

St. Davids Bulletin

MAY, 2017



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- School Cash Online. Register at stdavids.dsbn.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

MAY

- May 3 Track & Field Day & BBQ
- May 4 Pita Pit
- May 4 Track Rain Date
- May 5 Silver Birch/Red Maple Conference
- May 5 Chef L'ecole
- May 5 Pizza Day
- May 9 & 10 Dental JK/SK, 2/4/6/8
- May 10 Regional Track
- May 11 Water Festival for Grades 3-4
- May 11 New to JK visit
- May 16 Talent Show 1:45 and 6:00 p.m.
- May 17 Colour Groups
- May 18 Grade 4—Knights of Valour
- May 27 Rankin Run

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Dear St David's families,
With just 40 days left of the school year, it is time for us to reflect on the progress we have made thus far in Term 2. In the upcoming week, take the time to review your child's goals for Term 2. Have them reflect to see if they feel they have made progress and are on the right path to reaching their goals. Challenge your child by asking them what their "30 day goal" is to help them reach their end of year goal. When we break it down into smaller chunks, we are more likely to be successful in reaching our long-term goals!

Follow us on Twitter @StDavidsSch for regular updates!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Leemet

WELCOME SPRING!! THE FLOWERS ARE IN BLOOM!

Please remember to dress appropriately for the weather. Wear sunscreen, a hat and bring a water bottle to school. Remember that flip flops are not the best choice for running on the play-ground.



ST. DAVIDS ECO AMBASSADORS

Thank you to the St. Davids Eco-Ambassadors Jiya K., Maya D., Marlena A., Leah S., Brett C., Tasha R., Zachary M., Daniel P., Austin L., and Breanne R. On Friday, April 21st at the Walker Living Campus, we had an amazing day outdoors enjoying nature and looking for geocaches hidden under leaves and in hollow logs. Congratulations on being the first team to find all 12 treasures! Thanks for an awesome day! Mrs. Black



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.



On Wednesday, April 5th, St. Davids School welcomed members of the Niagara Symphony Orchestra Story String Quartet, for an interactive presentation to Gr. 1 - 6, of Benjamin Britten's Simple Symphony. As a thank you, they provided us with 2 pairs of complimentary tickets to an NSO performance. The lucky winners of these tickets were Colton C. and Jamie M. We hope you enjoyed the performance!

A big congratulations to Briar-Rose N. (SK) on being chosen by Scholastic Canada as a top ten winner across Canada in a young artists competition. Briar has won a Scholastic craft kit as well as smaller kits for her classmates. We are so proud of you Briar! Congratulations.



RANKIN CANCER RUN—MAY 27, 2017 10:00 a.m.



We are very excited to be entering our St. Davids Team in the Rankin Run again this year. All the proceeds stay in Niagara for cancer care. Students, staff and families will all be attending this event. To order your t-shirts you can visit school cash online, or register online. We have some ongoing fun Rankin Events!

Mrs. Walker has been dressing silly in crazy outfits chosen by the students. Any student who brings in a \$5 donation gets to choose a silly outfit for Mrs. Walker. We've had some doozies, pink wigs and crazy hats!!



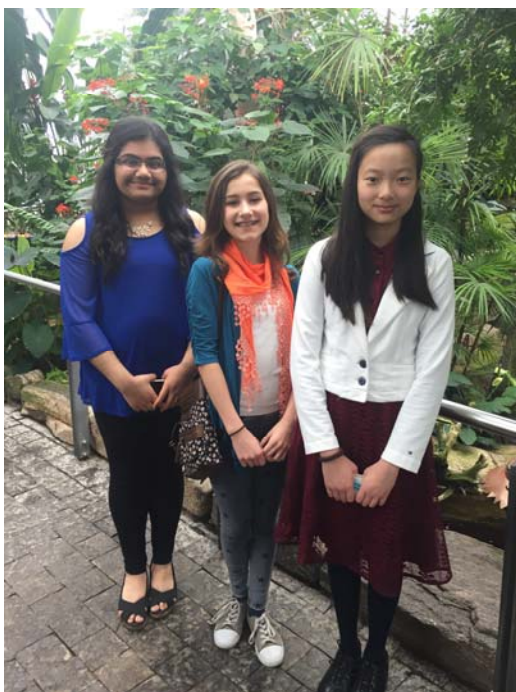
We have set a school goal of raising \$10,000. This may seem unsurmountable, but we KNOW we can do it. If we raise \$10,000, Mr. C., Mr. H., and Mr. Mac are GOING TO SHAVE THEIR HEADS!!! Let's go St. Davids—WE GOT THIS!!

