

DALEWOOD SENIOR PUBLIC SCHOOL



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REMINDER: SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE DATES

January is an important month for our families with Grade 8 students, as secondary intention sheets will need to be completed. All DSBN secondary schools will be holding Open Houses to provide important information about course selection. Students usually attend their home boundary secondary school and may complete an Alternate School Request form to another secondary school based on programming. Further information will be sent home at the beginning of January.

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 to be sure you are able to 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 Secondary School



Invites YOU to our
GRADE 8 OPEN HOUSE
Monday, January 16th, 2012
6:30p.m. start (In the Auditorium)
Visit our website: www.sirwinston.ca

We look forward to seeing you at SWC!
101 Glen Morris Drive, St. Catharines 905-684-6349

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Our next School Council Meeting is scheduled for **Mon., January 23, 2012 at 6:30pm**, in the Library.

ROBOTICS CLUB

Mr. Aylward

The Dalewood Robotics Club will be holding their preliminary robotics competition on **Wed., February 4th**, in the Dalewood library from **12:00 - 4:30pm**. The top competitors from this competition in both grade 5 and grade 7/8 divisions will go on to represent Dalewood at the DSBN Robotics Fair. The robotics fair will be held on **Tues., February 7th**, at the DSBN Resource Centre in Niagara on the Lake. Parents will be asked to provide transportation for the DSBN day (*more information about drivers to follow*).



WINTER CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR

The winter season has begun with its need for warm, dry clothing and footwear. Students are expected to have appropriate indoor and outdoor footwear at school. A pair of shoes or non-skid slippers must be kept indoors and a dry pair must be worn at all times inside. Writing your son or daughter's name on all clothing and footwear helps to ensure that these items do not get "left forever" in the Lost and Found box.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Mme Danis

Student Council would like to extend a huge "THANK YOU" for all who contributed to the giving around the holiday season. The local charities we supported, were thrilled we were able to give back so generously! Congratulations goes to Mrs. Milosavlevic and Mr. Theriault classes as they were the top two classes in terms of giving, earning them a pizza party!

SNOWBALLS

At Dalewood, we expect students to leave snow on the ground. No snowballs or snow throwing is allowed. This is necessary to ensure the safety of our students, to be considerate of others, and to maintain a respectful and orderly environment. Snow throwing will involve progressive discipline as follows:

- ❁ 1st offence 30 minute office detention
- ❁ 2nd offence 3-30 minute office detentions
- ❁ 3rd offence 2-day suspension
- ❁ 4th offence 3-day suspension

It is our hope that no incidents will occur. Please review with your child the rule that snow remains on the ground. Experience has shown that this is the only safe alternative.

“MOVEMBER MEN”

During the month of November, Mr. Aylward, Mr. Dodman, Mr. Donato, Mr. Krake, Mr. Mallory, Mr. McNamara, Mr. Theriault, Mr. Wales, Mr. Wallace and Mr. Juritsch participated in “Movember” to raise awareness for prostate cancer. The month closed with a Movember Assembly on Wed., November 30th, where Todd Morgan (Student Council) shaved off Mr. Wallace’s mustache in front of the entire school body. \$1000.00 was raised for cancer. Way to go Dragons!



STUDENT SUPPORT BEFORE SCHOOL

This is a reminder that each morning, students are welcome to come in to the Library to receive additional support on homework or assignments with Mrs. Simpson. Students should arrive between 8:10am - 8:15am.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

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

- 5-1 Kira Ficyk , Chloe Guy, & Owen Shimmon
- 5-2 Emily Budd, Ashley Earle, Margo Hinchberger, Roxana Moise, Meagan Roberts, Grace Van Helvert, & Bridget Varley
- 7-1 Annie Dick & Bradley Kraft
- 7-2 Silas Elliott
- 7-3 Ben Ristow
- 7-4 Baylee Clark & Christopher Koch
- 7-5 Mackenzie Cowdrey & Braedon Isaak
- 7-6 Haley Esau
- 8-1 Matthew Erb & Sammi Laubach
- 8-2 Lucas Haberer & Alyssa VanZalen
- 8-3 Charleen Perley
- 8-4 Shaun Feere
- 8-5 Apryl Campbell, Kimmy Desharnais, & Chandra Fox
- 8-6 Keenan Baker, Todd Morgan, & Vivian Si



“Hey Parents! Do you know what your kids are watching?”

