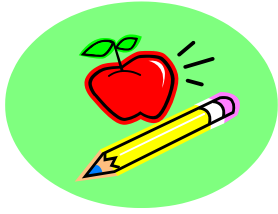


# DALEWOOD SENIOR PUBLIC SCHOOL



## September 2011 Newsletter

### WELCOME TO DALEWOOD

Welcome back to all our staff and students, and a very special welcome to those new to Dalewood School.

Like our students, we spent our summer in different ways, and we have returned with enthusiasm and anticipation of another great school year at Dalewood.

### OUR SCHOOL DAY

8:40 a.m.	Entry
8:45 a.m.	Period One begins
9:35 a.m.	Period Two begins
10:25 a.m.	<b>First Nutrition Break</b> <i>(All students stay)</i>
11:05 a.m.	Period Three begins
11:55 a.m.	Period Four begins
12:45 p.m.	<b>Second Nutrition Break</b> <i>(Students may go home to eat)</i>
1:25 p.m.	Entry
1:30 p.m.	Period Five Begins
2:20 p.m.	Period Six Begins
3:10 p.m.	Dismissal <i>(if work is complete)</i>
3:10-	Student Support**
3:25 p.m.	

\*\* Students that need additional support, or have incomplete homework will be expected to stay during this time.

We recommend your child/children not arrive prior to 8:25 a.m. unless for a scheduled sports practise or club.

### MEET THE TEACHERS OPEN HOUSE

Please come and join us on Tuesday, September 13th at 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to meet the Dalewood staff. This is an excellent opportunity to meet your child's teacher, and to visit the classrooms your child goes to on rotary. We look forward to seeing you.

### PICTURE DAY

**September 26** is Dalewood's photo day. Please bring your best smiles to school.

### DALEWOOD STAFF 2011-2012

7-1	Mrs. V. Milosavljevic
7-2	Mr. H. Krake
7-3	Mr. R. Lopez
7-4	Mr. D. McNamara
8-1	Mr. T. Parkhouse
8-2	Mr. T. Mallory
8-3	Mrs. C. Cherney
SEF5-1	Mme T. Danis
SEF5-2	Mme S. Watson
SEF7-1	M J. Donato
SEF7-2	M J. Wales
SEF8-1	M M. Theriault
SEF8-2	Mlle A. LaPointe
LRT	Mrs. K Sawicki
LRT	Mrs. S. Coles
D/S & T	Mr. L. Aylward
ART	Mrs. L. Read
EA	Mrs. K. Simpson
Secretary	Mrs. K. Klassen
¼ Secretary	Ms. K. Stodart
Custodian	Mr. B. Mellish
Vice Principal	Mrs. L. Gower
Principal	Mr. T. Wallace

### EARLY RELEASE DAY

The DSBN has scheduled the first Early Release Day on **Friday, September 23**. The students will be dismissed at the end of Period 3-11:55 a.m.

### MILK FOR LUNCH

White and chocolate milk is available for sale at both nutrition breaks for \$1.00.

## **VERIFICATION FORM**

Please look for the verification form sent home with your child. It is important that you review the information we have on hand (front and back) and make any necessary changes. Please sign the **back** of the form at the bottom.

***Forms must be returned to the school by Friday, September 9.***

## **LUNCH POLICY**

Students that go home for lunch will be allowed to leave at the second Nutrition Break.

It has been our experience that unsupervised groups of students, who meet at the plazas, in the parks or down by the creek for lunch, occasionally find themselves in difficulties with local merchants and residents or with older students from the high schools. Therefore, we ask that parents not give our students permission to leave the school to buy their lunch at the plaza. We have a vending machine which dispenses water and juice, and milk is available for purchase.

## **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

Supplies your child will require to start off the school year:

2 binders, subject dividers, lined paper, pencil case, pencils, blue and red pens, eraser, ruler, pencil crayons, calculator, combination lock.

## **SCHOOL COUNCIL**

Please come and join our School Council. Our first meeting of the 2011-2012 school year will be on Monday, September 26th at 6:30 p.m. in our library.

## **DRESS CODE**

Dalewood students are reminded that this is a place of work. Short shorts, mini skirts, cut-offs, tank tops, tube tops, bare midriffs, muscle shirts, t-shirts with suggestive messages, pajama bottoms, and ripped or torn jeans are not acceptable.

Students will be asked to change or cover up if they wear clothing that is inappropriate. Please be vigilant and discuss this with your child.

