MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Remembrance Day, November 11th is a day on which we all take time to honour those who have sacrificed their lives to defend the rights of all people to be free. On November 11th, an assembly will take place for all students at 10:35 to help our students recognize the importance of this day in the lives of all Canadians. Parents are welcome to attend. For a small donation, students will receive a poppy in support of the Royal Canadian Legion.

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Progress Reports will be sent home on November 6th. You will receive your Parent-Teacher interview appointment time in the report envelope if you have not already. Our teachers value the opportunity to discuss student progress with all parents. Thank you for making the time to meet with us to discuss your child’s progress.

You should leave the interview with an understanding of the following:
1. What skills does my child possess and need to work on?
2. What activities can we do at home to strengthen those skills? What are our next steps?
3. Does my child complete his/her work and assignments conscientiously?
4. Is my child facing any struggles in class not related to her/his schoolwork?

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

Families of grade 8 students are welcome to visit DSBN high schools later this month. We're rolling out the red carpet for you! Don't miss out on this valuable experience!

A.N. Myer Secondary School  November 20  6:30 p.m.
Eden High School  November 17  7:00 p.m.
Stamford Collegiate  November 18  6:30 p.m.
Laura Secord Secondary School  November 19  6:30 p.m.

Don't miss out on the Parent Involvement Conference designed specifically for parents on Wednesday, November 5th, 4pm to 8:15pm.
STAYING HEALTHY THIS SEASON

Although we usually encourage children to share, there is one thing that we’d prefer that doesn’t get passed around this year: germs!

While being back at school gives children more opportunity to interact with each other and play together, there are some simple steps we can all take to help each other avoid coughs, colds and more serious types of infections.

Wash those hands! We recommend that students, and even parents, wash their hands with soap and water regularly. If there isn’t a sink nearby, using a good hand sanitizer should do the trick.

Cover all coughs and sneezes. This will cut down on the number of icky things floating around in the air and landing on surfaces, making it less likely that children will breathe them in or touch them. If you have to cough or sneeze, do it into a tissue or onto your upper sleeve.

If you’re sick, stay home. Although it’s important to be in class, don’t be a superhero. Take some time, feel better and then come back when you’re healthy, alert and ready to learn!

At St Davids, we follow an infection control program to help keep both our students and staff healthy and in class. Our staff will be reinforcing proper handwashing techniques as well as cough and sneeze etiquette. In addition, all classrooms are equipped with hand sanitizers and our caretaking staff will disinfect our commonly used areas, such as desks and doorknobs, regularly.

WHEN TO KEEP YOUR CHILD AT HOME

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 advice about care and treatment. For more information, talk to your school nurse or go to www.niagararegion.ca/health

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November’s Character Trait is Respect

PA DAY There will be no school on Friday, November 14th as teachers will be involved in professional learning activities and school

It’s almost time to register for Kindergarten at the DSBN

Do you know a child who will be turning 4 or 5 before December 31, 2015?

Visit a DSBN Kindergarten Open House from 10 am-6 pm on February 5th, 2015 to register and to help your kindergartener get ready for their first day of school at the DSBN.

See the classroom, meet the staff and get a gift bag full of fun learning resources and information to help children develop their school readiness skills.

Looking for more information? Visit our website at www.dsbn.org/kindergarten

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PRIMARY CHRISTMAS CONCERT
DECEMBER 17th

Our annual Christmas Concert is always well-attended and, with the increased enrolment at St Davids over the past few years, we have dealt with over-crowding in the gym and in the parking lot. This poses a safety issue for all who attend. This year, we are trying something new that will showcase the talent of all students but at different times of the year. Our December event will be a Primary Christmas Concert for students from Kindergarten to grade 3. We will hold a Springtime event that will showcase the junior and intermediate students. We are hoping that this arrangement will provide two valuable community experiences and remedy our issues of over-crowding.

Our Primary Christmas Concert is planned for Wednesday, December 17th. There will be a day and evening performance. Mrs. King has started planning our Christmas Concert. We will be highlighting other December traditions at our Dragons Den assemblies throughout the month.

CHI HELMETS ARE BACK!

The Canadian Helmet Initiative will be once again sending forms to DSBN schools. Canada Helmet Initiative works with all schools across Canada supplying low cost helmets to students.

When ordering helmets from CHI, $1 from each helmet ordered will go back to the Education Foundation of Niagara! Please note: these helmets will not be delivered until March 12th, 2015.

Distribution and collection process – CHI will send out all order forms in EARLY NOVEMBER.
- Order forms need to be returned with payment to the school by Friday, November 14, 2014
- CHI will deliver helmets the week of March 11, 2015.
- Schools Distribute helmets to students week of March 12, 2015.

FUNDRAISING PRIORITIES

In consultation with staff and parents, we have determined some priorities for spending during the 2014-2015 school year.

Technological Supports - iPads, Netbooks and Chromebooks: we would like to continue the use of iPads, netbooks and other technologies to differentiate student learning across all grades and encourage collaborative learning that is consistent with the 21st century.

BAKE SALE

Bake sale proceeds will support these priorities, among others, throughout the year. More details will follow next month! The October bake sale was a big success! Thank you for your support!

MAGAZINE FUNDRAISER

Thank you so much for supporting our magazine fundraiser, which funds the purchase of technology-for-learning resources that are not covered through the school board budget. Through your generosity and hard work, we raised $3,700.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

We value the parent and community partnerships that support St Davids students to reach their full potential as future citizens. The St Davids and District Lions Club has been a strong supporter of St Davids School and we are honoured to continue this important partnership again this year.

We look forward to the Friday Night Dinners! Our students, parents and staff are excited to support them!

Date to follow regarding the St Davids Lions Christmas Tree sale.

St Davids Firefighters also offer spaghetti dinners and other community events. Look for flyers coming home!

Leos Junior Lions

Are you interested in getting together after school? The Junior Lions Leos Club is looking for students 12 years and older to do fun activities, go on special outings and learn how to be good community citizens. If interested please see sign up sheet in the St. Davids office.

Thank you for supporting Socktobe!
Looking ahead...

Christmas Parade Float – St Davids would like to enter a Christmas float into the Santa Claus Parade in Niagara-On-The-Lake in early December. If you are interested in helping out with this, please let us know by sending this slip into the office.

Canadian Tire Money Drive – Beginning on November 17th, we will be collecting Canadian Tire money in support of purchases that will be donated to Newark Neighbours.

Walmart Will Match Cash Donations - This year, we have a partnership with Walmart in which they will match our cash donations, doubling the impact we can have in shopping for those less fortunate than us this Christmas.

☐ I am interested in helping out with the St Davids Christmas float.

(Name) ________________________________________________ (Phone Number) ____________________________________

EQAO RESULTS

Last spring, students in Grades 3 and 6 participated in EQAO, an important source of information about student learning in reading, writing and mathematics. Individual results for those students who completed the assessment will be sent home shortly.

We are pleased that our Grade 3 and 6 Level 3 scores are at or above the Board and Provincial results in all areas and reading and writing scores are above the 75% provincial goal of students scoring at Level 3 and 4. A continued area of focus is math. Teachers and principals use this information in many ways to improve student achievement. We combine the information from this assessment with everyday classroom indicators to ensure that the strategies we are using are contributing to the most learning possible. We will use this information to adjust our School Improvement Plan.

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