

**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

- **School Cash Online.** Register at stdavids.dsb.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

**UPCOMING
EVENTS
NOVEMBER
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- 2 Random Acts of Kindness Day
- 5 JK/SK Jack Grunsky
- 6 Int. to Walker Living Campus
- 7 PIC Conference at Eden
- 8 Progress reports go home
- 9 Remembrance Day Assembly
- 15 Picture Retake Day
- 15 Interview Night
- 16 PD Day - No School
- 29 AN Myer Open House 6:30

St. Davids Bulletin

NOVEMBER, 2018

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Principal - Mrs. Tracy Leemet**

Mental Health and Well-Being Focus School

We are very fortunate to have been selected to be a Mental Health and Well-Being Focus School. In looking at our needs at the school, we will be focusing on building resilience in our students and giving them the strategies to help with dealing with life's challenges. One of the ways we are moving forward with this initiative is to incorporate some Mindfulness activities into the day of the students. We have calming music playing in the morning to set the tone for the day and mindfulness activities for 5-10 minutes after each fitness break to help students with self-regulation.

Today's children are under tremendous stress with the potential to damage both physical health and psychological well-being. The stress comes from families being on the go, who are overscheduled with extracurricular activities and ever present peer pressure.

In today's environment, children and teens need to develop strengths, acquire skills to cope, recover from hardships and be prepared for future challenges. They need to be resilient in order to be successful in life. As a school team, we will be working towards giving our students the tools and strategies to increase their resiliency.



RESILIENCE



School Council Corner

There will be no school on Friday, November 16th, as it is a Professional Development Day



The October School Council meeting started with meeting our wonderful Student Council Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister. The students' enthusiasm was a great way to kickoff our meeting as we discussed organizing and preliminary planning of upcoming Fundraising events. Please stay tuned to the St. Davids School Website as a Volunteer Signup link will be posted once event dates are confirmed!

We are also excited to report that School Council Fundraising event funds have been used to purchase some much needed Wishlist items for our teachers and students; specifically, 3 iPads for the Kindergarten classes, A Science Quick Kit on electricity, and a Robotics Kit for the Junior/Intermediates. These items were just voted on during our October meeting – and with our amazing community's support, we look forward to assisting in many other ways throughout the school year!

Our next School Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 27th at 6pm in the school library. Please join us to learn more about how you can help – and be one of the first to hear



If your child is going to be absent or late, please be sure to notify the office prior to 9:00 a.m. We have an answering service available for your convenience. If you need to phone in the evening or early in the morning please feel free to leave us a message. If your child is absent or late and we do not receive a call, our secretary, will phone to ensure that your child is safe. 905 262-4533



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.



How Long Must My Child Stay Home When Sick?

