



District School Board of Niagara

DECEMBER
2011



COLLEGE STREET SCHOOL

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Principal's message



Thank you to all parents who made the effort to attend parent-teacher interviews. Ongoing communication is important to the success of our children.

We also would like to thank the many parents who support their children by providing a space to study, complete homework or do research. Please remember to read or do some math with your child on a daily basis.

December is a very busy month at College Street School. We invite you to the ELP Sip and Sing on December 15th at 6:00pm. Our intermediate students are also presenting a concert on December 21st at 10:00am and 7:00pm. We hope these events will put you in the holiday spirit. We hope you are able to attend. The Staff at College Street School wish our families a happy, healthy holiday season.

Sincerely,

Mrs. N. Hardyman

Remembrance Day Assembly



Thank you to the parents and family members who were able to attend our Remembrance Day Assembly. Thank you to the College Street staff who worked with our students to help them realize the significance of this important day. Chrissa Sinnett and Spencer Willis represented College Street School at the ceremony at the Royal Canadian Legion.

Breakfast Club



Did you run out of the house without breakfast today? At College Street School, our breakfast club is open each day from 8:25am - 8:50am. We have been providing breakfast for an average of 20 - 30 students a day. Thank you to Mrs. Linton, Mrs. Dreyer, Mrs. Smart, Miss Wright & Mrs. Goobie for volunteering to help with this program. Mrs. McBlain and Mrs. Hardyman are the staff volunteers at the breakfast club.

Student Council

College Street Student Council is putting up the Mitten Tree on Dec 1st. We are looking for donations of hats, scarves, mittens and gloves to decorate our tree. All donations will go to Community Care to help kids without mittens & gloves. All materials should be received by Dec 16th. Thank you!!



College Street Student Council

Pizza Lunches



During the month of December, we are beginning our pizza lunches. The pizza meets the nutritional guidelines set down by the government of Ontario. Thank you to Ms. Baas for her help with pizza lunches. Please note pizza is provided at 2nd break. Students need to bring snacks and a drink for first break.

Absences Help the office avoid unnecessary calls. Please call to report your child's absences. 905-957-7024

Snow Safety



Students at College Street School are not allowed to throw snow while on school property. Cold, frozen snow presents a threat to student safety especially when thrown. Parent/Guardians are asked to please review this policy at home and we will continue to remind students here at school. Consequences for throwing snow are as follows:

1st time: Letter home with a detention

2nd time: Loss of Privileges/Detention and a letter home

3rd time: Formal at-home suspension



We all thank you for your support in helping to keep the school yard safe!

Thursday, December 15th @ 6 p.m.

The Early Learning Classes are pleased to present a **Sip N' Sing Concert** on Thursday, December 15th at 6 p.m. We welcome parents, siblings and grandparents to our outdoor concert. Please gather at the back of the school on the pavement near the kindergarten door. Dress warmly and be ready to help us sing some of our selections!



School Travel Planning Surveys

Congratulations to the Travis family! They won the \$25 Canadian Tire Gift Certificate for completing the school travel planning survey.

The school travel planning committee continues to meet. A community walk about is planned for December 5th at 2:50pm to gain a better understanding of the travel issues at College Street School. If you are interested in joining this committee, please contact the school. (905-957-7024)

Staff Changes

Mr. Oxenbridge, our custodian, has accepted another position at a school much closer to his home. We welcome Mrs. Vanderwyk to College Street as our new custodian.

Eco Club News

We have two exciting announcements from the Eco Club!!!

Firstly, we have received a grant to enhance our Nature Centre! Many classes have been enjoying the convenience of having equipment and supplies available outside, instead of having to carry everything out for each lesson. Now we will be able to add some shrubs, trees and a rain barrel to our little shed. We will plan and budget with the Eco Club and begin this project in the spring. If you have any suggestions or can help make our nature centre even more of a teaching tool please contact Mrs. Darling or Mrs. Waugh.

