

The Parnall Post



Mr. R. McLean, Principal

From the Office...

February 11th marks the 100th day of the 2020-2021 school year! It is hard to believe that we will be more than half way through the school year then!

Report Cards will be sent home on February 18th and 19th. At this point, we still don't know whether they will go home in person or whether they will be e-mailed to parents.

You are encouraged to carefully look over your child's report and contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.

We are waiting for the provincial government and the medical officer of health to determine when we will return to **in-person learning**. Please continue to refer to the Board's website at www.dsbn.org for the latest updates.

We thank you so much for your support of your child while we are learning online.

P.A. DAY
Friday, February 12th
 (no classes)

FAMILY DAY
Monday, February 15th
 (school is closed)

PINK SHIRT DAY

For anti-bullying!

Wear your pink shirt on Wednesday, February 24th to stand up to bullying!

The story of how Pink Shirt Day started:

"David Shepherd, Travis Price and their teenage friends organized a high-school protest to wear pink in sympathy with a Grade 9 boy who was being bullied [for wearing a pink shirt]...[They] took a stand against bullying when they protested against the harassment of a new Grade 9 student by distributing pink T-shirts to all the boys in their school. 'I learned that two people can come up with an idea, run with it, and it can do wonders,' says Mr. Price, 17, who organized the pink protest. 'Finally, someone stood up for a weaker kid.' So Mr. Shepherd and some other headed off to a discount store and bought 50 pink tank tops. They sent out message to schoolmates that night, and the next morning they hauled the shirts to school in a plastic bag. As they stood in the foyer handing out the shirts, the bullied boy walked in. His face spoke volumes. 'It looked like a huge weight was lifted off his shoulders,' Mr. Price recalled. The bullies were never heard from again."



Term 1 Report Card Update

On February 18-19, 2021, your child will receive either the Elementary Provincial Report Card (Grades 1-8) or the Kindergarten: Communication of Learning.

Report cards give a summary of student achievement at the end of each term. Teachers use their professional judgement and consider factors such as consistency, recent improvement and amount of evidence order to determine students' grades or marks. Teachers and students work together to gather evidence of their learning over time from observations, conversations and student products.

This year, the Ontario Ministry of Education updated the [math curriculum](#) for Grades 1 to 8 which started in September 2020. The new mathematics curriculum is part of a [four-year math strategy](#) designed to:

- improve student performance in math
- help students solve everyday math problems
- increase students' employability to attain the jobs of the future.

To foster a cohesive approach to both instruction and assessment across the elementary mathematics curriculum, achievement in mathematics will be reported in the **Elementary Report Card** as one overall letter grade (Grades 1-6) or percentage mark (Grades 7-8), with supporting comments. Comments will describe significant strengths demonstrated by the student, and identify next steps for improvement. Teachers may also describe a student's growth in learning.

Winter Is Here!

With the winter months, there are some necessities that all students (and parents) must remember:



- **Dress your children appropriately for the weather!** Students do not enter the school prior to 8:50am and are expected to go outside during recesses and lunch breaks.
- **Children must stay off snow banks near traffic/parking areas.**
- **Students must bring indoor shoes/slippers** (with their names on them).
- **Arrange transportation** for your children ahead of time so they know where to meet you.
- Please understand that it is not the staff at Parnall that makes closure/cancellation decisions. Therefore, **please listen to local media for this information!!!**
- Listen for cancellations for schools in the DSBN and/or buses. These announcements are made by 7:00am. **Please do not call the school** as we need these lines open for emergency calls.

You are also encouraged to check the SCHOOL AND DSBN WEBSITES for any cancellations:

<http://parnall.dsbn.org/>

<http://www.dsbn.org/>

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.dsbn.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!

Absences / Lates

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



If you haven't signed up yet for Safe Arrival, see the school website for details.



**Hi! I'm Barkley.
Your child's
Kindergarten
sidekick.**

**I'm here to tell you
that it's time to
register for
Kindergarten!**

Normally I'd invite you inside one of our Kindergarten classrooms so you and your child could look around with me,

but to keep each other safe, we have to wait to do that another time. What I can do is help you find all the information you need to register your child for Kindergarten at the DSBN! I put it on www.dsbn.org/kindergarten for you. It has important information like:

- How to register your child online
- A video about a typical day in Kindergarten
- A Kindergarten classroom 360° virtual tour
- An e-book about how I overcame my first day fears

Register today at dsbn.org/kindergarten. I can't wait to meet you and your child at school!

