

DISTRICT
SCHOOL BOARD
OF NIAGARA

St. Davids Bulletin

MARCH, 2018



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **School Cash Online.** Register at stdavids.dsbni.org
- Just a reminder that we have students who are allergic to nuts. Please check packaging carefully when sending food with your child. Thank you!
- Please call the school when your child is going to be absent 905 262-4533

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

- 6 Mad Science Reg
- 7 White Meadows Trip
- 8 Pasta Day
- 8 Ice Dogs Hockey Game
- 9 Beach Day
- 9 Dairy Presentation
- 12-16 MARCH BREAK
- 19 Welcome Back
- 19 First Day of Spring
- 20 Jr. Basketball @ Grapeview
- 22 Pasta Day
- 22 Mad Science
- 22 Jr Basketball vs Parnall
- 23 Pizza Day
- 26-29 JungleSport
- 29 Pizza Day
- 29 Mad Science
- 29 Jr Basketball @ Westdale

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St. Davids, Ontario
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stdavids.dsbni.org
Principal - Mrs. Tracy Leemet**

Top Math Tips for Parents

- **Build strong, positive attitudes about math.** When children feel positively engaged and successful, they are more likely to stick with an activity or a problem to find a solution.
- **Begin with activities that meet your child's level of mathematical understanding.** Early success in solving problems will build your child's confidence. Gradually move to activities that provide more challenge for your child.
- **If you and your child are more comfortable in a language other than English, use it.** Your child will understand concepts better in the language that he or she knows best.

THE FORT ERIE NATIVE FRIENDSHIP CENTRE'S
**23RD ANNUAL
MID-WINTER POW WOW**
CELEBRATING 35 YEARS



- GRAND ENTRY AT NOON
- SMOKE DANCE SPECIAL
- INDIGENOUS FOODS
- INDIGENOUS CRAFTS
- AUCTION TABLE
- 50/50 TABLE

MARCH 3RD 2018

LOCATION: 796 BUFFALO ROAD, FORT ERIE, ONTARIO L2A-5H2
Vendor Information/Registration, call Dianna Sowden: 905.871.8931 x.228
General Inquiries call Shannon Cotter: 905.871.8931 x.259

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NOTL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The NOTL Horticultural Society is having a presentation on March 27th. Jon Halayko will be presenting "Natural Playgrounds" He will speak about the philosophy of creating natural playgrounds for children, but will also do a hands-on demonstration of how to create your own playground. It will be held at the NOTL Community Centre at 7:00 pm



Clean Your Hands

Cleaning your hands is the most effective way to prevent the spread of germs. Regular hand cleaning with soap and water, or an alcohol based hand sanitizer will reduce the risk of getting sick. Cleaning your hands should occur:

- Before preparing meals
- Before eating
- After using the wash-room
- After coughing or sneezing
- After blowing your nose
- After playing with pets
- After playing outdoors

Use warm water and soap and lather and scrub for at least 15 seconds if your hands are visibly dirty. For more information, talk to your school nurse or go to www.niagararegion.ca/health.



THERE'S A JUNGLE COMING TO ST. DAVIDS SCHOOL!!!

From March 26-29, Junglesport Inc. will bring their state-of-the-art climbing equipment to take-over our gymnasium! All students from K-8 will have an opportunity to participate in 4 sessions.

Discovery Program Kindergarten – Grade 3

Fun low ropes obstacle courses are at the heart of our discovery program. It promotes fundamental movement skills, coordination and cooperation. Students climb, crawl, swing, leap, balance and always have a smile on their faces. All students wear a helmet.

Explore Program – Grades 4 to 5/6

Students love to climb and travel rope bridges. They feel great while learning about trust and responsibility in our explore program. Students learn the basics of climbing on our rock walls and other vertical challenges. They build self-confidence and an awareness of what their bodies can do. All students wear a harness and a helmet.

Challenge Program – Grades 7 to 8

From swinging through the Gorilla gym to scaling the climbing walls our challenge program is perfect for active teens. Students develop their climbing skills and challenge themselves to reach greater heights. They learn how to ascend a fixed line solo style and have fun on our cave wall. They develop communication skills and strategic thinking. All students wear a harness and a helmet.

Special thanks to school council for generously sponsoring this incredible experience!!!

Climb On!



SAFE AND SECURE SCHOOLS

We strive to maintain our school as a safe and secure learning environment for our students. Access to our school will only be through the front door, and visitors will be buzzed in. To ensure student safety, all visitors must:

- ◆ only access the school through the front door
- ◆ Check in at the office before going to a classroom
- ◆ Sign in using the "Visitor Sign In" book located in the main office
- ◆ Wear a visitor's sticker during your stay with us
- ◆ Use washrooms designated for adults, as student washrooms are for children only
- ◆ If you are dropping off an item for your child or picking him/her up for an appointment, you may simply check in at the office as per usual and allow one of our staff members to take care of your request.

