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Principal's Message

It is hard to believe that the month of May is upon us. April has been a month full of changes that we could never have imagined, yet we all seem to have adjusted to a new way of living and learning. During the month of May we will continue with the online learning platform and I am amazed at the amount of effort many of you are putting into this as a family. This is no easy task as many parents are also working from home. But I can see how much value many of our students and families have placed on the desire to continue learning remotely. Remember we are here to help with anything that might be posing a challenge at home to this process. If there are any questions you have or anything you need to help make on line learning easier for your child please let us know.

If you need to connect with the school, please either send an email to hex@dsbn.org or call and leave a message (905)-356-0932 Both the email and phone messages are checked several times a day.

Ms. Storrey



May Events

4-8 Education Week at the DSBN

5-Cinco de Mayo

10-Mother's Day

17-Victoria Day



Learning From Home

At this point, all students and families should have been in contact with their child's teacher through a phone call or email. If you have not had contact, please either send an email to hex@dsbn.org or call and leave a message (905)-356-0932 Through this contact we were able to collect information about which families may need support in accessing online learning. Thank you for sharing that information with us! I have included a staff list with all of the staff email information should you need to connect to a staff member.

Homeroom teachers have set up online learning platforms for all students through either D2L or Google Classroom. Students are also invited to explore the [DSBN Learn from Home](#) site and the [Ministry of Education Learn from Home](#) site.

Grad Photos

Attention class of 2020! You can still commemorate your senior year with grad photos! Simply visit grads.edgeimaging.ca with your portrait code and pass code to place your order online. If you've lost your codes, visit [Edge Imaging's FAQ page](#) to find out how to get them.

“I’M IN” for Education Week

Make Something Monday!

We are so thankful for our local essential workers who have been there for us in our Heximer community. Let's get creative! Get out your markers, crayons and paper and create a poster to show our essential workers how grateful you are. Hang it in your front window for all to see! Take a picture and send it to hex@dsbn.org to enter to win some great prizes! Make sure you let me know who made the poster.

Taste Something Tuesday!

Do you have a favorite family recipe? Let's get creative in the kitchen and make something nutritious and yummy! Send your recipe to hex@dsbn.com so we can add it to our future Heximer Cookbook and you have a chance to win a great prize.

Wonder Something Wednesday!

There are many adventures to go on, mysteries to solve and new things to discover in books! Read a book, magazine, newspaper article or a story online with your family and share it with your teacher. Let's see if we can reach our Heximer School goal of **100** books read by the end of today! Happy Reading! Take a picture of you reading a book or article and send it to hex@dsbn.org to be entered into our daily prize draw.

Thoughtful Thursday!

Let's take some time in our day to think about someone else. Write a letter to a friend, call a classmate or do something thoughtful around the house like washing the dishes or helping with the laundry. Reach out to family and friends and show them how much our Heximer students care for one another. Send a copy of your letter or a picture of the letter to hex@dsbn.org to be entered into our daily draw!

Family Fun Friday!

Enjoy a family day with a board game, movie or even build a fort! Have fun and be creative! Send us a picture of your family doing something fun together. We can't wait to see all the exciting things that our Heximer families are doing! Don't forget to send your picture to hex@dsbn.org to win some fabulous prizes!!!!

PLANNING FOR 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

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 by sending an email to hex@dsbn.org or calling 905-356-0932 if your family is planning to move in the next few months. Providing us with this information in the spring will also facilitate transportation arrangements for September. We thank you in advance for keeping us informed! School and classroom organization begins at the end of April so sharing this information with us now is very helpful for our planning for next year!

Grade 8 Graduation

Just a reminder that Grade 8 Graduation is tentatively to be held on Tuesday, June 23. Mark this day on your calendar. We look forward to honouring the Heximer class of 2020 with the families of our graduates.

EDUCATION WEEK EVENTS

We will be hosting a variety of challenges for Education Week that everyone can participate in. Each day I will draw 2 winners from everyone that participated and you will be mailed a prize !!! Come on LION's let have some fun and get involved. Simple send a picture to hex@dsbn.org of you completing one of the challenges listed below. 2 winners will be drawn each day!

Monday - Make Something Monday

Thursday - Thoughtful Thursday

Tuesday - Taste Something Tuesday

Friday - Family Fun Friday

Wednesday - Wonder Something Wednesday

Student Reflections

I know learning from home is not already the easiest but many of our students are writing great journal articles about their experience from learning from home and I thought I would share some with you.

I felt happy to see my best friends and teacher because I haven't seen them for months. I loved the impression on their face because then I know they miss me too. They were so nice to me as well. I felt so good when the other students' families had a great time. I'm gonna be so happy when the coronavirus is over because I can see my friends and teachers.

I felt happy and excited. It was good seeing you and my friends. It was fun talking to each other. I like to do the work that you're giving online, like the journal, and math and using dreambox. I really like the video chat. I am excited to do it again.

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

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

It's Not Too Late– Kindergarten Registration

Do you know a child who will be turning 4 before December 31, 2020? If so, spread the word that Kindergarten registration is here! If you missed our open house, please contact the school at (905) 356-0932 or visit dsbn.org and search Kindergarten Registration for more information/

Lunch Angels- Community Crew Lunch Support

In response to the COVID19 mandatory school closures, Lunch Angels are still trying to help families. If you would like to sign-up for lunches for your child(ren) please visit their website at communitycrew.ca where you can enroll in the program.