



District School Board of Niagara

APRIL 2011



COLLEGE STREET SCHOOL

Principal: Mrs. S. Niznik
Vice Principal: Mr. J. Willms

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Principal's Message



Welcome Spring! It is wonderful to see the sunshine each morning and I can feel the heat of the sun warming us up. In March we said a farewell to Mrs. Sauer who went to be the Vice Principal at Richmond Street School and we welcomed Mr. Willms as our new Vice Principal. Feel free to stop in and introduce yourself to him. On March 25th, we turned out the lights for an hour to save energy and participate in Earth hour. We will continue to do this on occasion and especially on bright, sunny days. We challenge families to do the same in their homes. If you did participate in Earth Hour, students were to bring in a ballot to win some "Green Prizes". Thank you to Students who participated in the Wii Bowl tournament for Big Brothers and Big Sisters - they had a great time competing.

A few students from our ECO club joined me at the March 22nd Board Meeting to be presented with a Plaque from the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority for creating a natural garden. Thank you to Mrs. Darling and Mrs. McBlain for working with our students in this area. We will definitely need help with the Gardens this Spring. If you would like to help, please let us know.

We are also in the early stages of planning our Annual Fun Fair which is being held on Friday, May 27th. We are having a meeting for this on **Tuesday, April 26th at 6:30pm**

The Ministry of Education has declared April 11th -15th as Education Week. Please feel free to visit our school and see our classes in action. We ask that you call to arrange a time.

We are also busy planning some exciting

events for April: Hockey Tournament, Spoken Word, Jump Rope for Heart, Book Fair, Gr. 5 - Racing Against Drugs, and a special visit by Miratu - a victim of war survivor who has immigrated to Canada and become an author, basketball, badminton, while some of our other students will be preparing for Track and Field.

We welcome Volunteers who are tutoring our students in Language and Math for the next few months. Our school wide focus in Language will be learning to evaluate text and make connections and also identify and discuss an author's Point of View and/or possible other points of view that a piece of writing might have. All teachers will be making instructional decisions that promote these aspects of reading comprehension and will attempt to include it in several subject areas.

March Milk Winners

ELP - Miranda Little (Mrs. Gibson)

Primary Division - Hunter Joyner
(Mrs. Donnelly)

Junior Division - Kassie Kuiper (Mr. Riederer)

Int. Division - Tyler Grant (Mr. Barrett)



Fun Fair

FUN FAIR - Please scrounge around your house and your car for some CANADIAN TIRE MONEY. We will be collecting it to purchase prizes for our FUN FAIR. Please donate any CT \$\$\$\$ during the weeks of April 4th and 29th. There will be a prize for the class who donates the most.

Thank you ahead of time.



April is Oral Health Month

Although preventable, cavities are the most common chronic disease of children aged 6 to 19 years. Cavities lead to difficulties sleeping, decreased school attendance, pain, discomfort, and infection. Fluoride is not added into our water supply. Therefore, it is recommended that all residents brush their teeth twice daily with fluoridated toothpaste to prevent cavities.

- ◇ Children three to six years of age should be assisted with brushing their teeth by an adult using a pea-sized portion of fluoridated toothpaste until they can tie their own shoe laces.
- ◇ Regular flossing is the single most important thing you can do to prevent gum disease. Most children will need help flossing until they are about 8 to 10 years old.

Niagara Region Public Health has two programs to assist children and youth with no insurance in getting the dental health care they need. For more

information please call the Public Health Dental Program at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7399.



IPOD FOUND

An iPod has been found @ the fairgrounds by the ball diamonds. If you have lost an iPod, please call the school to claim.

MOVING?

As we begin to plan for next school year, could you please let us know if you will be moving out of our area or if you have new neighbors arriving, please direct them to our school to register. We are in a declining enrolment phase here at College Street, so expect that there will be fewer home rooms and other staff supports within the school. Some teachers and other staff will most likely be reassigned - but change can be a positive and re-energizing event and we will continue to work diligently on educating your children.



