

The Parnall Post



Mr. R. McLean, Principal

From the Office...

Whether you are celebrating Christmas, Chanukah, Kwanzaa, Eid Al-Adha or another special event this holiday season, the staff at Parnall



wishes you a safe and happy time with your family. We are very grateful that you have entrusted your children to our care. At Parnall School, we believe that every child can achieve to a high standard. We believe that good character and good citizenship are integral components of academic achievement and success in life. We believe that parents and teachers, working together, can achieve great things for children. We are very proud of the positive climate in our school and are committed to working together for even greater student success.

REMINDER TO PARENTS:

Last Day of Classes before holiday:
Friday, December 21st, 2018

Return to Classes:
Monday, January 21st, 2019

Adopt-A-School Christmas Drive



In the past, Parnall has adopted families from local schools to help make their Christmas a happy one!

This year, Miss Watson's grade 3/4 class are leading a donation drive to support a school which has over 125 students in need!

There are a number of ways you can help, and no donation is too small!. You can:

- Donate unused, unwrapped toys
- Donate a new piece of clothing
- Donate gift cards (Wal-Mart, Giant Tiger, Toys R Us)
- Donate Food Cards
- Give a financial donation

Items will be delivered during the week of December 17-21 so we are requesting that all donations arrive to Parnall no later than Friday, December 14th.

In addition, there will be a staff-student volleyball game on December 11th. We are asking that students bring a money donation towards this cause as they watch the game.

Thank you in advance for supporting this worthwhile endeavor!

Parking Safety

We are asking for your assistance in dropping off and picking up students in our parking lot. We know that the parking lot gets crowded but we must park in areas that keep bus loading zones and through ways clear.

There are three particular spots that are areas of concern:

1. The area in the driveway immediately in front of the front door is a bus loading zone. **DO NOT PARK IN THE BUS LOADING ZONE.**
2. The exit lanes onto Linwell Rd. It is important to keep **BOTH LANES CLEAR** so that the traffic can turn both left and right in the appropriate lanes. Please do not pull along the sidewalk too close to Linwell Rd.
3. Along the north side of the parking lot is a walkway for students and parents to walk from Geneva St. to the back of the school. Please **DO NOT PARK ALONG THE NORTH SIDE OF THE PARKING LOT.**

Also, when in the parking lot, please **SLOW DOWN** and watch for students and caregivers walking in the parking lot.

We want everyone to be safe!



Inclement Weather!!!

It won't be long for the really cold weather to arrive. We continue to expect rain/snow and cold temperatures during this time of year. **Please dress your children appropriately for the weather!**

We will attempt to allow students outside during as many recesses as possible. If there is heavier rain, the following procedures will be followed: At 8:40am – students will be allowed in the hallway using their **normal** entry door. A teacher on duty will supervise the students until the bell rings, and then will direct students to their classes.

Fitness Breaks – students remain in their classrooms and are involved in quiet activities.




DSBN Academy is a Grade 6 to Grade 12 public school designed to support and empower students to be the first in their family to graduate from college or university. Come learn more about the opportunities offered at DSBN Academy. All families are welcome! The **Parent Information Session is Thursday, December 6, 2018 from 6:00-7:00pm at Harriet Tubman School.**

If interested further, there is an Open House at the DSBN Academy on Tuesday, January 15th, 2019 from 6:00-7:30pm.

Bus & School Cancellations

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.

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

Websites:
www.dsb.org www.nsts.ca

Subscription Features:
SBN Facebook or Twitter

Phone:
NSTS 905-346-0290 Voice Auto Attendant

Radio Stations:
CKTB (610 AM) St. Catharines
CHAM (820 AM) Hamilton
CHML (900 AM) Hamilton
CKOC (1150 AM) Hamilton
GIANT FM (91.7 FM) Welland
WAVE (94.7 FM) Hamilton
CHTZ-FM (97.7 FM) St. Catharines
K-LITE-FM (102.9 FM) Hamilton
2DayFM (105.1 FM) N.F./Fort Erie
CHRE (105.7 FM) St. Catharines
Y-108(107.9) Hamilton

Snow / Snowballs

To ensure the safety of students on our playground during the winter months, it is necessary for us to ban the throwing/kicking of snow/ice. The students are constantly reminded of this rule during in-class discussions, at assemblies and over the morning announcements. Should it be found that a student has violated this rule, his/her name is recorded in the office and the appropriate consequences will be given. These include suspension for repeat offenders who endanger the safety of others. **Remind your children of these rules!**



Also, remind your children to stay off the snow banks that will build up by parking lots, they may slide into and over hidden fences and slide into the paths of cars!

Clean Your Hands

Cleaning your hands is the most effective way to prevent the spread of germs. Regular hand cleaning with soap and water, or an alcohol based hand sanitizer will reduce the risk of getting sick.

Cleaning your hands should occur:

- Before preparing meals
- Before eating
- After using the washroom
- After coughing or sneezing
- After blowing your nose
- After playing with pets
- After playing outdoors

Use warm water and soap and lather and scrub for at least 15 seconds if your hands are visibly dirty.

For more information, talk to your school nurse or go to www.niagararegion.ca/health.

Intermediate Volleyball

Our season has concluded and both teams have shown wonderful sportsmanship, continued effort and dedication to our teams.