Secondly, we have received a grant to purchase and install a water bottle filling station! Now students at College St. School will also be able to enjoy clean, cold, filtered water and help save the environment at the same time! These units dispense chilled filtered water using a sanitary touchless sensor system and it has a 'Green-ticker' on the front that calculates and displays the number of single use water bottles that have been diverted from landfill based on the volume of water dispensed.



The cost of this station is \$1303.60. We have received a grant for \$1000. This means we need to raise an extra \$304. To do this the Eco Club has decided to put an empty "water bottle" in the office for anyone who wishes to drop some spare change. Please help us to reach our goal and provide this great new feature for College St. Help make our school Bottled Water Free!



Clothing

PLEASE put your child's name in their coat and winter boots.



We continue to have several articles of clothing sent to the lost and found and very few of them get claimed. We try to keep them as long as possible, but the pile becomes unruly. We will be packaging up this latest collection after December 9th. Please encourage your child to check the pile before this date.

Music News



Intermediate Christmas Musical

The grade 7 & 8 students have been preparing for the Christmas musical "Silent Night", which tells the story of the song Silent Night. Complete with hand bells, xylophones, penny whistles, ukuleles, guitars and a scene in blacklight, it is sure to be a grand success. Performances will be under 1 hour long, with two performances Wednesday December 21st at 10:00 am and at 7 pm. This year we plan to make the show a fundraiser for the SPREAD THE NET campaign. This campaign is a yearly highlight on the Rick Mercer Report TV show. Rick challenges schools from all across Canada to fundraise to help buy bug nets for families in Africa, which in turn saves lives. For every ten dollars the school raises, we can buy one bug net. Families are asked to make a small donation, loonie / twoonie per person when they come to see the show. Receipts will be given to families who donate \$10.00 or more by cheque. Already the school has raised enough money to purchase 19 bug nets through Mrs. Blaney's paint a ukulele program. To read more about Spread the Net, visit www.spreadthenet.org.

Costume Help Needed

To make the Intermediate show a success, we are asking for some help from the community. For costumes we are in need of fabric to make almost 30 long skirts as worn in the 1800's in the Alps. We also need volunteers to help sew these skirts as well as a few other items. If you have any old sheets, curtains or large pieces of fabric, please send them in the office as soon as possible. If you can help sew, please send a note to Mrs. Blaney with your phone number and email and she will contact you soon.



A New Xylophone in the Music Room

A grand thank you goes out to the EFN Education Fund of Niagara for their very generous donation towards the purchase of a bass xylophone. The EFN offers grants to schools and we were lucky enough to be selected as one of this year's recipients. Already the primary classes are having a great time playing on it. In a few weeks the grade two and three classes will have written and recorded a "Thank You" song which will be posted on Mrs. Blaney's website. Most children have this website address in the front of their agendas. Watch out for it in our Intermediate musical, where one lucky student will get the chance to play it.



Buy a Ukulele / Paint a Ukulele

Several students have shown interest in owning their own ukulele. Mrs. Blaney has been selling ukuleles to students for a reduced price of \$35 each. For an additional donation of \$10 or \$20, she has been painting these ukuleles with many fun pictures. All donations have gone to the spread the net campaign. To date, \$190 has been raised which means the lives of 19 families have been saved. If you would like to purchase a ukulele for your child for Christmas, please send in a note to Mrs. Blaney. But when will your child play their ukulele? Mrs. Blaney runs a ukulele club which runs several times through the year. Due to the limited number of ukuleles, the club is open to grade 7 & 8 students who may borrow a school uke, and to any younger students who own their own ukulele.