Young people look to celebrities for reassurance about their fashion and behaviour.

The evidence is clear....

The more youth see smoking in movies, the more likely they are to start smoking.

Ways to Protect our Kids

1. **Be aware** of what your children are viewing and learn which movies have smoking in them. Updates available every Thursday at facebook.com/hookedbyhollywood.
2. **Talk to your children** about tobacco and movies and teach them to be media aware.
3. **Show your support** to get tobacco out of youth-rated films in Ontario at smokefreemovies.ca.
4. **Spread the word** to other parents and join the discussion on facebook and twitter.

www.smokefreemovies.ca

facebook.com/hookedbyhollywood



Vaccines and elementary school children

Niagara Region Public Health is conducting an annual review of vaccination records for all elementary school children in the Niagara region. **If the vaccination information we have on file for your child is NOT complete, you will receive a letter and questionnaire from us in the mail in January, 2012.**

- Please follow the instructions for reporting your child's vaccinations to us, as outlined in the letter. Various options for reporting are available.
- If your child is overdue for one or more vaccinations, you will need to make an appointment with your child's doctor to get your child vaccinated. You can also make an appointment for your child at one of Public Health's General Immunization Clinics by calling 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7425.
- If you are a parent/guardian not wishing to vaccinate your child, you will need to provide Niagara Region Public Health with an original legal exemption document.

Students under 18 years of age attending Ontario schools must have proof of immunization against diphtheria, tetanus, polio, measles, mumps, and rubella (German measles). We are required to have this information by law (*Immunization of School Pupils Act, 1990*). **Please provide us with your child's missing vaccination information by March 8, 2012 or your child may be suspended from school.**

For more information, please call the Vaccine Preventable Disease Program at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074, ext. 7425.

NO "SCENTS" MAKES SENSE

At Dalewood we certainly understand the complexities of providing a scent free environment at a Senior Elementary School. However, *the combined use of spray products by a large number of students at the same time (i.e. in change rooms, locker area, hallways) creates a noxious learning and working environment.* **Spray products may not be used at school.** We suggest the use of unscented stick deodorant and body wipes for Phys. Ed class. We recognize that students, staff, and visitors to Dalewood may react quite significantly to scented products if they have a sensitivity to them or if they have a respiratory condition such as asthma. Scented products; especially SPRAY products such as body mist, cologne, perfume, hairspray, and deodorant trigger reactions ranging from mild discomfort, headaches, nausea, dizziness, rashes, eye and throat irritation, difficulties with concentration, anxiety, and/or respiratory distress. Staff, students, parents, and visitors are asked to refrain from using scented products while at school.

H.O.P.E. FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

The H.O.P.E. (*Helping Others Parent Effectively*) group's next meeting will be Wed., January 18th, 2012 at the St. Catharines Regional Child Care Centre on 179 Carlton Street. The topic will be: Healthy Eating Tips for the Whole Family - Sandy Maxwell, Registered Dietitian, Suggestions for weight, sleep and physical activity concerns.

SPORTS NEWS

JR BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Mr. Dodman

The Jr Boys Volleyball Team is commended on a fantastic inaugural season. The team was able to build each week and continued to improve right until the end. Getting into the playoffs, the Dragons lost a nail biter at home to a strong E.I. McCulley team. Congrats once again on a great season and the sportsmanship you have displayed in all of your matches. Mr. Dodman was very pleased with the team's improvement and dedication... You have come a long way! A special thanks goes out to all of our parents for supporting our team by cheering at home games and driving to the away games. The team consisted of the following players: Andrew Barry, Joshua Bonnell, Jason Daniel, Remy Gavanac, Keith MacLean, Benjamin Mandigo, Nicholas Murray-Coplen, Carter Penfound, Jacob Plaipe, Daniel Ridings, Soren Theriault, and Ben Wright. Way to go Dragons!!!

CO-ED VOLLEYBALL

Mrs. Cherney

On the evening of Mon., December 12th, the Senior Co-ed Volleyball team travelled to Crossroads P.S. to compete in a tournament with 9 other teams from around the region. The team was highly successful during the round-robin portion of the tournament; going undefeated. They advanced to the playoffs where they were victorious against a powerful Grapeview team, but were unable to clinch the championship versus the Oakridge Eagles. Overall, it was a fantastic night of volleyball! Mr. Donato and Mrs. Cherney were proud of the team for the sportsmanship and skill which the team displayed throughout the evening. Team members were: Danielle Bridle, Erik Kennedy, James Kretz, Ben Kruck, Austin Lampman, Erin Pagnotta, Lexy Parkin, and Stevie Watton.

