

THE LION'S TALE

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Heximer Family,
November is a great time to look back at the last couple of months, check in with kids, and help them set goals around their learning skills, social skills, and academics. The Progress Report Cards will help you start that conversation.

When Progress Report Cards come out on Thursday, November 17, marking the mid-way point for Term 1. Please take some time to review, with your child, their strengths and next steps that have been identified in the progress report.

During the week of November 21-24th, you will have the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and discuss your child's progress to date. Information will come out shortly regarding booking a time. If you have any concerns or questions at other times, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher. If you require 2 copies of your child's report card, please let the office or your child's teacher know.

Dream Big, Work Hard & Be Kind Lions!
Ms. Boon

Heximer Bell Times	
Morning Supervision	8:50 - 9:05am
Period 1	9:05-9:55am
Period 2	9:55 - 10:45am
Nutrition Break	10:45-11:05am
Fitness Break	11:05-11:25am
Period 3	11:25- 12:15pm
Period 4	12:15 - 1:05pm
Nutrition Break	1:05-1:25pm
Fitness Break	1:25-1:45pm
Period 5	1:45 - 2:35 pm
Period 6	2:35 - 3:25pm
Dismissal & Bus Supervision	3:25 pm

MORNING SUPERVISION & THE PARKING LOT

Your child's safety is very important to us at Heximer. Supervision for students begins at 8:50 am. Students should not be arriving prior to 8:50 am. A reminder to parents not to park their cars in staff parking lot where grade 1-8 students enter. Please also remind students that they are to walk up on the right side, and not by staff cars.

DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER

As cooler weather approaches, please be aware that children are expected to be dressed appropriately for the weather conditions every day. Coats, hats, boots and mittens/gloves are soon going to be necessary for your child to enjoy the outdoor fitness breaks and gym classes. Students will continue to have gym classes outside during this time. Students that are well enough to be at school are expected to be outside with their friends during fitness breaks as indoor supervision is not available during this time.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

[DSBN Days of Significance Link](#)
[The Heximer Ave Public Calendar Link](#)
is up and running on our website!

Treaties Recognition Week.....	Nov. 6
International Inuit Day	Nov. 7
Indigenous Veteran's Day.....	Nov. 8
Remembrance Day.....	Nov. 11
Hot Breakfast	Nov. 11
Louis Riel Day.....	Nov. 16
Progress Reports Home.....	Nov. 17
Hot Breakfast	Nov. 18
Dress Alike Day	Nov. 18
Interview Week.....	Nov. 21-24
Book Fair	Nov. 21-24
School Advisory Council.....	Nov. 22
Picture Day	Nov. 22



SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Thank you to our parent council for their generous support of our School Open House evening! The pizza was enjoyed by all and their presence welcoming families was so appreciated! **Our next School Advisory Council Meeting is November 2022, at 6:00pm** and we are excited to be planning a movie night for you! If you would like to be a part of your child's school community, you are always welcome to join in any capacity! Please email Ms. Boon at Fiona.boon@dsbn.org if you

have any questions about our School Advisory Council.