School Teams

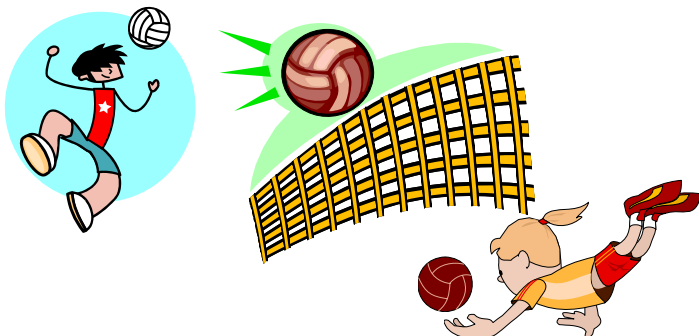
Intermediate Volleyball



The Intermediate Boys Volleyball team wrapped up their season recently. The boys have shown great improvement this year as a team and we were most proud of how many "bump, set, spikes" we were able to pull off throughout the season. Unfortunately we lost our playoff game to Grapeview, the school that ended up being the top school in the DSBN. Congratulations boys!

Zach Duff Spencer Willis Alex Guzzo Peter Pasaluko Austin Branigan Jake Melanson
Kevin Rogers Tyler Maloney Devin Joy Chris Rakovich Kyle Oosterhoff

Coach - Mr. Schneider



Thanks to our Intermediate girls volleyball team for a great effort this season.

Kristina Travis Chrissa Sinnett Sydney McIntyre Kailey Lakatos
Julia Beauregard Natasha DeLuca Alex Tuck
Haylee Clarke Nicole Griffin Kayla Wilson

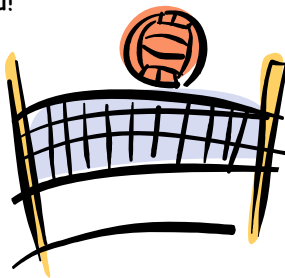
Coaches - Mrs. Donnelly, Mrs. L. Davis

Junior Volleyball

Congratulations to the **Junior Girls** volleyball team on a great effort this season. The team has made wonderful improvements over the course of the season. We finished in 3rd place overall and will play in the playoffs in December. Great job, girls! Mr. Le Blanc and College St. School are proud of you!

Team members include:

Sydney Willis
Jenny Christmas Hayley Lennox
Taylor Jeffery Olivia Travis
Kelsey Poirier Alyssa Williams
Breanna Elferink Brooklyn Duff
Emily Cosby Ava Ricker-Singh
Ashleigh McFadyen Ilena Ricker-Singh
Sydney Warren Coach: Mr. LeBlanc



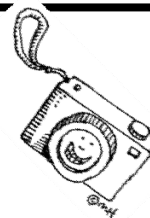
Mr. Riederer would like to thank the entire Junior Boys' Volleyball Team for a great season so far. All the matches have been very exciting and fast paced. Every time we had our games at other schools, the boys were excellent ambassadors of College Street School by showing respect, good sportsmanship and cub spirit. Everyone on the team has shown significant improvement throughout the season.

Well done boys!

The team members are:

Jason Maloney Jack Hendriks
Owen Kears Ryan Griffin
Colin Duncan Nathan Joyner
Gavin McIntyre Ben Rush
Graeme Copeland Tyler Whittaker
Ben Rupsys Brady Beijes
Ethan Cook

College Street Yearbook



Dear Parents and Guardians,

College Street's Yearbook is coming soon! It will be professionally produced, in colour, by Lifetouch Photographers. The cost of the Yearbook is **\$14.00** and will be ready for pick-up in June. Order Forms were sent home in November.

Just a few reminders:

If you have any photos of school events that have taken place this year and would like them included in the yearbook, please e-mail them to Mrs. Donnelly at Melanie.Donnelly@dsbn.org.

We are selling advertisements for our Kudos For Kids section. For \$10 you can write a personal message to your child congratulating him/her on a fantastic year, graduation, doing his/her best, being an excellent friend or anything else you can think of.

We are also selling ad space for our corporate sponsors. For \$25 you can advertise your business in the yearbook (business-card size). 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 your business card with your information.

If you return your yearbook order before Christmas holidays, you will have a chance to win 1 of 4 FREE yearbooks!!

All money and cheques (made payable to College Street School) should be forwarded to Mrs. Donnelly.

