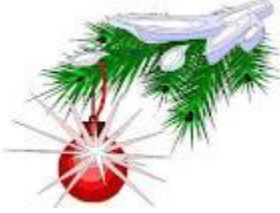




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CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Mr. Mallory

On **Thurs., December 15th, at 7:00pm**, the Dalewood choir, orchestra and drama club will be performing at our annual Christmas Concert. It will be held again this year at Governor Simcoe Secondary School in the Grantham Theatre. This year, we are asking for a \$2.00 admission fee per person to help support our self-funded Arts Program at Dalewood. We would encourage as many families as possible to attend and show support for our students, who have rehearsed many hours. It is very important for them to look out into the audience and see their parents, family and friends. Students need to arrive by 6:30pm in white shirts and black pants.

Reminder, student's should arrive at Dalewood for regular attendance and we will walk over to Governor Simcoe for our morning preliminary rehearsal. Student's will return to Dalewood for their lunch break (12:00-1:00pm). A dress rehearsal will follow in the afternoon starting at 1:30pm. You are welcome to attend along with other family members and friends if unable to make it to the evening performance.

WINTER BREAK

Friday, December 23rd is a regular school day with regular dismissal at 3:10pm. **School re-opens on Monday, January 9th at 8:40am.**

STUDENT SUPPORT BEFORE SCHOOL

This is a reminder that each morning students are welcome to come to the Library to receive additional support on homework or assignments with Mrs. Simpson. Students should arrive between 8:00am - 8:10am.

LAURA SECORD PERFORMANCE

There will be a performance by the student's from Laura Secord on **Thursday, December 22nd**, in the Gymnasium at Dalewood.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The following élève du mois (*students of the Month*) have been recognized for the month of November.

- 5-1 Nathan Vanderform, Madeleine Laroque, & Daniel Ridings
- 5-2 Aurora Drakeford, Curtis Ehlert, & Katlyn Van Tuyl
- 7-1 Mariam Alaido & Kenny MacLean
- 7-2 Maddie LaPlante
- 7-3 Heather McLachlan
- 7-4 Adam Coholan & Cailen Rotz
- 7-5 Morgan Climenhage & Brent Dryczewycz
- 7-6 Rosie Lawless
- 8-1 Madisyn Gionet & Kevin Rempel
- 8-2 Erik Kennedy & Terra Robinson
- 8-3 Jasmine Klassen
- 8-4 Kira Casement & Kaitlyn Kinghorn
- 8-5 Kimmy Desharnais & Michelle Fieguth
- 8-6 James Kretz

LISA PETTY ~ 610 CKTB

We are very excited to welcome Lisa Petty, host of Lisa Live: *health radio that walks the talk* to Dalewood on **Friday, December 9th**. Lisa will be presenting a seminar on cancer that will help to empower Dalewood students to learn more about the risk factors linked to this disease. Lisa will share a proactive message with information about our dietary and lifestyle choices that can strengthen our bodies to protect against cancer.

We have planned a school wide trip to the Brand New Scotiabank Convention Centre (Niagara Falls) to enjoy the live musical production of "ANNIE" the musical.

"Annie", the musical, is a beautiful story of courage and optimism. An orphan, Annie, and her dog Sandy are placed in the lap of luxury for a week as a part of a publicity campaign for Oliver Warbucks. However, Annie's stay turns out to be much more than anyone had bargained for as she works her way into everyone's hearts and learns a few things for herself.

WHEN: *Friday, December 16th, 2011*

WHERE: *Scotiabank Convention Centre (Niagara Falls, Canada)*

COST: **\$25.00** (students are permitted to bring money for drink or snack during intermission)

ATTENDING: 324 Dalewood community members (7 buses)

DEPARTURE: **10:00AM**

RETURN: **2:00PM**



"ME TO WE" CLUB *Lauren Doi and Lauren Hesp*

Congratulations to the grade 8's for winning our November food drive competition. It was very close but the grade 8's pulled ahead and each class won a trophy!!!

Throughout the month of December our school will be conducting another food drive in support of Community Care. We will be competing against other schools in the Region. Our goal is to raise the most donations in weight of non-perishable food items. If our school wins Niagara Inflatables will provide us with a Winter Wonderland Fun Fair. Please help us by sending non-perishable food items to school with your child and help support this great cause. The final day for donations will be December 20th. Feel free to bring donations to our Christmas concert. Thank you.