Meet the Staff of Heximer Avenue Public School			
Homeroom Teachers		Support Staff	
KDG 1 (Kindergarten)	Mrs. B. Clause	KDG 1 Early Childhood Educator	Mrs. Beatty
KDG2 (Kindergarten)	Mrs. J. Dobrosavljevic-Stewart (DS)	KDG 2 Early Childhood Educator	Ms. Campbell
Grade 1	Miss S. Tonner	Educational Assistant	Miss. J. Anderson
Grade 1	Mrs. C. Blaylock	Educational Assistant	Mrs. S. White-Hainstock
Grade 2	Mrs. C. Kimonos-Quaranta	Educational Assistant	Mrs. G. Harvie
Grade 2/3	Mrs. J. Costantini	Educational Assistant	Mrs. J. Neil
Grade 3/4	Mrs. L. Ardito-Wright	Educational Assistant	Mrs. M. MacNeil
Graded 4	Miss B. Craig	Educational Assistant	Mrs. S. Rittenhouse
Grade 5	Ms. C. Moor	Youth Counselor	Ms. L. Barrow
Grade 6	Mrs. L. Bergen	Social Worker	Mrs. S. James
Grade 7	Ms. J. Babiy	Lunch Supervisor	Mrs. J. Fare
Grade 8	Mr. R. Christian	Lunch Supervisor	Mrs. S. Dennis
School-Based Teaching Staff		Feeder	Mrs. Z. Khan
Primary Phys.Ed, Music, Drama/Dance	Mrs. J. Shad	Board-Based Teaching Staff	
French & Health	Mr. N. Pellerin	Multi-Resource Language Coach	Miss F. Primeau
LRT	Mrs. S Penner	Instructional Coach	Mrs. S. Feduck
LRT, Library & Rotary	Mrs. N. Fehrman	Renewal Support Teacher	Mrs. C. Cobbe
Ms. F. Boon, Principal	Ms. S. St. Louis	Ms. R. Clayton Caretaker	



November 22nd, 2022.
Bring Your Smile!!

PROGRESS REPORT CARDS – NOVEMBER 17TH

On November 17, students in Kindergarten will bring home the Communication of Learning Initial Observations report. This provides parents/guardians with an overview of the initial observations of their child's learning and early evidence of growth in learning related to the overall expectations in the Kindergarten Program. It also provides information about appropriate next steps to further your child's learning. It serves as the basis for discussion with parents/guardians and as a support for parents'/guardians' ongoing participation in their child's learning.

Also, on November 17, parents of students in Grades 1-8 will receive their Elementary Progress Reports. Although it looks much like the Report Card, the Progress Report has a very different intent. The 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 towards 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. Progress reports are intended to be part of discussions, interviews, or conferences with students and are part of ongoing communication with parents and students about student achievement throughout the year.

We look forward to partnering with you and your child for a year of great learning and growth.

QUIET MEDITATION/MULTI-FAITH SPACE

We are pleased to share that we are establishing a Quiet Meditation/Multi-Faith space at Heximer, for all staff and students to access and use for prayer, quiet meditation, and/or personal reflection and contemplation. Families who would like their child(ren) to access this space during the school day are encouraged to reach out to their child(ren)'s teacher(s) and/or school administrators for further conversation and arrangements.

STUDENT LUNCHES & THE OCCASIONAL DROP OFF

We encourage parents and students to have conversations about packing healthy lunches. We know there is the odd day when you may have to drop off a lunch for your child. Please label your child's lunch with their name and grade. We ask that you place it on the small table provided just inside the front doors, on the left. Please make sure your child knows ahead that you will be bringing a lunch. This minimizes disruptions to the office and to classroom instruction.



Date	Spirit Day	Purpose of the Day
Friday November 14th	World Kindness day	Come calm, cozy and with a smile to school today. We are celebrating kindness day by wearing our comfiest cardigan, sweater, sweatshirt, or fleece! How will you spread kindness today!
Friday November 18th	Dress Alike Day	Dress like a buddy or two, or maybe even your teacher on 'Dress Alike Day'. You can choose to wear similar colours, styles, or themes! Get creative and have some fun!

SEPTEMBER STAR STUDENT CELEBRATION RECIPIENTS

Teacher	Grade	October Recipients
Mrs. Clause & Mrs. Beatty	KDG 1	Charlie – Caring, Summayah - Responsibility
Mrs.DS & Mrs. Campbell	KDG2	Tearian - Caring, Evy and Domenic- Responsibility
Mrs. Blaylock	1	Veerea and Rajko - Responsibility
Mrs. Cobbe	1	Zayna and Savannah - Responsibility and Kindness
Mrs. Kimono-Quaranta	2	Zach Ali and Chloe- for Perseverance, Damien- Responsibility
Mrs. Costantini	2/3	Christian - Perseverance, Phenyx - Responsibility
Mrs. Ardito-Wright	3/4	Luke, Taisha, & Arleen - Cooperation & Kindness
Ms. Craig	4	Aaron - Kindness and Caring, King - Perseverance
Ms. Moor	5	Wesley, Sarvesh, and Elta - Kindness
Mrs. Bergen	6	Emma and Jacob - Respect and Peacemaking
Ms. Babiy	7	Rebecca and Praneetha – Perseverance, Minahil - Caring
Mr. Christian	8	AJ – Responsibility, Tabi Curtis – Optimism
Mrs. Shad	Primary Phys. Ed & Arts	