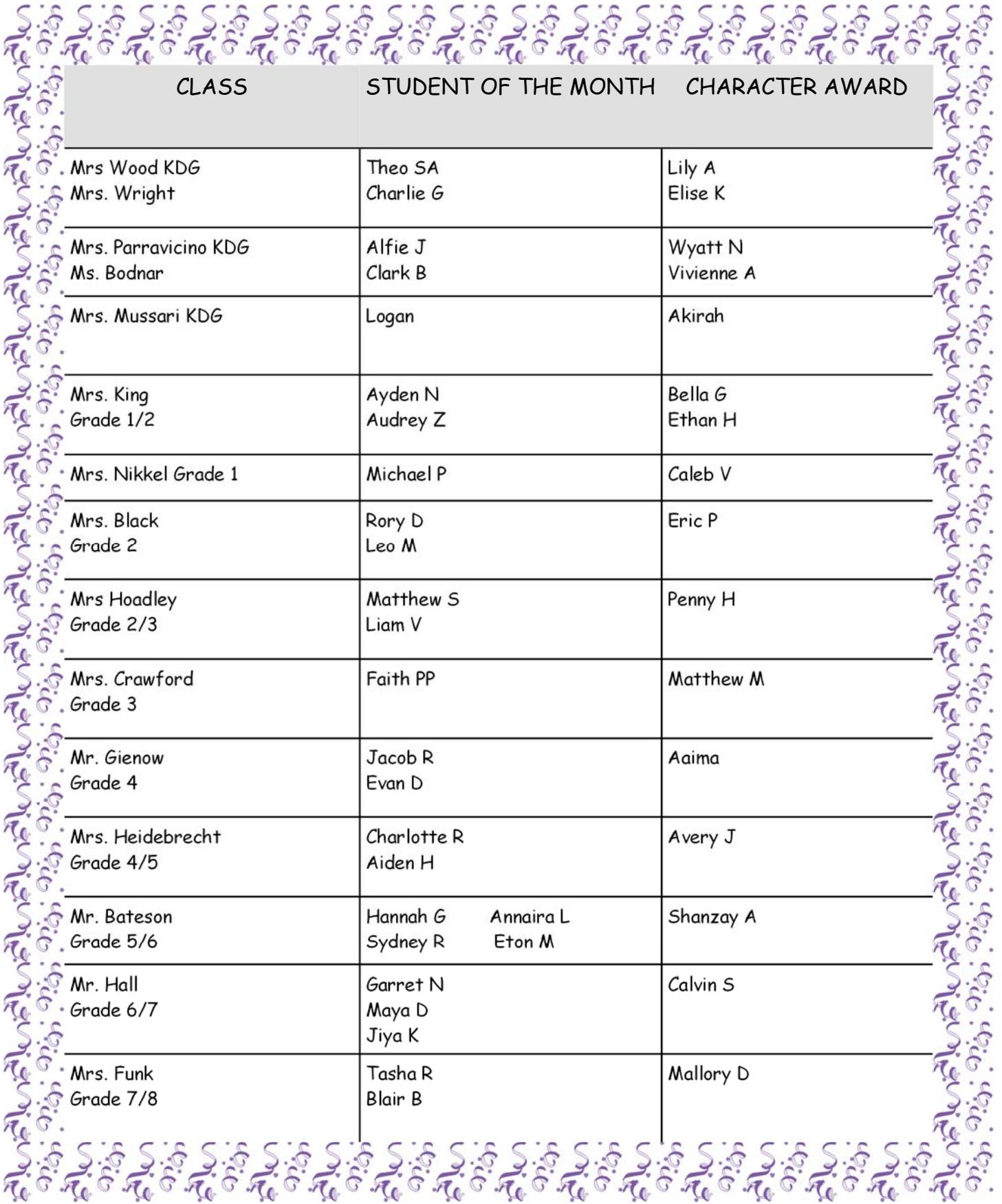
Please keep your child at home and away from others if he or she has any of these symptoms:

- ◆ 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



Student of the Month Winners for October—Caring



CLASS	STUDENT OF THE MONTH	CHARACTER AWARD
Mrs Wood KDG Mrs. Wright	Theo SA Charlie G	Lily A Elise K
Mrs. Parravicino KDG Ms. Bodnar	Alfie J Clark B	Wyatt N Vivienne A
Mrs. Mussari KDG	Logan	Akirah
Mrs. King Grade 1/2	Ayden N Audrey Z	Bella G Ethan H
Mrs. Nikkel Grade 1	Michael P	Caleb V
Mrs. Black Grade 2	Rory D Leo M	Eric P
Mrs Hoadley Grade 2/3	Matthew S Liam V	Penny H
Mrs. Crawford Grade 3	Faith PP	Matthew M
Mr. Gienow Grade 4	Jacob R Evan D	Aaima
Mrs. Heidebrecht Grade 4/5	Charlotte R Aiden H	Avery J
Mr. Bateson Grade 5/6	Hannah G Sydney R	Annaira L Eton M Shanzay A
Mr. Hall Grade 6/7	Garret N Maya D Jiya K	Calvin S
Mrs. Funk Grade 7/8	Tasha R Blair B	Mallory D

The Elementary Progress Report

On November 8th, your child will bring home their Elementary Progress Report. The format was created after years of consultation with parents, teachers, principals, and students across the province. Although it looks much like the Report Card, this report has a very different intent.

The purpose of the Progress Report is to share early and specific feedback on your child's development of work habits and learning skills as well as his/her progress towards achieving the curriculum standards by the end of the school year.

Traditionally, when reporting to parents about their child's progress, teachers have prepared by *looking back* over the work done. The teacher evaluated your child's progress from the beginning of the school term to the current point in time, and reported on the highlights of achievement as they compare overall curricular expectations. Teachers continue to report on Provincial Term One and Term Two Report Cards in this manner.



Reporting on the Progress Report is about *looking forward*. The purpose is to set the course for the learning journey ahead. Based on the evidence 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. For students who are on a modified Individual Education Program, the teacher uses those modified goals when determining whether a child is progressing well, progressing very well, or progressing with difficulty.