Thank you,

Mrs. Donnelly, Mrs. McAdam & Miss Cuthbert

Rocks and Rings

Thank you to Mrs. McMahon for bringing this curling program to College Street. All of our students will have an opportunity to learn the game of curling. The cost of bringing this program to College Street School has been covered by school fundraising.



Primary House League

The primary indoor soccer season is finished. Congratulations to the purple team for their first place finish. Gold team was second with blue team and black team tying for 3rd place. Thank you to all students who participated in this fun activity. Thank you to our grade 7 and 8 captains and officials for their help with our games.

Skating

We have been in communication with the Township regarding skating. Grades 1 through 8 will have several trips to the arena. Please keep in mind that helmets and gloves are mandatory and must be worn on the ice. A note with specific dates for each class will follow.



Wanted: In School Mentor volunteers.

37 kids are waiting to spend time with a volunteer one hour a week during school hours. The program is about motivating kids through playing board games, reading, making crafts and shooting hoops. 1 hour a week, 1 child, 1 big reason to go back to school! Please contact Brenda @ 905-945-9353 or brendabbbs@aol.com

November Bear Cub Awards

Anakin Scherer	Devyn Hibbard	Nathan Smith	Emil Kyneston	Hayen Williams
Samantha Harmel	Trenton Parry	Maddy Felvus	Maizie Lakatos	Shelby Pegg
Madailein VanDuzen	Opal Silverthorne	Nathaniel Opdam	James Goobie	Brooke Cuthbert
Noah Nelson	Ryan Kelly	Diana Towns	Jacob Kohut	Noah Madill
Kennedy Fox	Kayla Griffin	Jacob Pegg	Benjamin Rupsys	
Jake Portolesi	Mya Broom	Kyle Oosterhoff	Alexia Travis	
Mitchell McCutcheon	Jaime Cross	Billy Ellis	Carter Oriente	
Caleb Dodgson	Isaiah Ellis	Camryn Doughty	Nathan Dunne	
Kendra Burns	Eden Milligan	Chrissa Sinnett	Jamieson Cullen	
Sawyer Newton	Jona Silverthorne	Owen Brown	Chris Tsementzis	



HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE 2012

School	Day	Date	Time
A.N. Myer Secondary School	Tuesday	January 17	6:30pm - 8:30pm
Beamsville Secondary School	Tuesday	January 17	7:00pm – 9:00pm
E.L. Crossley Secondary School	Wednesday	January 18	6:30pm - 8:30pm
Eastdale Secondary School	Thursday	January 19	7:00pm – 9:00pm
Eden High School	Monday	January 16	7:00pm – 9:00pm
Fort Erie Secondary School	Thursday	January 19	6:30pm - 8:30pm
Governor Simcoe Secondary School	Wednesday	January 18	6:30pm – 8:00pm
Grimsby Secondary School	Tuesday	January 17	7:00pm
Kernahan Park Secondary School	Monday	January 16	6:30pm – 8:00pm
Laura Secord Secondary School	Tuesday	January 17	6:30pm – 9:00pm
Port Colborne High School	Tuesday	January 17	6:30pm
Ridgeway Crystal Beach High School	Tuesday	January 17	6:30pm - 8:30pm
Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School	Monday	January 16	6:30pm
South Lincoln High School	Wednesday	January 18	7:00pm – 9:00pm
Stamford Collegiate Secondary School	Tuesday	January 17	6:30pm - 8:30pm
St. Catharines Collegiate Secondary School	Wednesday	January 18	1:00pm – 3:00pm 6:30pm – 8:30pm
Thorold Secondary School	Tuesday	January 17	6:30pm - 8:30pm
Welland Centennial Secondary School	Tuesday	January 17	6:30pm - 8:30pm
West Park Secondary School	Tuesday	January 17	7:00pm – 9:00pm
Westlane Secondary	Tuesday	January 17	6:30pm - 8:30pm

Physical Activity

Did you know that Canadian children/youth ages six to 19 spend an average of 8.6 hours per day, or 62 per cent of their waking hours, being sedentary?

