

The Parnall Post



Mr. R. McLean, Principal

From the Office...

Welcome back to school!! We hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday. 2019 promises to be an eventful one as we look forward to the many exciting learning opportunities planned at Parnall.

As we return to school, we will be encouraging students to regain their focus and put forth their best efforts. Parents can help by checking your child's organizer daily, checking their assignments and working together at home!

We also want YOU to be involved in your child's school. It only requires a couple of hours per month. We have an active parent group that always look for more ideas, input and help! Our next Parent Advisory Council meeting is on Tuesday, January 22nd from 6:30-7:45pm. Come out, get the latest information and give your input to many school issues.

REMINDER TO PARENTS:

P.A. DAY

Friday, January 18th, 2018

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/>

MOVIE NIGHT



**Thursday January 17th,
6:45pm**

(doors open at 6:30pm)

***ELKP & Grades 1-6 in
the gym,
Grades 7 & 8 in the
library***

***Parental supervision is
required!***

***Don't forget your PJs,
pillows & blankets!***

***Admission and 1
popcorn/person - Free!***

***Water, juice box, candy
bags, raffle basket
tickets - \$1.00***



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.dsbm.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!



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 DSBM Academy. All families are welcome! **The Open House is January 15, 2018 from 6:00-7:30pm at DSBM Academy at 130 Louth St. in St. Catharines.**

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!



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, January 11th at 12:05pm. Winners this month are:

I Matter As a Learner:

- 1C: Vladyslav F, Amaira C
- 1/2C: Amelia F
- 2G: Kaylin W
- 3B: Gibson D
- 3/4W: Ethan D, Cooper J
- 4C: Linda F
- 5C: Sarah S, Keeley F
- 5/6E: Hailey M
- 6K: Saumya R
- 8S: Tyler G

I Matter As an Individual:

- 1/2C: Nicholas V-K
- 2G: Scarlett W
- 3B: Jocelyn M
- 3/4W: Sloane O, Noah S, Alanice B
- 4C: Charlie F, Yeji K
- 5C: Chelsey P
- 5/6E: Lucan W, Erika B
- 6K: JD S
- 7W: Reisa M, Ava P, Arianna T
- 8S: Emily F

I Matter As a Community Member:

- 1C: Caryss R
- 1/2C: Emily C
- 2G: Veronica N
- 3B: Gracey D
- 3/4W: Lily A-G, Hannah O
- 4C: Olivia W
- 5C: Kyrian S
- 5/6E: Josh W
- 6K: Sacha B
- 7W: Duke A
- 8S: Isaiah P



French Immersion

The French Immersion program (offered at French Immersion sites) is open to all students in Senior Kindergarten interested in enrolling for the 2019-2020 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.

Registration will open January 7th, 2019 at 12:00 p.m.

Dalewood French Immersion Parent Information Night will be on Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 6:00 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 parnell.dsbni.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 Subway and pasta will be available later this month.

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

Special lunch days for January are:

- Jan. 11: PIZZA (due: Jan. 9)
- Jan. 24: SUBWAY (due: Jan. 22)
- Jan. 25: PIZZA (due: Jan. 23)
- Jan. 30: PASTA (due: Jan. 22)
- Feb. 1: PIZZA (due: Jan. 30)



New to Kindergarten For September 2018?

Do you know a child who's turning 4 or 5 before December 31, 2019?

Visit a DSBN Kindergarten Open House from 10am-6pm on Thursday, January 31st, 2019 to register and help your kindergartener get ready for their first day of school at the DSBN!

See the classroom, meet the staff and get a gift bag full of fun learning resources and information to help children develop their school readiness skills.

Looking for more information? Visit the DSBN website at:

www.dsbm.org/kindergarten

**SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR
KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE**

DURING YOUR VISIT YOU WILL:

- See a Kindergarten classroom
- Meet the Kindergarten Team
- Register for school
- Get a fun goodie bag with learning resources

**KINDERGARTEN
KICKSTART**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 31st, 2019
10:00am-6:00pm**

The graphic features a blue background with white and pink text. Below the text are four colorful speech bubbles (yellow, pink, teal, and green) containing the list of activities. At the bottom, there is an illustration of three children (two girls and one boy) playing with pink blocks. The 'KICKSTART' logo is in large, colorful letters, and the date and time are in a red-bordered box.