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November 2020

Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardian,

We made it through a busy October and it's hard to believe November is already here. We want to thank all those that donated towards our Terry Fox Walk in October. This is such an important cause and it is great we could still raise money for this.

It was great to see all the students in their costumes last week for Halloween. Although we couldn't have our usual parade, the students were still able to enjoy some fun in their classrooms. The entire Heximer staff hope that all had a safe Halloween.

November will be busy! Progress reports will head home later in the month along with the opportunity for virtual parent teacher interviews. Be sure to set some time aside the evening of November 25th so you can connect with your child's teacher. As always, staff have open lines of communication with parents/guardians and cannot wait to discuss the progress of your child.

With the new month also comes new colder, wet weather. Please ensure your child has the appropriate clothing for colder days. Students will begin using lockers once again to house their coats and boots. Backpacks and lunches will remain in the classroom with them.

Thank-you,

Mrs. Sinnett



November Events MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Random Act of Kindness Day	Nov. 1
Treaty Week Begins	Nov. 9
Remembrance Day.....	Nov. 11
Bullying Prevention Week	Nov. 16
PD Day	Nov. 18 (Wednesday)
Report Cards Go Home.....	Nov. 19
Virtual Parent/Teacher	
Interviews	Nov. 25 3:30-6:30 pm

**PLEASE NOTE THE PD DAY IN NOVEMBER
FALLS ON A WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 18TH).
THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS.**

Pink Shirt Days

The DSBN Pink Shirt (Every) Day Kick-Off Campaign is taking place November 16 to 20, 2020 during Ontario's Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week. Any day is an appropriate day to have a Pink Shirt Day throughout the school year, but we will be acknowledging February 24th, 2021 as Pink Shirt Day to celebrate a positive school climate.

REMEMBRANCE DAY



Remembrance Day will be honoured on November 11, 2020. Although we are unable to gather for an assembly at this time, students will have the opportunity to honour all those that fought for our freedoms in class, collectively through a virtual presentation.

We will be creating a slideshow for our Remembrance Day Virtual Assembly. The slideshow will include family members of our students and staff who have served or are currently serving in our Armed Forces. If you have a veteran or an active military member in your family, please send in a copy of their picture, preferably in uniform, along with their name, the war in which they fought or where they are serving, and their relationship to you. Also include the names of the student(s) and their class(es). If you prefer to email it, feel free to email it to jaimesinnett@dsbn.org.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Please make sure your child has the correct clothes for the weather and the season. Also encourage your child to continue wearing the appropriate clothing they arrived at school wearing. Students will be going outside at all breaks unless the weather is extremely cold or miserably wet. Students are also outside for some outdoor learning and for physical education classes. It will be important for them to have hats, mittens and appropriate footwear for the weather.

There may be times during the school year where inclement weather or other situations could cause bus cancellations or school closures.

Information about transportation changes and school closures will be available on the websites, radio and television stations listed below as soon as it is available before 6:00 a.m. on the day of the cancellation. Please do not phone the school for transportation or school closure information.

Websites:

[DSBN Facebook Page](#)

[DSBN Twitter Page](#)

[Niagara Student Transportation Services Website](#)

Television:

Cogeco Cable 10

CHCH Television

City TV

Radio:

CKTB 610 am

CHML 900 am

EZ Rock 105.7 fm

Htz 97.7 fm

KLite 102.9 fm

2DayFM - 105.1 fm & 101.1 fm

Wave - 94.7 fm

Y-108 - 107.9 fm

TREATIES RECOGNITION WEEK

Ontario has designated November 9-13, 2020 as Treaties Recognition Week with the goal of promoting education and awareness about treaties and treaty relationships. DSBN joins with other school boards across Ontario in encouraging schools to support learning about treaties as an important aspect of our province's history.

For more information on treaties, go to <https://www.ontario.ca/page/treaties>.

Progress Reports and Interviews

The Elementary Progress Report goes home on November 19th. The Progress Report's purpose is to share early and specific feedback on your child's development of work habits and the learning skills. Reporting on the Progress Report is about looking forward and setting a course for the learning journey ahead. Based on the evidence that teachers see, as well as what teachers know about learning at this grade level, the report communicates the path your child is on toward achieving the grade level expectations by the end of the year. The Progress Report does not include letter grades or percentage marks for academic subjects; it instead identifies whether your child is progressing very well, well or with difficulty. For subjects in which your child is Progressing with Difficulty, the teacher will discuss specific next step plans needed for success. We look forward to partnering with you and your child for a year of great learning and growth.