WANTED: GOLF PUTTERS & CROQUET SETS

Troy Parkhouse

The Dalewood Physical Education department is asking for donations of any old golf putters or

croquet sets for the program. In an attempt to give our students the most activity options possible, we are searching for items to help us improve our Target Games unit. Any individual who has old golf putters or croquet sets which are in good condition, but no longer being used, the PE department would gladly accept them. Please direct any inquires of donated equipment to either Mr. McNamara or Mr. Parkhouse.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT *Millar Coveney, Todd Morgan, Alyssa VanZalen, & Josh Weeks (Student Council Executive)*

Student Council has planned a busy month of December. We have been busy planning, organizing, and making many decisions about initiatives and events which we hope will make our school a fun, exciting place to be of which we can all be proud.

GETTING INTO THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT

We are all looking forward to the Christmas break. It will be a time to relax, have fun and visit with family. This is also a season when we think about others and reflect upon how lucky we are. The Student Council has planned several initiatives that will allow Dalewood students the opportunity to show that they care about each other, their community, and the world. We will be supporting four local charities for the whole month of December. Classes will be divided and grouped together, allowing them to be responsible for one of the four charities we have selected. The local charities we will be supporting are: Lincoln County Humane Society, Adopt A Family, The Women's Shelter, and Holiday Boxes.

Our **Annual Sock Tree** is making a return and students can start to decorate our tree with sock, mittens, scarves, hats, etc., as of December 1st.

We will be selling **Candy-o-Grams** this year. Students will be able to buy a Candy-o-Gram for a friend that will be delivered on Thursday, December 22nd. The cost is \$2.00 per each Candy-o-Gram.

Student Council would like to take a moment to say

Happy Holidays

to all of our students and families.

We wish you a safe and fun holiday break!

DALEWOOD'S SPONSOR CHILD *Todd Morgan*

Here at Dalewood we sponsor a 15 year old boy in Nepal. His name is Nazabuddin. Our sponsorship provides him and his family with things like food, clean water, and schooling. However, where do we get our money from?

As guests enter the front doors of our school, they will notice a large Mountain, Mount Everest. On the right side of the mountain, the scale is increasing by 400 up to 8000 metres, representing the total height of the Mountain. On the left side, the scale goes up by every \$20 we raise. Our goal is \$400. In order to reach our goal, we ask each student to bring in between 1 and 2 dollars. If everyone takes a small step towards this goal, we will make it to the top of the mountain by December 23rd. Plastic water bottles have been distributed to each class, where students can make their donation.

***Poverty is a mountain that can be conquered
one step at a time.***

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE DATES

The rules concerning attendance at Secondary Schools within the District School Board of Niagara continue. A student's choice of high schools will depend on two factors: home address and the program required by the student. You may want to make note of the following dates so that you can attend the Open Houses which apply to your son or daughter.

Eden Mon., January 16th @ 7:00pm
Governor Simcoe Wed., January 18th @ 6:30pm
Laura Secord Tue., January 17th @ 6:30pm
Kernahan Park Mon., January 16th @ 6:30pm
Sir Winston Churchill Mon., January 16th @ 6:30pm

SPORTS NEWS

INT BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Mr. Donato

The Boys Volleyball season has concluded. The team played in the District Championship in Division "A". The boys placed 2nd in regular season standings and earned a berth into the DSNB Championship in preliminary play. The team played Prince Phillip from Niagara Falls on Monday, November 28th @ Eastdale Secondary School. The boys played two close matches, but came up short in the final game. Congratulations on a great season. Special

thanks to all of our parents who supported the team in many ways and to Mr. Donato for his time and dedication in coaching this talented and dynamic group! Team members are: Kurt Allen, Isaiah Bennett, Mitchell Berg, Holden Child, Nicholas Felker, Owen Friesen, Erik Kennedy, James Kretz, Ben Kruck, Austin Lampman, Malcolm McKay, Liam Porteous, Jay Stefanishyn, and Owen Wilson.