Thank you for your support in this

How Long Must My Child Stay Home When Sick?

Please keep your child at home and away from others if he or she has any of these symptoms:

- ◆ Fever
- ◆ Diarrhea
- ◆ Vomiting
- ◆ Rash
- ◆ Frequent coughing or sneezing
- ◆ Yellow or green discharge from the nose, ears, or eyes
- ◆ Sore throat

Contact your family doctor for a diagnosis. Your doctor will advise you about care and treatment if a communicable disease is diagnosed. For more information, please contact the Infectious Disease Program at 905-688-8248 ext. 7330 or 1-888-505-6074 or www.niagararegion.ca

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MAD SCIENCE IS COMING TO ST. DAVIDS

Mad Science, the world's leading provider of educational and entertaining science programs for children is coming to St Davids Public School. Their mission is to spark the imagination and curiosity of children everywhere by providing them with fun, entertaining and exciting activities that instil a clear understanding of what science is really all about and how it affects the world around them. They use exciting activities and spectacular demonstrations to capture the attention and imagination of children.

Students who join the Mad Science club will go on a voyage of discovery designed to support the Ontario Science and Technology curriculum.

The Club will take place for six weeks on Thursdays during second nutrition break.

Club dates are March 22, 29 and April 5, 12, 19, 26 (1:00-1:40)

For those of you who have been in the Mad Science Club before, this is a different club than last year with exciting experiments, cool demonstrations and amazing take home activities.

**School's
website is:
stdavids.dsbm.org**

**School and
Classroom
Newsletters will
be posted every
month on the
website. Please
be sure to
check it
regularly!!**

HEALTH NURSE

St. David's health nurse will be visiting and promoting optimal health among our students and assisting us to develop a healthy school environment. If you have any questions about the services she offers, please contact the school.

Happy March from the School Council!

Our big news from February was the generous contribution of our very own St. David's Firefighters Association. The Association donated 10 Chrome books to our school! We thank them for their support of our school

We are getting closer to Spring every day and with the arrival of warmer temperatures comes the incentive to open up our windows and do some spring cleaning!

School Council would love to encourage you to clean out your closets for any old, too small, or unused textiles in your house – including clothes, curtains, purses, shoes, stuffed animals, etc. In April, in conjunction with Earth Day activities, St. Davids will be holding a textile fundraiser. For every pound of materials (must be odour free and clean) collected by our school community – our school will earn \$1! The items collected will be sorted for donation or repurposing and sent back out into the world to be reused instead of put in a landfill (or taking up your cupboard space!) Please look forward to more info in April as collection at the school will run for the whole month!

We hope all of the families that attended our Movie Night had an enjoyable evening spent with their family and school community!

Our next School Council meeting is Tuesday, April 24th at 6:00pm in the library. We hope to see you there!

Sincerely,
Your St. Davids School Council



Student of the Month Winners for February

CLASS	STUDENT OF THE MONTH	CHARACTER AWARD
Mrs Black KDG Mrs Wright	Matthew Elise Charlie	Brady
Mrs. Parravicino KDG Ms. Bodnar	Michael Ethan	Maansi
Mrs. Mussari KDG	Kiley	Kane
Mrs. King Grade 1	Emma	Aleksandr
Mrs. Janny/Mrs. Koabel Grade 1/2	Briar	Pablo
Ms. Riel Grade 2	Marcus	Jude
Mrs. Hoadley Grade 3	Joshua Karter	David
Mrs. Heidebrecht Grade 3	Noah Connor	Matteo
Mr. Gienow Grade 4	Oliver Jude	Malea
Mr. Candler 4/5	Jamie Matteo	Brianne Owen
Mr. Bateson Grade 5/6	Danika Dylan	Sawyer
Mr. Hall 6/7	Sophia K. Natalie	Kylie
Mrs. Funk Grade 7/8	Christian Jordan	Jocelyn



OPTIMISM QUOTES

To find optimism, look for the good things in life

Be Optimistic.... People want to be around others who view life as a positive venture

Optimism is essential to achievement and it is also the foundation of courage and true progress!

It doesn't hurt to be optimistic. You can always cry later.

Optimism is the madness of insisting that all is well when we are miserable

For myself I am an optimist.... It doesn't not seem to be much use being anything else

Optimism is joyful searching; pessimism is a prison of fear and a clutching at illusionary safety

Optimism feels better!

Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence

PINK SHIRT DAY AT ST. DAVIDS

February 28th was Pink Shirt Day. The staff and students celebrated this day by wearing pink shirts to symbolize a stand against bullying, an idea that originated in Canada. It is celebrated on various dates around the world.