ICE RENTAL RATES

I have been informed by the Town that next year, there will be a charge for students to use the arena during the school day. I will be writing a letter explaining my displeasure with this due to the fact that this is one of the few events we can participate that doesn't download a charge to our students. As taxpayers, I would hope that you too will contact your Councillor to express displeasure with charging \$58.00 per hour of ice when the ice would normally be sitting stagnant anyways. This would be a cost of approximately \$850 for us. Town employees are present in the building, so we do not create any additional staff needs other than they have to resurface the ice and sweep up - which is already a part of their daily work load. So I am confused with their sudden decision to implement this cost. I have spoken to other area schools and this will cause several programs to collapse because of the cost being put into place. In addition to the letter, I will try to meet with the Mayor or CEO of the Town to express my concerns. We will discuss this in greater detail with School Council at our next meeting.



PARKING CHANGES

Please take note of the changes to Parking Allowances along the streets near our school. West Lincoln has put greater restrictions on this due to issues with busses gaining access to the roads and safety of our walking students. The enforcement officer is out and issuing tickets in our area.



EFN RAFFLE WINNERS

The winners of the EFN Basket Draws were Amanda Romagnoli, who won the Chocolate Basket and Alex Nurmi, who won the White Meadows Maple Syrup Basket. Congratulations!!

The money collected has been donated to the EFN foundation.



School Teams Junior Basketball

Junior Boys' Basketball

Congratulations to this year's Jr. Boys' basketball. The team consists of the following members:

Jackson Holloway (Captain)	Ryan Griffin
Mikey Esau (Captain)	Jason Maloney
Kyle VanBuuren	Cole Rendall
Nik Ross	Ethan Cooke
Bryan Crawford	Mason Vienneau
Nathan Joyner	



Junior Girls' Basketball

Congratulations to the members of this year's junior girls' basketball team.

Team members include:

Hillary Baran	Charlie Poretti	Sarah Kohut	Shaylynn Vienneau
Rose Neil	Victoria Singler	Hayley Lennox	Ashleigh McFayden
Abigale Rogers	Ava Ricker-Singh	Brooklyn Duff	Ilena Ricker-Singh

After two games so far this season, the girls have a loss vs. Smith School and a very exciting overtime win against Caistor. Good luck with the rest of your season, girls!

Mme Esau and Mrs. Brown

Hockey

For the first time in College Street history, there is a grade 6, 7, 8 ice hockey team! The team is scheduled to enter a one-day tournament on Tuesday, April 5. Congratulations to the following team members:

Tymen Edelkoort	Colby Maclean	Leslie Brown	Mike Wiemelink
Jacob Copeland	Heather Crouse	Zach Duff	Kevin Rogers
Tyler Maloney	Alex Tuck	Mikey Esau	Bryan Crawford.



A special thanks to Mr. Esau for coaching, Miss Orgera, for assistant coaching, Mr. Maloney for being our trainer, and Mme Esau for supervising. Also, thanks to Mrs. Niznik for providing our ice time and permission to play, and Mrs. Rogers for providing jerseys for the day. Good luck in the tournament!

Mme Esau



E-mail Kim at
KBlack@Pathstone.ca
or visit
www.facebook.com/Kidsapalooza
for more information



Tickets are \$5.00
kids 2 years and under
are FREE

all proceeds are being donated
to Children's Groups at

Niagara Kidsapalooza

A Children's Concert & Awareness Event

Saturday May 7th, 2011

St. Catharines Collegiate Institute and Vocational School
Doors open at 10:30 a.m.

with interactive performances by



www.madscience.org/Niagara



Come out for a creative and fun day that kids can enjoy with great entertainment, face painting and more.. parents can learn about services and activities available for children in the Niagara Region to encourage healthy living & positive growth. All of this made possible by our many community supporters, including lead sponsors:



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celebrating COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

DSBN EDUCATION WEEK APRIL 11-15TH



The 2011 DSNB Education Week Theme is "Celebrating Community Partnerships". From parent volunteers who assist in classrooms to agencies who coordinate a variety of programs including breakfast programs and after school activities to corporate partners who sponsor scholarships and so much more, our community partners complement the work of our schools to support student success.