All subjects that are part of your child's program in the first weeks of school will be assessed according to the following indicators:

Progressing Very Well: In the first weeks of school, evidence shows that the student is demonstrating consistent progress and is on track to meet and/or surpass the provincial standard set for the end of the year.

Progressing Well: In the first weeks of school, evidence shows that the student is demonstrating consistent progress and is on track to meet the provincial standard set for the end of the year.

Progressing With Difficulty: In the first weeks of school, evidence shows that the student is experiencing difficulty towards meeting the provincial standard set for the end of the year. For subjects in which your child is Progressing With Difficulty, the teacher will discuss specific next steps plans needed for success. We look forward to partnering with you and your child for a year of great learning and growth.

Student Council for 2018/2019

This year Mr. Bateson and Mrs. Leemet have organized an opportunity for students to have input through a student council. Each classroom from grades 4-8 selected two representatives through an election process. From these classroom representatives a prime minister, a minister, secretary and treasurer were elected. A deputy prime minister was also elected.

Prime Minister—Everett
Deputy Prime Minister—Melia K
Treasurer—Lauren
4G reps—Evan and Austin
4/5 reps—Meghan and Ethan
5/6 reps—Valerie and Jason
6/7 reps—Lauren and Kylie
7/8 reps—Everett



The students have already organized a Halloween dance for grades 6-8. There will be a costume contest and some other fun upcoming activities. Entrance is \$1.00 with a costume or orange and black or \$2.00 without.

Random Act Of Kindness Day®

Friday, November 2, 2018



Get involved!

Perform a Random Act of Kindness

Treaties Recognition Week

Ontario has designated November 5-9, 2018 as Treaties Recognition Week with the goal of promoting education and awareness about treaties. 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.



SPORTS REPORT

INTERMEDIATE CO-ED SOCCER

Team Members: Lauren, Gabriella, Michaiiah, Kylie, Leah, Melia K., Tasha, Riddick, Jack, Cole, Caiden, Callum, Sebastian, Blair, Jonathan, Austin. Assistant - Preston.



The Intermediate Soccer team dominated the tournament, coming out as champions of the day. The team is to be commended on their sportsmanship and skills. We are very proud of how the team presented themselves against other teams, showing grace and leadership. Way to go, Dragons!!

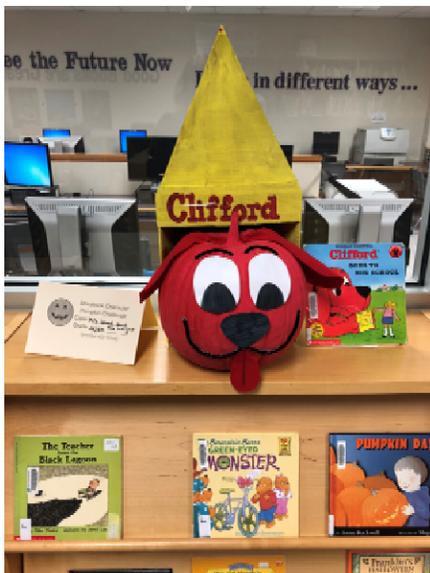
Mrs. Heidebrecht

CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to the St. Davids students who competed at the DSNB championship Cross country event on Oct. 16th. Each runner was both physically and mentally prepared for the course at Firemen's Park and finished strong. Well done to the

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HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES



SHINE LIKE THE STAR YOU ARE!

NOVEMBER 26 - 29, 2018

A.N. MYER Nov. 29 6:30 pm	BEAMSVILLE Nov. 28 6:00 pm	E.L. CROSSLEY Nov. 27 6:30 pm	EASTDALE Nov. 29 6:00 pm	EDEN Nov. 29 6:30 pm	GREATER FORT ERIE Nov. 27 6:00 pm
GRIMSBY Nov. 27 6:00 pm	GOVERNOR SIMCOE Nov. 26 6:00 pm	LAURA SECORD Nov. 28 6:00 pm	PORT COLBORNE Nov. 27 6:00 pm	SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL Nov. 26 6:00 pm	
ST. CATHARINES COLLEGIATE Nov. 27 6:00 pm	STAMFORD Nov. 27 6:00 pm	THOROLD Nov. 27 6:30 pm	WESTLANE Nov. 28 6:30 pm	WELLAND CENTENNIAL Nov. 29 6:00 pm	



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At DSBN**

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