



District School Board of Niagara

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COLLEGE STREET SCHOOL

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Principal's message

We hope that the nice weather has finally arrived! Only 20 school days left and soooo much to do. Students are busy wrapping up 3rd term assignments and meeting those goals they set back in March. School trips are all planned and will be happening at the end of June. I really want to THANK all of the parents and community members who have volunteered at our school throughout the school year. When everyone does a bit, we get a lot accomplished. It was nice to appreciate you at our Volunteer tea held back in May. We apologize if we forgot anyone and just know that your help IS appreciated.

Fun Fair was once again great success. The weather was mostly cooperative if you weren't worrying about hair styles! We had an excellent turnout which helped to raise approximately \$4000.00!! A special thank you to some of our main coordinators: Mrs. Dreyer, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Willis, Mr. Newton, Mrs. Dodgeson, Mrs. Medland and College Street Staff. Hopefully next year we will get a few more volunteers to lighten the load. Thank you to those who donated prizes for our Penny Sale and the Canadian Tire money. THANK YOU! School Council will now move towards making some purchases that will benefit our students and their learning.

 Graduation is on June 28th at 6:30pm at South Lincoln High School. Notes to graduates will be sent home later in June with more details.

Just a reminder that class lists are changing right up until the first day of school and then can change until September 11th, so please do not call the school prior to the opening of school to find out which class your child is in.

If you have a new family move into your area over the summer, please invite them to our school for registration any time after August 29th. Please note that the office will be CLOSED on Friday, September 2nd.

To families who are leaving College Street, we wish you well and hope that you take with you fond memories of our school. To all, have a safe and sunburn free summer!

Pizza Day - June 3rd



Please note that this is a make up pizza day for Feb 11th (this was the smoke evacuation day).

May Milk Winners

ELP - Bradley Waddington (Mrs. Kubik)
Primary Division - Christos Tsementzis (Miss Mezzavilla)
Junior Division - Jenny Christmas (Mr. LeBlanc)
Int. Division - Niharika Verma (Mrs. Downs)



Library



A friendly reminder to all: library books are due back to the library no later than Monday, June 13.

Donations

A \$200 donation was made to the Rankin Cancer Run and \$100 was donated to ETFO for the Women's Place from the Staff Dress Down Fund.

Parking

Thank you to those who have respected the new no parking/no stopping signs around the school. We are working with DSBN to increase the parking in the rear which will free up some spaces for parent volunteers next fall.



A Note From Our Jump Rope For Heart Coordinator

Thank you to everyone for their time, effort and commitment during this year's Jump Rope for Heart Campaign. This year we committed ourselves to the campaign in honour of our fellow staff member Mr. Nemcko who suddenly passed in September. The event day unfortunately had to be rescheduled several times due to the inclement weather that we have been experiencing. We have set a new date and hope for sunny, warm weather. The new date is Thursday, June 9th, 2011 from 1:30 - 3:00. Please remember to come to school that day wearing comfortable clothing, proper outdoor running shoes, a hat, water and sunscreen. The students have worked hard collecting pledges and to date we have brought in just over \$8000.00. Thanks again for everyone's support, College Street and the Heart and Stroke Foundation are certainly appreciative.

Thank you,
Miss Mezzavilla



Important Dates 2011/12

- September 6: 1st Day of School
- September 23: Early Release Day
- October 5: World Teachers' Day
- October 7: PA Day
- October 10: Thanksgiving Day
- November 11: Remembrance Day
- December 26 - January 6:
Winter Holiday Break
- January 20: PA Day
- February 2: Kindergarten Open House 4-6
- February 20: Family Day
- March 9-16: March Break
- April 6: Good Friday
- April 9: Easter Monday
- May 18: PA Day
- May 21: Victoria Day
- June 8: PA Day
- June 28: Last Day of School



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SAVE OUR SUBSCRIPTIONS

This coming fall our school will be providing the opportunity to renew and/or purchase new magazine subscriptions through the QSP Family Reading Fundraising Program. Please ignore any notices from the publishers asking you to renew now and instead, support our school's fundraising efforts in the fall. Please share this message with other family and friends who order through our program. As always, you will receive the best price while our school retains a substantial portion as profit (approx. 40%).

Thank you for your continued support!

Learning ADVANTAGE CAMPAIGN - REMINDER



DO YOU HAVE YOUR "LEARNING ADVANTAGE" BOOK YET!

There is still time to get your "Summer Advantage" book. This 192 page, fully coloured, activity book is designed to maintain children's academic learning over the summer months. **There is one activity book per grade level from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 7.** Each grade level book contains major units aligned with the Ontario curriculum expectations and 3 summer fun units. The books have parent information pages, evaluation forms; follow up activities and a family focus. In addition to the summer the books can be used all year long from September to the following June. The cost of each book is \$19.05 plus GST. This is a savings of \$1-\$4 from the retail and online prices. You can visit www.summeradvantage.ca to download a free unit of the book you would like to order for further review.

Bonus: with all books orders, Summer Advantage will provide attraction discount coupons to numerous attractions including Wonderland, the CN Tower, Ontario Place, Medieval Times, Wild Water Kingdom, Wings of Paradise, Centreville, South Simcoe Railway, Pucks farm, Zooz, Bowmanville Zoo the Hamilton Civic Museums and more. (*Book orders and attraction coupons will be delivered to your child's classroom before the end of the school year.*)

PLANNING TODAY TO ENERGIZE EDUCATION TOMORROW

During the 2009/10 school year, the DSBN engaged in a system-wide review of our school buildings which enabled trustees to gain an overview of how our facilities are being used, and to identify potential areas for growth and revitalization in the future.