We want to take this time to thank you, our community partners, for everything you do to help support our students and our school.

Working together, we make a difference. And that is truly Achieving Success Together!



A LOOK AHEAD

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| May 5 - Track & Field @ Leisureplex | May 17 - MADD Assembly @ SLHS Gr8 | May 20 - Pizza Day |
| May 6 - Pizza Day | May 18 - Joint School Council Mtg | May 23 - Victoria Day - no school |
| May 6 - Schoolhouse Trip Gr3C | May 18 - Area 3 Track & Field | May 27 - Pizza Day |
| May 9 - Track & Field Raindate | May 20 - Schoolhouse Trip Gr3M | May 27 - Fun Fair |
| May 13 - Pizza Day | May 20 - Pizza Day | May 29 - EQAO starts Gr3 & Gr6 |



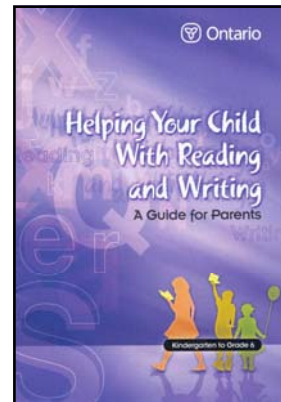
NON FICTION READING: HOW FAMILIES CAN HELP

Literacy development requires a partnership between home, school and community. Since nonfiction text is one of the most effective tools for developing reading skills, it is essential that children have ample opportunities at school, in the community, and at home to read a variety of nonfiction.

When reading nonfiction texts, what are some ways families can build literacy skills?

Tip #1 - Help your child understand what he or she reads using comprehension strategies such as:

- asking questions while reading to help your child provide detail and to organize thoughts
- determining important points from interesting details
- making connections to things he or she already knows
- reading “between the lines” and
- discovering meaning that is not stated outright



Tip #2 - Talk with your child by:

- having your child retell the main parts of the text
- encouraging him or her to express and justify opinions and
- showing interest in what your child is saying by being a good listener

Tip #3 - Make reading enjoyable by:

- making sure that you have a variety of books, magazines and other nonfiction reading materials on hand and
- browsing together in libraries and book stores looking at the graphic features in reading materials (e.g., photos, illustrations and charts) and identifying how they are used and what their purposes are

Many children like to read materials such as:

- stories that reflect their image of themselves
- articles about their heroes
- information on science and nature
- song lyrics or scripts that appeal to their musical and artistic tastes
- newspapers and magazines
- materials with both print and pictures (e.g., baseball cards)
- things they can read with others (e.g., game scores)
- books or articles that contain powerful ideas about our world

(Adapted from *Helping Your Child With Reading and Writing: A Guide for Parents* from the Ministry of Education)

EVALUATING ONLINE MATH GAMES ~ TIPS FROM NCTM (NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TEACHERS OF MATHEMATICS)

Math Games are a wonderful way to engage children, yet we must be careful that they are helping children learn effectively. Some questions that might help you determine the value of a math game follow:

- Is there variety in the mathematical tasks? If you play the same game over, will you be asked different questions? Are there different pathways to the end?
- Is there a combination of chance and choice in the game? That is, are there both a random component (rolling a dice, drawing a card) and an opportunity to make a decision?
- Is the competition positive and non-threatening?
- If a player gets stuck, are there hints?
- Is there a way to track student progress?
- Does the child feel empowered and in control? In other words, do decisions have clear outcomes?
- Was clear feedback provided during each turn? Was the scoring clear?