## **CAMP DALEWOOD**

Each year Dalewood plans an outdoor education day to help make our new students feel welcome and to give our older students the opportunity to show leadership and encouragement. It will take place on September 22 on Dalewood's school grounds. Students will arrive at CAMP DALEWOOD ready for a full day of fun outdoor activities. They will be organized into teams led by grade 8 students and will participate in a variety of games and "get-to-know-you" activities for the full day.

Students need to bring a lunch, but please remember that Dalewood has a number of students with peanut and bee sting allergies. Please, no nuts and only water bottles. Students should dress for the day in clothing suitable for the weather and our school's dress code. Hats, sun screen and insect repellent are recommended.

## **STUDENT ORGANIZER**

Each student receives an organizer the first day of school and is expected to keep it up to date and available for teachers and parents to see. Parents/Guardians are asked to sign the first page to acknowledge that they have reviewed it with their child. The cost of the organizer is covered by the Student Activity Fee.

## **ACCIDENT INSURANCE FORM**

Is your child insured for medical or dental costs in case of an accidental injury? The District School Board of Niagara does not provide medical payment coverage for students. If you have no other coverage it is important that parents/guardians purchase this coverage to ensure that medical or dental costs are covered in case of an accident. Reliable Life Student Accident Insurance forms have been provided to each student to assist you in getting coverage. It costs as little as \$2 per student for basic school day/school activity coverage. **This form does not come back to the school.**

### **SAFE ARRIVAL**

To guarantee the safe arrival of your child at school, we take attendance each morning and afternoon. If for any reason your child will not be in school, or will be late, it is very important that you let us know (905-934-3325). The school answering machine is on at all times, so calls can be made early in the morning or late in the evening. Your help in this matter is greatly appreciated.

### **INTERNET ACCESS AT DALEWOOD**

Students who use the Internet and computer network at Dalewood are bound by a strict set of guidelines which they must sign and have co-signed by their parents or guardians. This form is being sent home today (Acceptable Use Agreement). ***Please sign and return page 3 by Friday, September 9.***

### **NEWSLETTER & CALENDAR VIA E-MAIL**

In an effort to conserve paper and to make sure the newsletter and monthly calendar arrive home at the beginning of every month we will be sending them to you via your e-mail address. Please provide us with your e-mail address. Should you not have e-mail you will continue to receive the newsletter on paper.

### **PHYS ED UNIFORMS**

Phys. Ed. Uniforms will be on sale for \$30 (shorts \$20/t-shirt \$10) from Mr. Parkhouse during the first week of school. All students are expected to wear a Dalewood gym uniform by their 4<sup>th</sup> Phys. Ed. period.

### **NO SURPRISES**

One of our goals at Dalewood again this year is to keep parents informed about their child's progress before the progress report card goes home in November. At the end of each even numbered cycle, students will bring home a portfolio of tests and assignments completed and evaluated so that parents have a current picture of how well their son or daughter is keeping up with the work. Please take the time to go over the contents of the portfolio with your child and discuss any issues that arise, so that remedial action can be taken right away. The report card should not contain any surprises.

### **MEDICAL FORMS**

If your child requires medication during the school day, a medical form **must** be picked up at the school office and completed before any medication can be administered. Medication must be in its original container with the student's name and dosage indicated. This form **must be completed each year.**

### **ANAPHYLAXIS (severe allergies)**

If your child is subject to anaphylaxis, you must inform the Principal of this situation in writing outlining the expected symptoms, and requested intervention by school staff. A form for this purpose is available at the Office.

#### ***PEANUT ALERT***

There are students in our school who have a severe allergy to nuts. Even exposure to a tiny amount of this item could be serious and life threatening. We all play a role in preventing such a dangerous and frightening situation at school. The specific students and their families must take responsibility to avoid exposure. However, staff, other students, and their families can also help to make the school environment safer. Your assistance is needed to:

- check the list of ingredients on items you send to school and
- Avoid sending nuts or items containing nuts with your child to school.

This may be an inconvenience for you, but please realize the importance of your assistance. We would take the same care should your child have such a health care need. Your support in this important matter is greatly appreciated. For more information, please call the school at 905-934-3325.

### **PAY PHONE**

There is a pay phone provided for students use. The office will only make calls for students in case of illness or emergency. In this way we can ensure lines are free for important calls.

### **FUND RAISING AT DALEWOOD**

As many of you know, we do not fund raise for our school. Instead of asking students or their parents to sell products, we ask each student to pay a \$40 activity fee. This supports school activities and also gives each student a photo ID card (25% off milk), a student organizer (\$7), discounts on dances and trips and a copy of the Yearbook (\$12) in June. Details on this have been included in the first day of school package.

