



Memorial Messenger

Memorial School Newsletter
www.dsbnschoolboard.ca/schools/memorial

Memorial School Believes...

“That at Memorial School we will strive to create a community that values academic excellence, personal responsibility and respect of self, others and property.”

Anaphylaxis - Nut Allergies

Just a reminder to all parents and students, Memorial School continues to be as nut/peanut safe as possible. Please remember when packing lunches and snacks to eliminate those products that contain nuts/peanuts. Also please check labels as many products contain nut/peanut oils or may not be “nut/peanut safe”. Your co-operation will help keep our students as safe as possible.

Fun in the Sun - Dance-A-Thon

We are just beginning to plan the Dance-A-Thon for Thursday March 8, 2012. If you would like to help with planning or assisting us on March 8, please contact the office. More information will be coming home shortly, so watch for your information package!

February 20 - Family Day February 17 - Early Release Day

There will be no school on Monday, February 20, 2012 as we celebrate Family Day. Friday, February 17th is an early release day, students will be dismissed at noon.

Education Foundation Niagara's Make Change for Children February 21-24, 2012

The Education Foundation of Niagara is the DSBN charity and all funds go directly back to our students for program enhancements and poverty relief. The Poverty and an Emergency Relief Fund supports the extraordinary, emergency, personal and school related needs of individual students brought about by financial hardship. We all know at least one of these children...torn windbreaker that is worn as a jacket throughout winter, worn shoes, no lunch, absent from every field trip. And all too often, a tragedy touches one of our students by the way of fire, illness, or death in the family. Since 2008, over 3000 DSBN students have been assisted with \$65,000 in support.

To continue to do our best at helping children in need, we are engaging in this year's campaign and invite you to participate in a small way. During the week of February 21-24 please send a toonie with your child or just make some change and do what you can to help us help the kids. Visit www.efnonline.ca for more information on how they support our youth.



Chess Club

Every week on the first nutrition break students in Grade 3-6 have been meeting in the French room to play chess. Over the next few weeks, we will be selecting a chess team to go to competition. Thank you Mr. Willis for coaching the chess club and team! We appreciate your commitment to the staff and students. **THANKS MR. WILLIS**



Memorial Book Fair

Thank you to all the families for supporting our Memorial Book Fair. A special thank you to Ms. Bombay for organizing this wonderful event.



Anti-Bullying Day

Anti-Bullying Day is happening on February 29, 2012. We are encouraging all of our staff and students to wear something pink in support of this day! Let's have a great day and make it a great day for someone else!



Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition

Congratulations to the following students who excelled in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition. Janie-Lynn Elliott, Ben Dobrowolski, Micaiah Jones and Liam Harris. Good luck at the District Meet!



Dental Screening

Free Dental Screening Coming to Memorial

A Public Health registered dental hygienist is scheduled to visit our school on Tuesday March 6, 2012 to provide dental screening to students in grades JK, SK, 2, 4, and 6.

During this time the registered dental hygienist will perform a visual inspection of each child to determine his/her dental needs. Parents will be contacted if their child requires immediate dental care. Public Health dental programs may financially assist children who do not have access to required dental care. Please contact the Public Health dental program for any of the following:

- If you do NOT wish your child to participate in the dental screening.
- If your child is not in one of the targeted grades and you would like him/her to participate.

Call the Dental Health Information Line at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7399 or email dental@niagararegion.ca.



Niagara Region
PUBLIC HEALTH

February Character Trait Perseverance

Perseverance is having a clear focus instead of being fuzzy or unsure what you're doing or why you're doing it. When you have a goal you are working toward you are persevering. To persevere means to concentrate on something. You concentrate your mind so that you can keep your goal before you. You concentrate your efforts so that something good will happen as a result.

I am practicing perseverance when I...

Have a clear vision of what I want to accomplish

Concentrate my efforts on my goals

I keep myself from getting scattered or distracted

I do things one at a time and finish what I start

If I get distracted I get back to my purpose

I persevere until you get results

I am clear about what I am doing and why. I concentrate on what is most important. I persevere until the job is done.



January Stars for Optimism

ELP1

Jake Redekop
Kelly Wagar
Kai Whittard

ELP2

Liam Cadeau
Daulton Brady
Livia Duguay



Grade 1

KA-Vera MacNeil-Greaves
Bennett Pisek

Grade 1/2

Darius Best
William Cole

Grade 2

James Gunn
Grace Milburn
Avery Blundell

Grade 3

Ella Sendzik
Noah Shickluna-Pierce

Grade 4/5

Frank Byrnes
Brady Bearisto
Athena Seguin

Grade 4

Brandon Stroud
Liam Barrett

Grade 5/6

Zoey Robbins
Edona Tusha

Grade 6

Sam Pearson
Maguire Sheridan



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We are Counting Down to Kindergarten!