Math Cont'd

- Does the game encourage social play? The three C's of game playing are: competition, collaboration, and communication. Even one-player games can spark rich discussion of strategy.

Some Good Online Games

Deep Sea Duel (P/J/I) <http://illuminations.nctm.org/ActivityDetail.aspx?ID=207>

Number Twins (P) <http://www.coolmath-games.com/0-number-twins/index.html>

Rock-n-Roll Road trip (J/I) <http://www.stem.aetn.org/>

Dreambox (15 day free trial) (P) <http://www.dreambox.com/ca/parent-subscriptions>

LIBRARY VOLUNTEER CORNER

Mrs. Nurmi has volunteered on Monday & Wednesday mornings. In the fall she brought beautiful **flowers** from her garden to brighten up our library! She has shelved lots of books so far this year. Her biggest project has been developing the **EARLY READER SECTION**. These early reader books had been shelved throughout the library. Now these Good Fit books for early readers (and their parents) are readily available. Currently, she is working on a **MAP** of the library so students can more easily find the different sections of our library: *Parent Resources, Non-Fiction, Fiction, Picture Books, Popular Titles, Play-Aways, Magazines, etc.* Thank you Mrs. Nurmi!!!



Our second volunteer is Mrs. Bender whose main job has been to better organize the Non-Fiction section of the library. The non-fiction section gets LOTS of use as students go on "treasure hunts" (aren't all good books treasures?!) for information on topics from White Horned Frogs to Snowboarding!! Thank you Mrs. Bender!!



SPRING BOOK FAIR - April 12 - 15th During nutrition breaks!!

Parent Purchase Times - Thursday, April 14th from 3:30 - 5:00 and Friday, April 15 from 8:00 - 9:00.

Classroom Building Bags will be available if you would like to purchase a book for your child's classroom.

Which Type of Books Are You Looking For?

Adult Bestsellers/Teen & Mature Reads/Amazing Animals/Discover Our World/Books For Boys...

Come and see what we have!!!

E-Books Now Available !! see Mrs. Waugh for more details

LAST CHILD IN THE WOODS - Richard Louv

Nature Deficit Disorder - Do you have it??? There is no medical diagnosis for this "disorder" coined by Louv, but he attributes the human costs of alienation from nature as being:

Decreased use of our senses

Attention deficit

Higher rates of physical and emotional illnesses

Ever heard of BIOPHILIA?? It is a theory of Harvard University scientist and Pulitzer Prize-winning author Edward Wilson. He defines it as "the urge to affiliate with other life forms". He says that humans have an innate affinity for the natural world, probably a biologically based need integral to our development as individuals.

Our first nature centres will be opening soon - let's watch and see if we observe biophilia.

Swayze Family Skate & Fun-Day Benefit

We are coming together as a community to support The Swayze Family. They are a local family with 3 young children (attend College Street) whose mother is fighting a battle with breast cancer.

Saturday April 9th

Noon - 7:30pm

Smithville Arena & Community Centre

BBQ (all day)

Raffles (all day)

Rockstar! Photobooth (all day)

Games & Contests (all day)

Bake Sale (all day)

Tattoos (all day)

Clown Balloons & Face Painting (1-2:30pm)

Calvin's Magic Show (3:30pm-4:10pm)

50/50 draw

Breast Cancer Awareness Table

Family Skate at 5pm

(helmets recommended for skate)

Music at Family Skate by ThunderZone Crew

(Raffles/Prize Draws done at 5pm before Family Skate)

SKATE \$2 per person – Photobooth \$3 (4 poses) – Games \$2

Donations at the door greatly appreciated

All profits from the benefit will be placed in trust for the Swayze's 3 young children.

Any donations in advance whether it be monetary donation or an item/basket to raffle would be greatly appreciated

Mission Pink Contacts:

Cathy Vitucci 905-386-7500 (calemcoop@gmail.com)

Kathryn Copeland 905-957-9020 (info@thunderdj.com)

Join the fun IN THE 2011 DSBN Road Race!



