

DALEWOOD SENIOR PUBLIC SCHOOL



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November 2011 Newsletter

REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY

On Friday, Nov. 11th, at 10:30am, Dalewood will hold its annual Remembrance Day Assembly in the Gymnasium. Dalewood's talented choir will be presenting. There will also be a drama piece. Veterans invited for a special presentation.

We also have the privilege of having Veterans in the school during the week of the 11th speaking to all classes.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The following students have been chosen for the month of October.

- 5-1 Andrew Barry, Cole MacPhail, & Soren Theriault
- 5-2 Emma Segato & Steven Verbeek
- 7-1 Lauren Hesp & Gareth McIntosh
- 7-2 Michael Daniel
- 7-3 Josh Handley
- 7-4 Trent Stevenson
- 7-5 Cameron Walsh & Kahlan Woodhouse
- 7-6 Jaden Reimer
- 8-1 Jack Befort & Matt Brown
- 8-2 Jay Stefanishyn
- 8-3 Maddy Graham
- 8-4 Dana Stevens
- 8-5 Nicole Meade & Mackenzie Muir
- 8-6 Ben Kruck

GR 8 STUDENTS VISIT SECONDARY SCHOOLS

On Nov. 2nd, Gr 8 students will be visiting their home boundary secondary schools, for the entire day, based on the student's home address (Laura Secord and Governor Simcoe). Please note, our French Immersion students will be visiting Sir Winston Secondary School

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The next School Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 21st, at 6:30pm in the school library. All parents/guardians are encouraged to attend.

PROGRESS REPORTS INTERVIEWS

Progress reports will be sent home on Tuesday, Nov. 15th, along with interview confirmation date(s) and time(s). Interviews will be help with homeroom teachers the week of Nov. 14th to 18th.

ASSESSMENT PORTFOLIOS

Students will be bringing home their Assessment Portfolios for work completed during October, the week of Nov. 7th-11th. Assessment Portfolios are to be signed by parents and returned to homeroom teachers.

Student Council

Todd Morgan

Each year, Dalewood elects a Student Council. The council is in charge of planning school dances, fundraisers, and special events. The Student Council consists of 4 executives and 14 class reps. On Oct. 11th, the students of Dalewood voted for a Prime Minister, a Deputy Minister, a Minister of Communications and a Minister of Finance. It was tough competition for all of the candidates. Your Student Council for 2011-2012 is:

Executive

- Prime Minister Alyssa VanZalen
- Deputy Minister Josh Weeks
- Minister of Finance Millar Coveney
- Minister of Communications Todd Morgan

Class Reps

5-1 Eden Beecroft-Penner
5-2 Emma Segato
7-1 Jesse Bellamy
7-2 Rachel Lunny
7-3 Allie Hunter
7-4 Adam Coholan
7-5 Hannah Zhang
7-6 Haley Esau
8-1 Ashley Upshaw
8-2 Ryan Hepditch
8-3 Sabrina Balanowski
8-4 Dana Stevens
8-5 Gabe Theriault
8-6 Jummy Oladipo

We are all looking forward to another great year at Dalewood, and hope you are too!

HALLOWEEN DANCE *Mme Danis & Mlle Lapointe*

Grade 7 and 8 students will be having a school dance on Monday, Oct. 31st during Periods 5 and 6. The dance will cost \$3.00 with your Activity Card (\$4.00 without) Students are encouraged to wear their costumes as there will be prizes. Costumes will only be worn in the afternoon. Students will have time to change during their 2nd Nutrition Break. School Dress Code will apply to student's costumes.