The boys represented Parnall School well winning the St. Catharines championship! In the DSBN tournament they sported a winning record and finished up as semi-finalists!

The girls represented Parnall School well as finalists in the St. Catharines league, and semi-finalists in the DSBN tournament

Thanks to Ms. Watson and Mr. Sotola for coaching both the girls and boys teams.

Junior Volleyball

Both the junior boys and junior girls teams should be proud of their efforts during the season. Both teams have showed great enthusiasm and sportsmanship as they are improving throughout the season.

Thanks to Mrs. Coveney for coaching the girls and to Mr. Keyes for coaching the boys!

Absences / Lates

To help out our secretary, Mrs. King, parents are reminded to call the school prior to 8:40am if your son/daughter will be absent or has an appointment first thing in the morning.



I-Matter Winners

We are holding our I-Matter assembly on Friday, December 7th at 2:30pm. Winners this month are:

I Matter As a Learner:

- K1: Grace I, Weston G, Oliver B, Logan S
- K2: Colton B, Allegra P, Paige D, Isabella M, Harrison D, Dayton M, Quinn O, Grace S, Andrea S
- K3: Blake R, Trenton T
- 1C: Diego A-G
- 1/2C: Jennifer U
- 2G: Brenna F
- 3B: Lanai G
- 3/4W: Jamie V, Caroline J
- 4C: Michael J, Alex R
- 5C: Jayden W, Tiffany A
- 5/6E: Sean K, Rebecca V
- 6K: Kyrsten L
- 7W: Victoria I, Keishaun J

I Matter As an Individual:

- K1: Scarlett C-C, Videl T, Ryanne M-D, Hana H-D
- K3: Tatum C, Rayah C
- 1C: Willow L
- 1/2C: Theodor F
- 2G: Jordan V
- 3B: Xander H
- 3/4W: Lockie M, Jonathan S-B
- 4C: Bella S
- 5C: Jack C, Alison H-M
- 5/6E: Griffin G, Jillian J
- 6K: Sarina B-P
- 7W: Grace B, Callum W

I Matter As a Community Member:

- K3: Nora D, Sadie M
- 1C: William T
- 1/2C: Nevaeh W
- 2G: Cameron M
- 3B: Coleson T
- 4C: Presley M, Grace M
- 5C: Svea G, Michael C
- 5/6E: Nora A, Haley P
- 6K: Carter S
- 7W: Ryan D
- 8S: Rilen M, Alanna G, Tommy M

French Immersion

The French Immersion program (offered at French Immersion sites) is open to all students in Senior Kindergarten interested in enrolling for the 2018-2019 year. If you want your child to develop a high proficiency and fluency in Canada's two official languages, French Immersion has a great deal to offer. Features of the French Immersion program:

- Development of French language skills in speaking, listening, reading and writing from grades one to twelve;
- Designed to be a second language program for children whose first language is **NOT** French;
- Certificate of French Immersion Studies awarded upon successful completion of the elementary and secondary Immersion program;
- Promoting understanding of different cultures;
- Providing additional opportunities for employment using French as the working language;
- An increased ability to communicate and interact with confidence in French.

Online registration will open January 7th, 2019

Dalewood French Immersion Parent Information Night will be on Wednesday, January 9, 2019 from 6:00-7:00 pm.

For more information about French Immersion in the District School Board of Niagara visit www.dsbni.org/fi or speak to your school principal.

Milk Orders

We are pleased to facilitate students drinking a healthy beverage daily. We will have MILK ORDERS available on SchoolCashOnline (click the link on parnall.dsbn.org) If you wish your child to have milk, please complete the form online. Orders are for a milk card, good for 20 milks for \$15. Students bring their milk card to the milk station each day they wish to get milk.



Special Lunch Days

Pizza will continue to be offered most Fridays. Cost is \$1 per slice and it remains a healthy option with whole wheat crust and pepperoni, or plain cheese.

Orders for hot dogs and pasta will be available later this month.

Be sure to honour the due date. No late orders are accepted!

Special lunch days for December are:

- Dec. 7: PIZZA (due: Dec. 5)
- Dec. 14: PIZZA (due: Dec. 12)
- Dec. 19: PASTA (due: Dec. 11)
- Dec. 20: SUBWAY (due: Dec. 18)
- Dec. 21: PIZZA (due: Dec. 19)



Bring In Your Can Tabs!

Save those tabs on your canned items: pop cans, adult beverage cans, canned tomatoes, and more!

Send in your can tabs into the school and deposit them in your child's colour class bucket.

Can tabs are used to exchange for cash to support our snack program



This year, can tabs are collected by classroom and prizes are given monthly to the classes that brings in the most per student.

Last months winners were 8S & 5/6E!! Who will be the winner this month? We'll find out on December 7th!

Free Math App!

DREAMBOX is a math program that we are using to help support our mathematics instruction. Now you can download this app on your iDevice and use it for free.

The DreamBox iPad app is now available as a free download from Apple's App Store. All data will sync with existing accounts, so that the deeply personalized learning paths of each student will persist, no matter what device they are using to access DreamBox.

The webpage to the site online is:

<https://play.dreambox.com/play>

Students will know their e-mail address and password as they use the program at school.