MORNING ATTENDANCE

Using the [Safe Arrival](#) system, parents will be able to report daily absences, and even schedule absences in one of three ways:

1. Call toll-free before bell time: 1-866-606-5567
2. Logging on to the web portal (<https://go.schoolmessenger.ca/#/account/login>). Using this website, you can set up your account to report and schedule absences.
3. Using your smart phone or tablet. Simply download the SchoolMessenger app. The app is compatible with both Apple and Android devices.

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

With [School Cash Online](#), you will be able to approve permission forms and make payments for any of these items online. It will also allow you to track payments made and receive an invoice for your purchases. If you are having any difficulty registering for School Cash Online, please phone the office and Mrs. Allen will help you.

REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY

On Friday, November 11, the students at Heximer will participate in a Remembrance Day assembly and will recognize a moment of silence. Thank you to Mr. Pelleren and Mrs. Bergen for organizing this assembly.

TREATIES RECOGNITION WEEK

Ontario has designated November 6-12, 2022 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. I encourage our families to take a few minutes to view the video "[Voices from Here](#)" with Rick Hill. For more information on treaties, go to <https://www.ontario.ca/page/treaties>.

PINK SHIRT DAYS – BULLYING AWARENESS WEEK

The DSBN Pink Shirt (Every) Day Kick-Off Campaign is taking place November 14 to 18, 2022 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 Wednesday, February 22, 2023 as Pink Shirt Day to celebrate a positive school climate.

ANAPHYLAXIS – BE NUT AWARE

Anaphylaxis is a severe and potentially life-threatening reaction to certain food substances. We have students in our school that suffer from a severe allergy which can cause an anaphylactic reaction. An anaphylactic reaction is an allergic reaction so severe that in some cases, it can be life threatening. These children have a severe allergy to nuts. Prevention is the best approach. Therefore, we ask your cooperation in not sending any snacks or lunches containing nut products with your child.

School Cash Online is a safe, reliable portal that will ensure the security of your information. The system is already active. You are able to gain access through the School Cash button which has been placed on our school website. We are asking that you click on the button and follow the simple instructions to register. Registration should take less than five minutes. If you registered last year, you do not need to register again!

INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES

There are times in Niagara when weather conditions are so poor that we must cancel student transportation, and/or close schools to preserve the safety of students and staff. The decision to cancel transportation and/or close schools is not taken lightly; a variety of factors are considered when making this choice. To learn more about how these decisions are made, please go to <https://www.dsbn.org/inclementweather>.

Transportation Cancellations:

Information about transportation delays and cancellations are posted to <https://portal.nsts.ca/Cancellations.aspx>. When transportation is cancelled, every effort is made to communicate the decision by 6:00 am on the day of the cancellation. There are times when transportation is cancelled, but schools remain open. If, on those days you feel it is best for your child to stay home, please report your child's absence <https://dsbn.org/safearrival/> so we can make sure they are safe at home.

School Closures:

When the decision to close schools is made, it refers to all schools. Every effort will be made to share school closure information before 6:00 am on the day of the school closure. You will find it on dsbn.org, all school websites, DSBN social media, and local media share the news widely as well.