JR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Mlle Lapointe

We would also like to congratulate Our Lady Dragons Volleyball Team who played their hearts out this season! Mlle Lapointe is very proud of the team for how they came together as a team and played with such physical and mental determination, as well as, for demonstrating such huge improvement in game play from the beginning of the season to the end. They played well as a team, had fun, and were also positive. A BIG thank you to all of our Dalewood parents for the support you have shown our team this year by attending games and helping to drive our players.

Finally, I would like to thank Mr. Dodman for helping ref our home games along with the students who helped keep score and act as linesmen.

INT GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Mrs. Cherney

Congratulations to the Intermediate Girls Volleyball team who have continued to enjoy a highly successful season. Early in November the team competed in a tournament at E.L. Crossley Secondary School where they finished second, competing in an exciting championship match against Glynn A Green. In league play, the team earned a first place pennant for their outstanding regular season play and a finalist pennant for competing in the championship match against Grapeview. The girls competed in the DSNB tournament, which took place Tuesday, November 29th. The team is now qualified to compete for the championship on **Monday, December 5th** (5:00pm) at Eastdale Secondary School in Welland. Best wishes, ladies! Thank you to everyone who has supported our team this year: scorekeepers, linesman, fans on the stage, Dalewood staff, and our fantastic parents. What a team!!

INCLEMENT WEATHER

All decisions concerning school closings are made by the Board Office, not the individual school. The announcements are made on local radio stations in time for the 7:00 a.m. news for morning classes. **Please listen in the morning** if you have weather concerns. (Some local radio stations are: CKTB 610 AM, CHRE 105.7 FM, CHSC 1220 AM, CHTZ 97.7 FM).

Please do not call the school regarding closures.

Early dismissal during the school day, due to inclement weather, is also announced on local radio stations. Please review with your child what arrangements have been made in the event of early dismissal for their arrival home.

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DALEWOOD SENIOR PUBLIC SCHOOL



November 30, 2011

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Back in October we sent home a survey to all families with Grade 7 & 8 children to seek your feedback regarding school trips for this year. The results of the survey were as follows:

- (163) surveys were returned to school
- (78) families indicated their wishes for a multi-night trip (3days/2nights) to Ottawa with an approximate cost of \$500
- (85) families indicated their wishes for day trips focusing on the War of 1812 and theatrical performances

Based on these results we will be proceeding with plans to organize several day trips for students this year. Our tentative plans are as follows:

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| • "Annie" the musical performance in Niagara Falls | December 16 | \$25 per ticket |
| • Trip to Fort York and Royal Museum of Ontario | April | |
| • Trip to Fort George & Queenston Heights (Possibly Fort Niagara) | May | |
| • Year-end day trip: Grade 7's to Bissells Hideaway | June | |
| Grade 8's to Sherston | | |

Thank you for your feedback and support. We are looking forward to planning a variety of day trips that will provide experiential learning opportunities for our students.

Sincerely,

Mr. T Wallace
Principal

Mrs. L. Gower
Vice-Principal

DALEWOOD SENIOR PUBLIC SCHOOL



Dear Parent or Guardian:

In the near future, we will begin a health unit on Healthy Living – Growth and Development. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the topics that will be covered and to provide you with the opportunity to contact the school prior to commencing our studies if you should have any questions.

This unit extends the work begun in Grade 6 and will cover the following areas:

- explain the male and female reproductive systems and fertilization;
- abstinence and healthy sexuality;
- transmission, symptoms and prevention of sexually transmitted diseases (including contraception awareness);
- effective communication skills to deal with various relationships and situations ,e.g., refusal skills, active listening;
- identifying sources of support related to healthy sexuality, e.g., parents/guardians, doctors.

It is our belief that you as parents/guardians play the most significant role in the formation of your children's values and behaviours related to human growth and development. This unit offers you the chance to discuss the classroom lessons and to consider them in view of your own family and religious beliefs.

Other activities which might encourage discussion with your child are:

1. watch a video or television show with your child and focus on sexual stereotypes, how relationships are portrayed and what messages are being given about sexuality;
2. look at magazine ads or commercials and talk about the messages that are being conveyed about human sexuality;
3. complete any activity that your child brings home to share with you.

Should you have any concerns or if you would like further information about this unit, feel free to contact the school.

Yours truly,

Physical Education Staff
Dalewood Public School