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 matter of student safety.



Congratulations to Guan Xi, Hannah and Janvi for having a winning submission to the Niagara Falls Parks Commission contest for the “Ontario 150—Rooted in Design”. The works of these artists will form the basis of two floral art installations at the entrance of the Botanical Gardens. We are so very proud of the efforts of these young ladies!!

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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EQAO dates for St Davids

Grade 3s—May 24th, 25th, 29th, 30th, 31st and June 1st.

Grade 6s—May 23rd—26th, May 30th-31st

Please do not schedule any appointments during these days. Thank you!!



Fight the Bite!

Ticks, mosquitos and rabid animals have no boundaries and can be a risk to you and your family when walking to and from school or work, waiting at the bus stop, family trips, and while playing in the yard at home or at the park.

Protect yourself and your family from West Nile Virus:

Reduce standing water where mosquitoes breed

Cover up, wear long sleeved shirts, long pants, hats socks and shoes

Repair any damaged window screens

Use insect repellants containing DEET or Icardin (follow manufacturer's instructions)

Reduce the risk of Lyme disease:

Wear light coloured clothing to help spot ticks

Use insect repellants containing DEET or Icardin (follow manufacturer's instructions)

Check yourself, your children and pets for ticks after being outdoors

Cut your grass and dispose of leaf litter where ticks can live

Prevent rabies:

Vaccinate your pets

Do not feed or approach any wild, stray or strange animals

Do not trap, transport, keep or pet any wild animals

Do not try and nurse sick animals back to health

Presently, all of these diseases exist in Niagara. For more information, contact Niagara Region Public Health. 905-688-8248 ext. 7767 or 1-888-505-6074

**School's
website is:
stdavids.dsbns.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.



WAY TO GO DRAGONS!

Recently the school participated in a hat day to raise money for the Education Foundation of Niagara. Great news..... our school raised \$230.05 for this worthwhile Foundation!

Student of the Month Winners for April

CLASS	STUDENT OF THE MONTH	CHARACTER AWARD
Mrs Black KDG Ms. Pietrobon	Damien, Eislen	Noah, Charlie
Mrs. Parravicino KDG Ms. Bodnar	Ethan, Ryan	Rhys
Mrs. King/Mrs. King Grade 1	Sirena	Matthew
Mrs. Kotsanis Grade 1/2	Jacob, Brooke, Karter	Carmen, Cody
Mr. Climenhage/ Mrs. Heidebrecht Grade 2	Ian, Sam	Evan
Mrs. Sawicki Grade 3	Aidan, Carter	Sydney
Mrs. Furtney Grade 3/4	Mason, Sophie	Andrew
Mr. Bateson/ Mrs. Heidebrecht Grade 4	Dylan, Ezekiel	Ben
Mr. McNamara Grade 5	Dylan	Sawyer
Mr. Hall Grade 6	Mahlia, Riddick, Rachel	Callum
Ms. Candler Grade 7/8	Josh, Owen	Maxwell
Mrs. Funk Grade 7/8	Alyssa, Tavon	Connor

Planning for Next Year

We are in the beginning stages of planning the next school year. At this time, we expect that there will be a few split classes. As a staff, we meet together to place students in situations that are best for them academically. A great deal of time is invested to provide the best placement for each and every student. In grades where there is more than one possible placement, our goal will be to develop balanced classes. In the right environment, students develop a sense of belonging, the feeling that they can make a noticeable contribution, and can progress well in academic, social and emotional domains. We will use several criteria to determine class placements: students' ability, interests and talents; gender; learning and teaching styles; work habits; social blending and treating students with equity and fairness. Please be aware that we are not able to create classes based on student friendships. Staffing is not confirmed at this time and will not be shared until a later date. No written requests will be accepted at this time. Class list information will not be given out until the first day of school. Thank you for your understanding and support in this matter!

THIS MONTH AT ST DAVIDS