Students in Gr 7 and 8 will have the opportunity to purchase the following:

Special Activities

A photo shoot (1 picture) \$1.00/student/picture
Fortune Reading (2 minutes) \$0.50
"Just Dance" (10 minutes)..... \$0.50

Food/Beverage

Pop \$2.00
Bag of Chips (sm) \$1.00
Candy \$0.50/bag or 3/\$1.00
Bottle of Water \$1.00
Smartfood Popcorn \$1.00

Hocus Pocus Movie *Mme Danis & Mlle Lapointe*

On Oct. 31st Gr 5 students will be having a movie afternoon. They will be watching the movie Hocus Pocus in the library. The cost of the movie will be \$3.00 with their activity fee (\$4.00 without). Students in grade 5 will be receiving their pre-ordered snacks for the movie.

Any students not wanting to participate in the dance or movie will be provided a quiet area in the school where they will be able to play board

games, read, etc. These students may bring in their own board games for an afternoon of fun!

Student council has joined with the Me to We group to donate some of the proceeds to a locate food drive.



Mrs. Coles

We have planned a school wide trip to the Brand New Scotiabank Convention Centre (*in Niagara Falls, Canada*) on **Friday Dec. 16th**, to enjoy the live 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 heart and learns a few things for herself.

If any parents are interested in joining us for this wonderful opportunity we would be pleased to offer additional tickets at student price (**\$25/person**). Please send cash or cheque (*payable to Dalewood Public School*) by **Monday, Oct. 31st**. We hope your child will be able to attend, as this is a worthwhile educational experience and a great opportunity to appreciate a live theatrical performance

ART CLUB

Mrs. Read

After the 1st meeting of the Art Club, over 75 students wanted to join. As a result, the Art Club will now run Thursday's from 3:15 to 4:30 as follows...

- Gr 8 students: remainder of Oct., Nov., Dec., Jan., and part of Feb., and
- Gr 7 students: Mar., Apr., May, and June.

CAMP DALEWOOD!!

Mrs. Read

As we move into the cooler days of Fall, I think it would be a great time to reflect back and fondly remember that sunny day in September where wonderful collided with wacky. What else could I possibly be talking about other than... CAMP DALEWOOD! Ah, what a fantastic memory. Thanks to all 34 of the parent volunteers for helping out and especially to Mrs. Barry for being the star parent in our opening ceremonies. Here are 2 student's reflections on the day.

Dale what? Dalewood!!

“Camp Dalewood was awesome this year!! I'm glad to be coming here for 4 years! Let's talk embarrassing. All of the teachers in a band and the lead singer... HORRIBLE!! (no offense) You have to agree that was a little embarrassing!! Now let's talk FUN! All the games were fun, but the two that I liked the best were doctor dodgeball with the teeny little bike (it was so cool) and the cup and Frisbee game! My score was 9!! All of the teams had a colour and a number like purple 4. I was red 2. The penny covering the loonie was so hard! We couldn't get them all on!!! Only one! But what was really fun was duck taping someone to the wall!! She didn't stay but it was still fun! Then there was the pizza lunch! It was the best pizza I've ever had, and the ending ceremony... it was Mrs. Reed's birthday so, for a little surprise, they splattered a pie in her face!! I was laughing so hard!!! Then she wiped it on some camper' heads!” *Taylor Whitworth 5-2*

“Camp Dalewood is really fun! The first and second time! Both times are completely different experiences. The first was fun, getting to know Dalewood, it's staff and students. But the second time around was memorable, This time around was for the grade 5's & 7's. I had fun last year. What I loved was seeing their smiles and excitement about everything! But one thing I will truly remember is the way their faces changed from disappointed to appreciative when I gave them the 8 small gold medals with “WINNER” written on them. I truly tried to include them all and when I did, I loved their responsive smiles I got in return. Thanks for giving us all this great experience!” *Sri Goberdham (8-5)*

DALEWOOD'S ROBOTIC CLUB *Mr. Aylward*

The Dalewood Robotics Club is back for another year. The club consists of Dalewood students and a few high school mentors who meet once a week to build, program, and compete, using the Lego NXT robotics systems as well as VEX robotics systems (new this year). Because of a large and enthusiastic turnout for our first meeting we have decided to split the club into 2 groups. The grade 7 students and half the grade 8's will meet on Wednesdays from 3:15 to 4:45pm and the grade 5's and the other half of the grade 8's will meet on Thursdays. (same times). The club will run through to February and will culminate with participation in the DSBN robotics challenges. The club is open to all Dalewood students. Hope to see you there.



