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June Year End Updates 2020

Principal's Message

A heartfelt thank you to all of our students and families for working together over the past 3 months to make learning from home successful. We are so grateful for your support as we moved into the online learning for at home.

There is an important email that was sent out to families on Monday. Please make sure you read the email and complete the survey link provided in the email ensure your voice is heard. The survey closes on June 26.

We want to hear your thoughts and opinions to support our planning for the opening of schools in September 2020. We invite you to take our 'Opening of Schools- Parent/Guardian Survey' by clicking on <https://forms.gle/yNQyqgQznHjYQ9tXA>. We value your input. We are committed to working with you to ensure that the transition back to school in September is successful. Thank you for sharing your ideas. As stated above, the survey closes June 26th so please complete it as soon as possible.

Have a safe and happy summer. We are looking forward to September!

Ms. Storrey

FAREWELLS

Heximer is an amazing school and the staff and students are awesome. It's what makes it such a great place to learn. We are sad to say good-bye to Mr. Nunn, Ms. Brown, Ms. Oakley and Mrs. Weaver. We wish them all the best for next year! Their new schools will be lucky to have them and they will be truly missed by the Heximer staff and students. We can't thank these teachers enough for their dedication to students and their professionalism and strength as teachers.

WELCOME

I would like to welcome Ms. Bergen and Ms. Davies to Heximer. Ms. Bergen will be teaching in our intermediate division in September and Ms. Davies will be joining our wonderful team of educational assistants.

MOVING BEFORE SEPTEMBER

In order to assist us with making the best decisions possible with respect to class organization and student placements for Heximer Public School for the 2020/2021 school year, we would appreciate if you would let the office know if your family is planning to move in the next few months. We thank you in advance for keeping us informed! School and classroom organization begins shortly so sharing this information with us now is very helpful for our planning for next year! Please email hex@dsbn.org.

ONLINE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE FOR KINDERGARTEN AND ALL GRADES

Has someone moved into the area or do you need to register for Kindergarten? Online registrations are available and are encouraged in order for us to keep up-to-date and current in regard to our students for September. If you need to register or know someone who needs to, please have them email the school at hex@dsbn.org and we can get the registration completed online. The most accurate information will allow us to plan appropriately.

School Vandalism

Now that the warm weather has arrived, we seek your cooperation in reducing school vandalism. If you notice any vandalism or damages to DSBN schools or properties and are looking to report it, please call Password Protection Services. The phone number is 1-800-561-3099. Once notified, they will then contact the appropriate personnel at DSBN and the issues will be dealt with in a timely manner. Thank you for your support in keeping our school and community safe and for your help in keeping our building safe for when our students return to school.

Mental Health Supports

If you have any concerns about your child's mental health or well-being, please connect with your child's teacher. Although we are not in our school building, there are still many supports we can offer.

How can I access mental health support in the community?

Pathstone Mental Health has closed its walk-in clinics until further notice. For immediate support, parents and students may phone the Pathstone Mental Health Crisis and Support Line at 1-800-263-4944.

Support from Kids Help Phone can be accessed by calling 1-800-668-6868, texting CONNECT to 686868, or live chatting at www.kidshelpphone.ca.

Youth Wellness Hub Niagara: [facebook.com/ywhniagara](https://www.facebook.com/ywhniagara)

Canadian Mental Health Niagara: cmhaniagara.ca/ourservices/immediate-services/walk-in-counselling

How can I support myself and my family in coping during COVID-19?

The National Association of School Psychologists has provided a link with tips for talking to your kids about COVID-19.

[A Parent Resource: Talking to Children about COVID-19 \(Coronavirus\)](#)

[Supporting Kids During the COVID-19 Crisis](#)

[Video: How to Talk to Kids About the Coronavirus](#)

[Mental Health and COVID-19](#)

The District School Board of Niagara is working closely with Niagara Public Health on Coronavirus (COVID-19) communication to ensure students and their families receive relevant and timely information to keep them healthy. If you would like information, please use the following contacts:

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Info Line

905-688-8248 ext. 7330

Toll free: 1-888-505-6074

DSBN LEARN FROM HOME

During the summer months, we are encouraging our families to continue to access our [DSBN Learn from Home](#) site. There are many great sites that will continue to be available throughout the summer. Looking for ways to keep the learning going at home? Our staff recommend:

Reading each day - Block some time as a family to read together each day and talk about the books you are reading.