Here are some ways to help your children meet the recommended 60 minutes of moderate-to-vigorous physical activity each day:

- Limit recreational screen time to no more than two hours per day
- Encourage children and youth to play outdoors
- Play outside with your children:
 - Go for walks, hikes, build snowmen, go tobogganing
 - Introduce your child to skates or skis so they can learn to slide
 - Play catching games using a wide range of soft objects

For more information go to www.activehealthykids.ca or www.participation.com



PARENT INVOLVEMENT LEADS TO STUDENT SUCCESS

Parent engagement matters. Study after study has shown that student achievement improves when parents play an active role in their children's education, and that good schools become even better schools when parents are involved. It is recognized that parent engagement is a key factor in the enhancement of student achievement and well-being.

Students are more likely to be motivated, to earn higher grades, to have better behaviour and social skills, and to continue their education to a higher level when their parents are actively engaged in supporting their success at school.

It is equally important to recognize that parent involvement takes many forms.

- Serving on school councils and Parent Involvement Committees (PICs)
- Volunteering for field trips and school activities
- Making sure there is a quiet place set aside to do homework
- Helping with the homework
- Meeting with the teachers
- Talking to your child about their day at school.



These are all examples of engaged parents. They are all contributing to their children's education. To make it easier for parents to get involved, government funding is available to encourage parent involvement. Find out more about parent involvement in schools at: Parents Reaching out Grants, <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/schools.html>

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TOP 10 TIPS TO HELP YOUR CHILD WITH MATH

1. **Connect math to daily life** – Let them know the importance of math! Talk about how you use math in your day-to-day life (at the store, in your job, around the house).
2. **Counting can be fun and entertaining** – Show them math can be fun! Sing songs (One, Two, Buckle my Shoe) and play games (card games, hopscotch, board games, Dominoes, chess).
3. **Start Easy and Work up!** – For example, after they've got counting by 1s, talk about skip counting and count by 2s, then 5s and 10s. Don't jump ahead too fast.
4. **Use household items for practice** – Practise adding and subtracting with objects from the house like spoons or pots and pans.
5. **Tap into your child's curiosity** – Go on a number hunt in your house.
6. **Talk about time** – Talk about seconds, minutes and hours, then count days and weeks. Ask them questions: How long until bedtime? How many "sleeps" until the weekend?
7. **Practice mental math using coins** – Count money or have them show you how much an item costs and practise making change for when they're at the store.
8. **Play the estimating game** – Estimate measurements, distances, time and grocery bills and then compare to the actual.
9. **Sports and math** – There is a lot of math in sports such as batting averages, points per game and save percentages (discuss these as you watch the games or read the newspaper).
10. **Computers + Math = Fun** (there are lots of great computer games available to explore math).

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD WITH READING AT HOME

When reading a book for pleasure or for information, chances are you will come to a word or two you are unsure of. You probably will use the accuracy strategy of **cross checking** without even thinking about it, because it is second nature to you as a reader to read accurately. Accuracy, is not second nature to children learning to read. It is something that needs to be taught using a variety of strategies.

It is important to slow readers down when they come to a word they don't know and teach them to apply the strategy of **cross checking** so they are able to fix the meaning and not just skip the word. **Cross checking** requires a person to constantly think and monitor meaning. It is a strategy for ensuring the words and pictures read make sense and match the letters on a page.



HOW CAN YOU HELP YOUR CHILD WITH THIS STRATEGY AT HOME?

1. Listen to your child read. When they come to a word they are unsure of, remind them to cross check. Ask:
 - Does the word you are reading match the picture or letters written? (they cross their right arm over their body)
 - Does it sound right? (their left arm crosses over their body making an X)
 - Does it make sense? (both arms come down with hands pointing to the ground)
 - * Doing physical movements with each question helps children to remember the questions.
2. If your child is having difficulty with this strategy at home, break down the process:
 - Have them stop reading when meaning breaks down.
 - Tell them to look at the letters and say the sounds or look for word chunks in words.
 - Remind them to use the pictures to help.
3. To make your child aware of using this strategy, give them a piece of paper and tell them to make a tally mark each time they use the **cross checking** strategy.