The Boys Volleyball Team *Mr. Donato*

The Boys team is currently in 2nd place in the league standings and is nearing completion of its regular season. The team has grown

tremendously since September and is now playing at peak performance as we approach league playoffs, along with two opportunities to play in local tournaments on Oct. 29th & Nov. 12th at Eden High School. Team members include: James Kretz & Austin Lampman (*captains*); Kurt Allen, Isaiah Bennett, Mitchell Berg, Holden Child, Nicholas Felker, Owen Friesen, Erik Kennedy, Ben Kruck, Malcolm McKay, Liam Porteous, Jay Stefanishyn, and Owen Wilson. Many thanks to our faithful linespeople, scorekeepers, supporters here at home, and (especially) our parents who have driven the team to the away games.

The Girls Volleyball Team *Mrs. Cherney*

The girls have enjoyed a great deal of success in the first part of their season and are currently sitting in first place for regular season league play. Way to go, ladies! Team members are: Danielle Bridle and Stevie Watton (*captains*), Jesse Bellamy, Hope Berg, Madelyn Berg, Haley Esau, Madisyn Gionet, Nicole Meade, Erin Pagnotta, Lexy Parkin, Rowan Thomas, and Donna Truong. A sincere thank you to all of those who have supported our team by cheering us on, scorekeeping, serving as linesmen, and to our fantastic parents for chauffeuring our team to practices and games.

LATE AND ABSENT STUDENTS *Office*

Your child's safety is a priority. We ask when your child is going to be away, you call the school and leave a message including: child's full name, reason for your child's absence, and homeroom teacher. The answering machine receives calls 24 hours a day.

When students are going to be late or leave the building at any time during the day they need to sign out at the office. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

RECEIVING NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL *Office*

If you signed up to have the newsletter sent to you by email or you would like the newsletter by email and you have not received it, please email the school at dal@dsbn.org. In the subject line please put “**Email Newsletter**” and have your **child's name and class in the email**. Thank you.

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES

There may be times during the school year where inclement weather or other situations could cause transportation cancellations or school closures.

At times when student transportation has been cancelled and schools remain open, the decision of whether or not to have children in school on that day rests with the parent or guardian.

Should you decide not to send your child to school in the event that transportation is cancelled but schools remain open, or if your child is ill or late, please ensure that you call your child's school to inform them of your child's absence.

A key resource in any emergency is the DSBN Emergency Information form that you filled out at the beginning of the school year. Please let the school know of any changes in contact information or procedures you wish to be followed throughout the school year.

For secondary schools it may become necessary to cancel late buses. Notice will be provided via school announcements and on the websites and subscription features by 11:30 a.m.

Information about transportation cancellations and school closures will be available as soon as it is available through the following channels:

Websites:

www.dsbn.org

www.nsts.ca

Subscription Features:

DSBN Facebook or Twitter

NSTS Transportation Delay or Cancellation Alerts

Phone:

Niagara Student Transportation Services 905-346-0290 Voice Auto Attendant

Radio Stations:

CKTB (610 AM) St. Catharines

WAVE (94.7 FM) Hamilton

CKOC (1150 AM) Hamilton

CHML (900 AM) Hamilton

CHAM (820 AM) Hamilton

Y-108(107.9) Hamilton

CHRE (105.7 FM) St. Catharines

CHTZ-FM (97.7 FM) St. Catharines

CKEY (105.1 FM) Niagara Falls/Fort Erie

K-LITE-FM (102.9 FM) Hamilton

GIANT FM (91.7 FM) Welland

Television Stations:

CH – Hamilton

CityTV Breakfast Television

CTV Toronto

Cogeco Channel 10