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!

Cold Weather Alerts at DSBN

Winter is a time of wonder for many children; many enjoy the crisp air, the freshly fallen snow and participating in a whole host of exciting winter sports and activities.

Although we feel it is important for students to spend some time outside each day exercising and socializing with their peers, there are times when bitterly cold temperatures and other inclement weather conditions require that we keep children inside.

Because Niagara is such a large geographical area, and weather conditions may vary from one municipality to the next, the decision whether or not to hold recess outdoors is made by the individual school principal. When making this decision, principals will often consult with neighbouring schools, talk with parents as they arrive in the morning, and if the decision to send children outside is made, will equip yard duty staff with walkie-talkies so that they can communicate with the office to sound the bells to bring students in earlier.

The health and well-being of our students is a top priority at the District School Board of Niagara, and if it is determined that the weather conditions pose a risk to their safety, students will be kept indoors. Extreme cold weather alerts issued by the Niagara Region are often good indicators that students will stay inside.

Even when temperatures are not low enough to necessitate an indoor recess, it still may be quite cold outside. Here are a few tips to help ensure that your child stays warm during the cold winter months.

- Try to send children to school with plenty of layers, such as long underwear, sweatshirts, sweaters and pullovers. Layering their clothing will allow them to add or remove items depending on the weather.
- Students should have a warm winter coat that repels the snow, sleet and rain, while blocking the wind.
- Warm socks and boots will keep their feet warm and dry in the snow and slush.
- Hats are one of the most important parts of dressing warmly in the winter. A thick winter hat will keep students from losing too much of that essential body heat.
- Put on a good pair of gloves or mittens that are water-resistant as well. Gloves will keep kids' hands toasty warm and protect their skin from becoming damaged by the wind and chill.

If you have any questions about our inclement weather procedures, please visit our website dsbn.org, or contact the principal.

District School Board of Niagara

Expanding French Immersion for 2012



The District School Board of Niagara is pleased to now offer French Immersion beginning at the Grade 4 level across the system. In addition, as of September 2012, we will be implementing a Grade One French Immersion Pilot at 5 locations. As well as the new grade 4 entry, Grade 5 entry will continue across the Board for the 2012-2013 school year (Grade 7 entry will continue in St. Catharines and Niagara-on-the-Lake).

Information re: entry levels and the application process is on the DSBN website www.dsb.org. Click on the Parent Tab, under Programs, click on French and International Languages, click on French Immersion Registration. Applications for Grades 1, 4, 5 and 7 (at select schools) will be online. Application packages will also be available at your child's school starting January 9, 2012. Further program information will be sent home with your child in January.

“The ability to communicate in French is a valuable skill, because French is **one** of Canada’s two official languages and because it is a language used widely around the world. Research confirms that knowledge of a second language strengthens first-language skills and that the ability to speak two or more languages generally enhances reasoning and problem solving skills, as well as creative-thinking skills. Learning a second language not only strengthens students’ ability to communicate, but also develops their capacity to understand and respect other cultures. In this way, second-language learning prepares students to participate more effectively in the workplace and in the global economy, and provides them with a distinct advantage in a number of careers, both in Canada and internationally.” (pg 3 of the E.F./F.I. Curriculum Document (C.D.) 2001)

Parent Information Evenings will take place during the weeks of January 30 – February 10th. If you wish to find out more details about the French Immersion program, please attend one of the Information Evenings listed below or call your school.

Central	January 30, 2012 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Alexandra	January 30, 2012 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Parliament Oak	January 31, 2012 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Dalewood	January 31, 2012 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
McKay	January 31, 2012 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Prince Philip (Niagara Falls)	February 1, 2012 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Sheridan Park	February 1, 2012 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Gordon	February 6, 2012 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Princess Elizabeth	February 6, 2012 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Oakridge	February 6, 2012 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Briardale	February 7, 2012 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Queen Mary	February 7, 2012 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
John Marshall	February 8, 2012 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Bienvenue!