Thank you for your continued support at home!

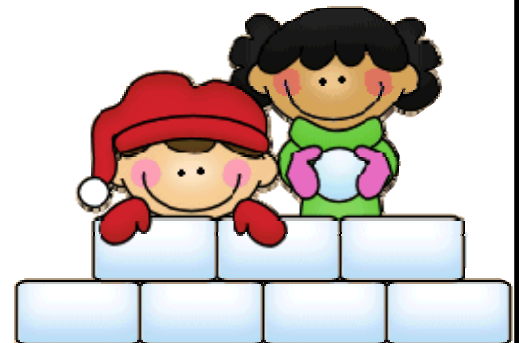
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ECO-CORNER

BROUGHT TO YOU BY: DSBN ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

NORTH AMERICAN HOLIDAY BY THE NUMBERS

- 2.65 billion holiday cards were sold last year (would fill a football field 10 stories tall)
- 200,000: trees are cut down to make all those holiday cards.
- 4 million tons of landfill each year produced from shopping bags and gift wrapping.
- 50 million evergreen trees and about 30 million go to landfill.
- 40% of all battery purchases are made during this season and many are improperly disposed in regular landfill sites.



TIPS TO ENJOYING A SUSTAINABLE HOLIDAY THIS YEAR

- Buy a smaller potted evergreen tree and plant the following spring
- Send electronic greeting cards if possible or reuse cards that you have received.
- Use reusable bags and creatively reduce the amount of wrapping paper by giving gifts inside of reusable containers or bags
- Prepare only an appropriate amount of food for your gathering to reduce waste....consider providing some of the extra food items to local community food banks instead.
- RE-THINK your plans with a new fun – creative tradition to reduce consumption and waste.

The DSBN Environmental Sustainability committee wishes all students, families and staff to enjoy a sustainable holiday season with family and friends and encourages you to possibly make a couple of new traditions that result in a more sustainable celebration

Check out the following websites for tips/resources:

<http://1st-ecofriendlyplanet.com/12/christmas-waste/>

http://www.nigelsecostore.com/acatalog/Green_Christmas.html

<http://www.greenandeasy.co.uk/information/Christmas.aspx>

<http://www.storyofstuff.com/>



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Day 1	2 Day 2 Rocks and Rings Curling Pizza Day	
	5 Day 3 School Travel Planning Walk Committee Mtg @ 2:50pm	6 Day 4	7 Day 5	8 Day 6	9 Day 7 Joy Day-wear red and green HPV - Gr 8 girls Brock Teachers last day Pizza Day	
	12 Day 8	13 Day 9	14 Day 10	15 Day 1 ELP Sip and Sing @ 6pm Xmas Cabaret @ South Lincoln PM Grimsby Museum trip gr 2's	16 Day 2 Pizza Day	
	19 Day 3 Carols 9:00am	20 Day 4	21 Day 5 Intermediate Concert 10:00am & 7:00pm 	22 Day 6	23 Day 7 Teacher/Student VBall Per 3&4 Recog Assembly 2:00pm Carolling pm Pizza Day	24 Christmas Eve
25 Christmas Day 	26 	27	28 No School	29 	30	31 New Year's 1 Eve New Year's Day '2012'
Dec 26 - Jan 6						

A LOOK AHEAD



Jan 09 - Back to school!!

Jan 17 - Gr 8 Open House @ Beamsville SS 7:00 - 9:00
 Gr 8 Open House @ Grimsby SS 7:00

Jan 20 - PA Day (No School)
 Jan 24 - School Council Mtg

Jan 18 - Gr 8 Open House @ SLHS 7:00 - 9:00

Jan 27 - Pizza Day