Interviews regarding your child's progress will occur the evening of Wednesday, November 25, 2020 from 3:30 pm— 6:30 pm. Although in years past we were able to use this opportunity to meet face-to-face, this year we will adapt given the unprecedented times and offer this meeting virtually. Please look in the report card envelope when they go home on the 19th for a form to fill out and send back so we can schedule these interviews. Teachers will be scheduling virtual meetings at times that work within your busy schedules. More information to follow. This is an important opportunity to discuss the progress of your child with their teacher.

Attendance Matters

Having students be at school on a consistent basis is important for their future educational success.

Did you know students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful and on track to graduation?

Absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with school work, dealing with a bully or facing some other potentially serious difficulty.

- ◆ By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- ◆ By 9th grade, regular and high attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.

Missing 10 percent, or about 18 days, of the school year can drastically affect a student's academic success. Students can be chronically absent even if they only miss a day or two every few weeks. Attendance is an important life skill that will help your child graduate from college and keep a job.

What can you do?

Talk about the importance of showing up to school everyday, make that the expectation. Help your child maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep. Try not to schedule dental and medical appointments during the school day. If you require some assistance improving your child's attendance, please contact your child's teacher or the school office

Public Health Update—Covid 19

Thank you for continuing to be vigilant in screening your children each morning before they come to school. This will continue to help keep everyone healthy and safe! Please take a look at the information provided by Niagara Public Health.

What to do when a child has COVID-19 symptoms

Group 1 Symptom List

- Fever
- New or worsening cough
- Difficulty breathing
- Decrease or loss of smell and taste

Group 2 Symptom List

- Sore throat
- Runny nose
- Headache
- Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea
- Fatigue, lethargy, or muscle aches

If your child has **one or more** symptoms from Group 1, you can either

Contact a health care provider for a medical assessment

OR

Contact the **Niagara Health COVID-19 Assessment Centre** to book an appointment for testing

If you have remaining questions about COVID-19, contact the Public Health Info-Line at 905-688-8248, press 7 or chat online.

If your child has **only one** symptom from Group 2 and none from Group 1, **you may wait 24 hours** to see if the symptom improves. If the **single symptom improves**, they **may return to school or child care** when they feel well enough, without an assessment or a test.

If the symptom **stays the same** or gets worse, or they have **two or more of the Group 2 symptoms**, then they should pursue one of the **two options** above.

Adults with any one symptom of COVID-19 should always self-isolate and seek assessment by a health care provider or self-refer for testing. It does not matter whether the symptom is in Group 1 or 2.

Siblings with no symptoms may stay in school until a decision is made about testing for the child with symptoms. If a test is required by a health care provider or there is a self-referral for testing, everyone living in the house needs to self-isolate. If an assessment is required and the decision to test has not been made within 24 hours, all household members must self-isolate until advice is given for testing, or a different diagnosis is made.

Children who need an assessment for testing based on their symptom(s) cannot return to school, child care, play with friends, or go to any public setting until one of the following is met:

A health care provider has told you that COVID-19 is very unlikely **AND**

- The child has not had any symptoms for 24 hours **OR**
- It has been 10 days since the symptoms started (whichever is shorter). The child needs to be fever free (without use of fever medication) and be feeling better.

OR

A health care provider has told you that the symptoms are related to a chronic or pre-existing condition (e.g. allergies, runny nose, migraines, asthma). In this case, the child can return to school/child care once they feel well enough, without waiting for symptoms to resolve.

OR

Test was negative for COVID-19 **AND** it has been 24 hours since symptoms have gone away completely **OR** 10 days after symptoms started (whichever is shorter). The child needs to be fever free (without use of fever medication) with symptom improvement.

OR

The child has self-isolated for 10 days since the day the symptoms began. This includes those who test positive **AND** those who have chosen not to be tested.

Positive Test Results

Niagara Region Public Health will provide further guidance and support to COVID-19 cases and their close contacts.

Those that test positive and their household members must self-isolate for at least 10 days from when the positive child's symptoms started. Niagara Region Public Health will contact you.

Child Was Not Tested for COVID-19

If the health care provider says the child's symptoms are something other than COVID-19, the child is to remain at home until 24 hours after symptoms go away completely **OR** 10 days after symptoms started (whichever is shorter). The child needs to be fever free with symptom improvement.

If testing for COVID-19 was declined for any reason, the child and their entire household are to stay home and self-isolate for 10 days from the day the child's symptoms started.

If the Caregiver Develops COVID-19 Symptoms

Caregivers need to monitor themselves for any symptoms of COVID-19, and separate right away from uninfected members of the household if they start to feel sick.

If caregivers have any COVID-19 symptoms, they must contact their health care provider right away.