Children who will be four years of age or older by December 31 are eligible to enroll in Kindergarten starting September 2012.

Going to school for the first time is a major step for children and their parents. At the DSBN, families start that journey together at the 'Kindergarten Countdown' open houses. Families can visit our school, meet the kindergarten teacher, and receive a gift bag filled with fun learning resources and information that will help children develop school readiness skills.

Mark your calendar for Thursday, February 2, 2012 from 4-6 p.m. for our Kindergarten Countdown open house. Visit www.dsbn.org and click on "Kindergarten Registration" for all the details!

Can't make the open house? No problem! Call the school at 905-685-7347 and we would be happy to set up an appointment to register your child.





You're Invited!

An Evening of Family Empowerment

Do you want more information about supports and services that are available to you and your family in the Niagara Region?

Pathstone Mental Health's Parent Advisory Committee and Parents for Children's Mental Health Niagara are jointly hosting an evening of family empowerment to be able to provide you with this valuable information.

Our mission is to have as many agencies and services from the region in one location at one time so that this information is conveniently available to you.

**Where: Pathstone Mental Health
1604 Merrittville Highway
Welland**

**When: February 29th, 2012 6 to 8 p.m.
(snow date March 7th, 2012)**

We'll provide drinks and light snacks and child care.
We look forward to seeing you!



French Immersion Expansion

The following information is applicable to the Alexandra/Queen Mary program only

Parent Information Sessions will be held at:

Alexandra Public School - Monday, January 30th, 2012 - 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Queen Mary Public School - Wednesday, February 7th, 2012 - 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Applications to French Immersion will be accepted for Grades 4 and 5 at Alexandra and Grade 7 at Queen Mary.

Alexandra / Queen Mary

Alexandra is accepting:

Grade 4 (entry)

Grade 5 (entry – 2012-2013 only)

Queen Mary is accepting:

Grade 7 (entry– 2012-2013 only)

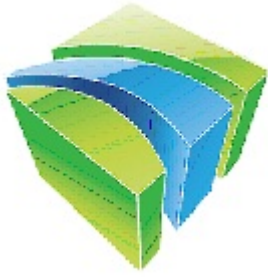
*Space is limited at both schools.

As many of you are aware, the District School Board of Niagara is expanding the French Immersion Program. Students who are currently in Grade 3, Grade 4 and Grade 6 may all apply for this program. In September 2012, the new Grade 4 program will open up to Alexandra School. The Grade 5 program will continue at Alexandra and the Grade 7 program will continue at Queen Mary. Bussing will be provided to access these programs.

Please remember that if your child is currently in one of these grades (Grades 3, 4 or 6), this will be your **only** opportunity to apply to the French Immersion program. Like many School Boards across the province, French Immersion will become a full Grade 1 to 12 program.

For more information on French Immersion programming or the application process you can do any of the following:

1. Attend the Parent Information session listed above
2. Contact your school principal
3. Visit - www.dsbni.org/fi and click on either French Immersion Information or French Immersion Registration
4. Contact Julie Stapleton, French as a Second Language and International Languages Consultant, School Support Services - 905-227-5551 ext 52220 or julie.stapleton@dsbn.org
5. Contact Kelly McDonnell, Student Achievement Leader - French Immersion, School Support Services 905-227-5551 ext 52402 or kelly.mcdonnell@dsbn.org



DSBN Academy

INFORMATION SESSIONS:

For dates, times and locations of DSBN Academy Information Sessions, please contact your school principal or email dac@dsbn.org or call 905-735-5764.

What is DSBN Academy?

DSBN Academy was born out of the recognition that education plays a vital role in helping children to overcome the effects of life's challenges. The comprehensive social and academic support provided by DSBN Academy is key to empowering students to become the first in their families to graduate from a post-secondary institution.

The DSBN Academy Student:

- Is currently entering Grade 6, 7 or 8 for September 2012
- Will be the first in his or her family to graduate from a college or university program
- Demonstrates motivation, achieves at or just below grade level expectations, and has the potential to attend college or university
- Has potential for achieving good or excellent learning skills, particularly initiative, independent work and responsibility

DSBN Academy Strategies for Success:

- School-wide shared beliefs focused on post-secondary preparation
- Single track academic program
- Committed and motivated students, families and staff
- Advisory program support
- After-school *Encore* programs
- Programming that encourages parent involvement
- Transportation



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