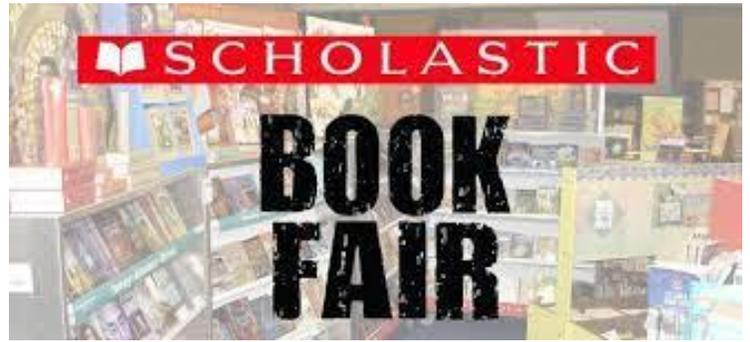
BOOK FAIR

Reading for pleasure unlocks the power of information and imagination and helps children discover who they are.

Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that brings the books kids want to read right into our school. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits.

Book Fair dates: Monday, November 21 to Thursday, November 24.

More details will follow soon!



TWELVE DAYS OF GIVING



HEXIMER'S "12 DAYS OF GIVING"

Care  to
Share

Heximer Avenue Public School will be collecting food and other items for Project Share's "Stuff the Bus" Challenge. The collection will begin on Thursday, November 17th, and end on Monday, December 5th. Each day the collection will have a different theme. We are asking that you please send in an item for each theme that you can, but are in no way obligated to send something every day. Here are some examples of items for each category.



The 1st day of giving...	Nov. 17th	canned fruits, vegetables or beans
The 2nd day of giving...	Nov. 18th	pasta, rice, Kraft Dinner, instant meals
The 3rd day of giving...	Nov. 21st	cereal/oatmeal, crackers or cookies
The 4th day of giving...	Nov. 22nd	canned meat or fish
The 5th day of giving...	Nov. 23rd	canned or boxed soup
The 6th day of giving...	Nov. 24th	pasta sauce, condiments & dressings
The 7th day of giving...	Nov. 28th	hygiene items: shampoo/soap/toothpaste
The 8th day of giving...	Nov. 29th	baby items (formula/food/diapers)
The 9th day of giving...	Nov. 30th	snack foods, granola bars, juice
The 10th day of giving..	Dec. 1st	toilet paper, paper towel, dish soap
The 11th day of giving...	Dec. 2nd	peanut butter, jam, honey, syrup
The 12th day of giving..	Dec. 5th	new/unopened toys

Thank you for supporting those who are in need in our local community. Your donations will go a long way towards helping to provide hope for many families.

Giving is not just about making a donation; it is about making a difference!



BUSSING NSTS.CA

For information about bussing, school bus rules and protocols, please visit nsts.ca. Consider signing up under "My Subscriptions" in the parent portal to be notified through email of any delays in your child's transportation. You can also download the Bus Planner Delay app for easy access to your child's transportation updates.



REMINDERS WHILE ON THE SCHOOL BUS

Parents, please remind children that while on the bus, they are expected to remain seated and observe the same rules they would in the classroom. These include keeping to themselves and speaking kindly. We know students are excited to get home – and our bus drivers have the important responsibility of getting our students home safely. We appreciate you supporting them by reminding children of the expectations

NIAGARA FALLS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE FREE PROGRAM [HTTPS://WWW.NFCHC.CA/](https://www.nfchc.ca/)

The Niagara Falls Community Health Centre (NFCHC) is non-profit, community governed, multi-service health centre that provides primary health care, health promotion, and community development services all under one roof at no cost. NFCHC responds to the health needs of individual patients and their families, as well as to the health concerns of the community. We are committed to providing accessible services, the empowerment of individuals and communities, service integration, illness prevention and comprehensive client care.

Program Links can be found here: <https://www.nfchc.ca/programs>

CHECK OUT DSBN E-FLYERS FOR COMMUNITY EVENTS & SPORTS

Many community events and activities are posted on the DSBN eFlyers website. To view the eFlyers, please follow the simple instructions:

1. Log onto our website: www.dsbn.org
2. Click on "Community" tab
3. Click on "eFlyer Request" and you may browse through the 'Recent eFlyers' to find offerings from a variety of community organizations.