Dreambox - Our Grades 1-5 students continue to have access to Dreambox over the summer.

EPIC - Many of our families signed up for EPIC. The access to EPIC will continue over the summer months.

K-5 SUMMER LEARNING



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6 WEEK PROGRAM: JULY 6 – AUGUST 14
ATTEND ALL 6 WEEKS OR ONLY ONE OF THE 3 WEEK PROGRAMS LISTED BELOW.

- 3 Week Program 1:** July 6 – July 24 | Morning
 - 3 Week Program 2:** July 27 – August 14 | Morning
- A combination of online and independent learning.

We would like to personally invite your child to attend our DSNB Virtual Summer Learning Program this year for students currently in JK to Grade 5. The program will run from July 6 - August 14 in the morning for one hour. When you register, you have a choice of attending for the whole 6 weeks or for the July or August, 3-week time slot. Students who register will be expected to actively engage in the learning or they may be removed from the course. Every day students will meet with a qualified teacher in D2L to work on their math and literacy skills, as well other fun and engaging activities including physical education, science, the arts and investigating Indigenous perspectives. A significant focus will be given to those areas of the curriculum that may not have been covered due to Covid-19. In addition, there is an optional afternoon STEM program consisting of a coding camp for Grade 1 and Grade 2 students and a special app development camp for Grade 3 to Grade 5. Students may attend only one of these sessions during the summer. Check out what weeks they will be offered.

- June 29 - July 3 App Development (Grades 3-5)
- July 6 - July 10 Coding with Lynx (Grades 1-2)
- July 13 - July 17 App Development (Grades 3-5)
- July 27 - July 31 Coding with Lynx (Grades 1-2)
- Aug. 3 - Aug. 7 Coding with Lynx (Grades 3-5)

Registration will fill up fast so we encourage those interested to sign up as soon as possible using the following link:

<https://forms.gle/uxymCWipWu5kyxZR7>

GRADE 6-8 SUMMER LEARNING

Students currently in Grade 6-8 may also choose to register for the following:



Join us this SUMMER
to get ready for the next level!

develop your skills!

- * Literacy/Language
- * Mathematics
- * Time Management
- * Organization
- * CONFIDENCE

Super in 7 * for students entering Grade 7 in September 2020
Gr8 in 8 * for students entering Grade 8 in September 2020
HIGH SCHOOL Headstart * for students entering Grade 9 in September 2020

For more information visit
www.dsnb.org/summer
call 905-687-7000
email summerschool@dsnbn.org
Register Here

Only students from publicly funded schools are eligible to participate.

YEAR-END COMMUNICATION WITH FAMILIES

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YEAR-END COMMUNICATION WITH FAMILIES FROM THE PRINCIPAL

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING FROM HOME

As this unique school year comes to a close, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our students and families for working together over the past 3 months to make learning from home successful. We've always known that the partnership between families and our school is key to providing the best educational experience for our students; this collaboration has been essential to our success!

OUR TECHNOLOGY BORROWING PROGRAM: LEARN FROM HOME

The DSBN is pleased to continue supporting your child's learning from home with our Technology Borrowing Program over the summer.

If you borrowed technology and your child will be returning to any DSBN school in September, we will share details in August about the return process. The DSBN Learning from Home website will continue to provide learning opportunities during the summer months.

Families with internet service being provided at home will continue to have the service until the start of the new school year.

If your child will not be attending a DSBN school in September, please contact the school to arrange for the return of any loaned technology by the end of June.

REPORT CARDS

This year, you will receive your child's report card in the mail. Families can expect them to arrive within the next two weeks. Please email the school/principal if you do not receive your child's report card by July 10th.

PREPARING FOR OPENING OF SCHOOLS: SEPTEMBER 2020

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OPENING OF SCHOOLS: UPDATES DURING THE SUMMER

This summer, we will be providing updates about our preparations for school opening in September. A link to our summer updates will be posted on our school website when they become available.

These will include:

- Our preparations for a safe return to school in consultation with Public Health and the Ministry of Education.
- A "Frequently Asked Questions" section for you to visit for the most up-to-date information.
- Registration information. All families will be required to declare whether their child is returning to our school in September. This information will be essential for organizing homeroom classes. Details of this process will be shared on our website.

We wish you a safe, healthy and happy summer.