### **PERMISSION TO LEAVE PROPERTY UNDER TEACHER SUPERVISION**

Each year we are involved in activities in our immediate neighbourhood which require our students to leave the property under teacher supervision. At Christmas and in the spring, our entire choir walks to Governor Simcoe with the teachers for a morning rehearsal. In physical education, our students do their running on our playground, in Guy Road Park and on some of the nearby sidewalks. Our spring show and our June graduation and awards ceremonies require the whole school to walk over to the auditorium at Governor Simcoe and occasionally we are invited by the high school to attend concerts or plays put on by their students.

Rather than our having to send you a permission form to sign and return for each event, we are asking that you sign a blanket permission letter to cover these excursions on foot to the local high school and running in the local neighbourhood during physical education classes.

### **BICYCLE SAFETY**

Bicycles are not to be ridden on school property or in the parking lot. They are to be walked to and from the racks and locked to prevent theft or damage. The school is not responsible for bicycles or any other personal property (I-Pods). We recommend the wearing of bicycle helmets for students' safety.

### **DALEWOOD MORNING STUDENT SUPPORT**

Starting Monday, September 12, 2011, there will be tutoring available in the library from 8:00–8:40 a.m. Monday through Friday. This is offered to students who are having difficulty completing their homework for a variety of reasons.

1. Students must arrive between 8:00 and 8:10. Please do not come early. Students will not be admitted after 8:10 a.m.
2. Students will sign in with Mrs. Simpson. This is to monitor frequency of attendance, and to not any difficulties students may be having.
3. NO electronics of any kind are allowed.
4. Students MUST arrive fully prepared with all materials. No student will be permitted to go to their locker.
5. Computers are for word processing only. Computers are off limits for research during this time.

Please note this is not a social time or a way to avoid winter days.

If the library is being used for another event, provisions will be made for an alternative location and posted on the library door.

We thank Mrs. Simpson for assisting many students each and every morning to achieve success!!

### **DALEWOOD'S 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

Next year we will be celebrating Dalewood's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!! Are you a Dalewood Alumni? Start spreading the word. Please contact the office to let us know if you are interested in being on the planning committee. We have set our celebration for Saturday, May 12, 2012 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## Student Transportation for 2011-2012 School Year

The District School Board of Niagara has changed all student transportation to yellow bus service for all students who qualify for 2011-12 school year.

Dalewood will have four yellow school buses this year. We will be reviewing with students which bus route he/she is on and the process to follow on our end of day routine. Our afternoon buses are tentatively scheduled to leave Dalewood promptly at 3:20 p.m. It will be each student's responsibility to ensure he/she is on the school bus by this time.

The NSTS website, [www.nsts.ca](http://www.nsts.ca), contains a portal for parents to look up the pick-up and drop-off times and location for students who qualify for school bussing. Parents can sign-in to the NSTS website portal using your child's Ontario Education Number (OEN) which can be found on their report card.

Please contact NSTS if you have any questions. You can reach NSTS at the general phone line (905) 346-0290 or by email [general@nsts.ca](mailto:general@nsts.ca).

### Parking Lot & Picking Students Up at End of Day

We need all Dalewood families' assistance in resolving long standing parking challenges at our school. Unfortunately, our school has a very small parking lot. You will notice that the DSBN has taken steps to maximize our parking spaces and create a school bus loading zone this summer. There are clearly marked '**No Standing**' and '**Bus Loading**' zones, and we ask for your help to ensure traffic is not blocked in our parking lot or out on the street.

All students need to be picked up from school from time to time for a variety of reasons. If you do need to pick up your child, please arrange a general area where you will park. I suggest the following examples:

1. Park on the south side of Draper Street (North of Dalewood) so that your child can walk down Duncan and turn left. This is approximately a 100 metre walk.
2. Park on the eastside of Geneva Street (West of Dalewood) so that your child walks through our school yard and out the cat-walk. This is approximately a 50 metre walk.
3. Park on the west side of Duncan Drive and park either north or south of Dalewood in designated parking zones. This is the closest spot, but also very popular.

Please **DO NOT** park on the eastside of Duncan Drive. This requires students to cross the road at a very busy time of the day and can possibly put your child's safety in jeopardy.

Additionally, the following actions will be taken to alleviate parking problem:

1. As we have done repeatedly in the past, we have placed a call into City Hall to request Parking Enforcement assistance to address this issue. Our request is for the Parking Enforcement Officer to **ticket any vehicle that can not obey clearly defined rules**.
2. Mr. Wallace & Mrs. Gower will be approaching all illegally parked vehicles and requesting that the driver move. Unfortunately, in the past some adults have used inappropriate language or have uttered insults. We will address any and all harassment.

We appreciate your co-operation and understanding of the steps that we will be employing to address the parking problems. It is for your child's safety.