**DSBN
ROAD RACE
Learners in Action!**

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CREDIT UNION
let's grow together.

Sunday, April 17th, 2011

DSBN Education Centre, 191 Carlton Street, St. Catharines

Proceeds to benefit Education Foundation of Niagara
and Niagara Nutrition Partners

1km (10 am) Fun Run and 5km (10:30 am) Road Race for all ages
Barbecue & family fun fair for participants*

Prizes for top finishers in each age category of the road race

T-shirts and participation ribbons for all who pre-register

School participation prize

Chip Time Results for 5km race

For registration information, please refer to the entry form
Race entry forms and volunteer forms are available at DSBN schools
or online at www.efnonline.ca



* Minimal BBQ fee for non-participants with all funds raised going towards EFN & NNP



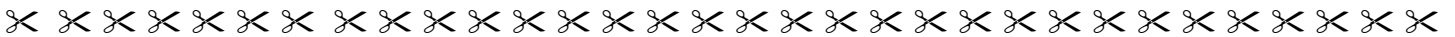
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Canadian Tire Money is being collected from April 4 - 29 for our Fun Fair				1 Day 9	
	4 Day 10	5 Day 1 Hockey Tournament 	6 Day 2 	7 Day 3	8 Day 4 Pizza Spirit Day (Hawaiian day) 	9 Swayze Family BBQ @ Smithville Arena Donations - 905-957-9020
	11 Day 5	12 Day 6	13 Day 7 Racing Against Drugs Gr5 11 - 1:30	14 Day 8	15 Day 9 Pizza	
EDUCATION WEEK- come and visit us!						
17 DSBN Road Race 	18 Day 10	19 Day 1	20 Day 2 Spoken Word	21 Day 3	22 Good Friday No School 	
24 Easter Sunday 	25 Easter Monday No School	26 Day 4 Fun Fair Mtg @ 6:30	27 Day 5 	28 Day 6	29 Day 7 Soup day	



(Please complete and return to your child's teacher by Wednesday, April 06, 2011)

Our family received and read the April Newsletter.

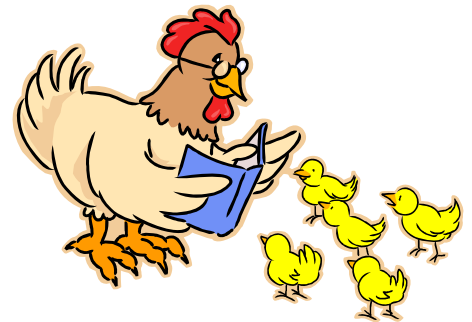
Student's Name: _____

Teacher: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Comments: _____

March Newsletter draw winner was: Meagan Maloney



Yearbook 2010-2011

Can you believe we are over halfway done our school year? We have just started putting together our College Street yearbook. If you have taken any pictures while on a class trip or at a special school event of your child's class and would like them to be considered for the year book then please send them (in formatted form) to cubsyearbook@hotmail.ca.

This year again we will be selling advertisements for our Kudos For Kids section. For \$10 you can write a personal message to your child/children congratulating them on a fantastic year, graduation, doing their best, being an excellent friend and anything else you can think of. They will be so pleased to see their name in print in a book of memories they can look back on for many years to come! Please send money and the message to Mrs. Donnelly as soon as possible.

We will also be selling ad space for our corporate sponsors. Starting at only \$25 for a business card advertisement you can advertise your business in the yearbook! What a great way for families in the area to be able to support local businesses run by families in our community! Please send in a business card with a cheque made out to College Street School re: Yearbook.

If you are interested in either of these wonderful opportunities please fill in the form provided on the back of this page with your message to your child and send money in ASAP. Thank you!

Miss Cuthbert/Mrs. Donnelly/Mrs. McAdam



Kudos For Kids:

To: _____ (child's name)

Message:
