION PUBLIC HEALTH

# Niagara Region Public Health School Health Newsletter



## SUN SAFETY

When enjoying the outdoors and getting some natural Vitamin D, Public Health would like to remind kids and adults to use proper protection from the sun.

- **Slap** on a hat
- **Slop** on sunscreen
- **Slide** on sunglasses
- **Slip** on protective clothing

Check out [The Canadian Cancer Society's Enjoying the Sun](#) for sun safety tips and information on protecting toddlers and children.

For additional information, visit Niagara Region Public Health's [website](#).

## IDENTIFYING TICKS DURING COVID-19

Now that the warmer weather has arrived, so has **tick** season in Ontario. Regional Public Health offices are currently closed to public access, but if you remove a tick, you can have it identified by:

- [Downloading a free app](#) and uploading photos of the tick for identification
- OR
- Take a picture of the tick and submit it to [inspect@niagararegion.ca](mailto:inspect@niagararegion.ca)



If more information is required once the tick has been identified, individuals can contact a Duty Officer directly at 905-688-8248 ext. 7590. Tick identification services will resume when our offices reopen to the public. General tick information can be found on our [Niagara Region Public Health website](#).

## COVID-19 UPDATE

The COVID-19 vaccine is the best line of defense for preventing the spread of COVID-19 in schools and protecting our entire community. [Public Health clinics](#) are **currently accepting walk-ins** for first, second or third / [booster doses](#)

Helpful links and resources:

- [Guidance on self-isolation](#)
- [Frequently asked questions](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccination in children and youth](#)

Public health professionals are available to answer any questions through the COVID-19 Info-line Monday to Friday.

- 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074, press 7 (available 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.)
- Information on COVID-19 and vaccine eligibility is available on Niagara Region Public Health's [website](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).