The majority of school boards throughout Ontario are facing the challenge of declining enrolment because of changing demographics. Parents are having fewer children later in life, which reduces the number of students starting Kindergarten each year.

One way school boards can address the issues of declining enrolment and aging facilities is through accommodation reviews. Through this process, education can be rejuvenated by building some new schools, consolidating some schools, renovating some schools and closing some schools.

At their most recent meeting, Trustees passed a Facilities Planning report which examines how to provide optimal learning spaces for students by initiating three phases of accommodation reviews beginning in September, 2011. Phase one accommodation reviews will undertake an in-depth study of central and south St. Catharines and Thorold secondary schools as well as elementary schools in Fort Erie.

Over the coming months, Board staff will begin to assemble an Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) for the two reviews. Each committee will undertake an in-depth study of the school planning areas and provide recommendations that will help guide Trustees in their decision making. Each ARC will include a business community member and/or a municipal representative, parents, a trustee, and DSBN staff. All ARC meetings will be open to the public, and the public will also have an opportunity to provide feedback during specially scheduled public meetings.

Moving forward, our goal is to continue serving students with excellent programs. The accommodation review process will ensure that funding is spent on enriching the educational opportunities for students.

The full report, along with information about accommodation reviews is available at www.dsbns.org/arc.

WALK to SCHOOL program



Please check out the links provided to learn more about a program we are hoping to initiate this fall that will support students walking/biking to school in a safe and healthy way. Our aim is to reduce the need for parents to drive their child to school while increasing the health benefits for students. We will partner with the Town to address concerns regarding safe walkways, road safety, snow clearance priorities, etc. Hopefully this will address the needs of our students and we can create a walking community where our children are safe to walk/ride to school. Please let me know if you are interested in being on a committee for this.

The website below has interesting information about the initiative:

<http://www.saferoutestoschool.ca/default.asp>

This website is specific to the program for pilot sites in Niagara:

<http://www.saferoutestoschool.ca/schooltravel.asp>

Here are the links to some of the most recent videos produced:

Stepping It Up: Kids Say Walking to School Is Healthy, Fun and Good for the Environment

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r59_rzKuAMA

Stepping it Up: How to Get Active on the Trip to School Through School Travel Planning

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7XUyslpUCb4>

Fun Fair Winners!! Congratulations! - Thank you for all donations

iPod: Nicole Griffen

Bicycle: Jason Haist

Canadian Tire Gift Certificate: Mrs. Stirling - Compliments of GINO'S PIZZA

Chair/Umbrella set: Jon Hoogendoorn

Do you have a child between the ages of 4 and 6?

Please take a moment to ensure that your child's immunizations are up-to-date and that he/she has received a:

- booster dose of diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus and polio (DPTP/Quadracel) between the ages of 4 and 6; **and**, second dose of the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine.

If your child has not yet received these vaccines, he/she can be immunized free of charge at:

- One of our regular immunization clinics. Please call 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7425 for more information and/or to schedule an appointment. OR

Special 'catch-up' immunization clinics are also held across the Niagara region in late August, specifically for children and teens (4 to 18 years of age) that need to get caught up on their immunizations prior to school starting. Visit www.niagararegion.ca for a copy of this schedule.

You can also call your child's doctor to make an immunization appointment or visit a local walk-in clinic.

Once your child has received his/her immunization(s), please report this information to Niagara Region Public Health using ONE of the following:

INTERNET: www.niagararegion.ca

TELEPHONE (Immunization Report Line): 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7459

FAX (a copy of your child's Immunization Record): 905-688-8225

If you are a parent/guardian not wishing to immunize your child, you will need to provide Niagara Region Public Health with a legal exemption document (i.e., a statement of medical exemption, or a statement of conscience or religious belief affidavit).

VORACIOUS READING

Fluency is the ability to read, speak, or write smoothly and with expression. The best way to become a fluent reader is through reading. The amount a child reads has a huge impact on their success in becoming a fluent reader. The strategy of voracious reading is one used with students to increase vocabulary and fluency. Students are taught that voracious means to do a lot of something and still want more of it. They know that by reading, reading, and more reading, they will become smooth readers that are enjoyable to listen to. This will lead to increased comprehension and broadened vocabularies.

How can you help your child with this strategy at home?

1. Encourage your child to read more at home. Start by adding a few minutes to their regular reading time and go from there.
2. Model this strategy for your child by taking out a book of your own and reading.
3. Have your child show you what he/she is reading. Ask the following questions:
 - Does this book interest you?
 - Are you able to read most of the words?
 - Do you understand what you are reading?

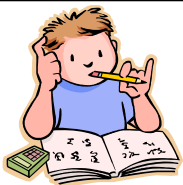


Your child should be able to say “yes” to all three questions if he/she is reading a good book to improve fluency and become a voracious reader.

4. Find a genre or style of book your child is interested in. Visit the library or bookstore to provide more books or stories in this area of interest. Tapping into a reader’s interests creates voracious readers.

Thank you for your continued support at home!

Ideas and strategies are taken from : The CAFE Book, written by Gail Boushey & Joan Moser



PROPORTIONAL REASONING - QUESTIONS FOR KIDS/FUN WITH NUMBERS



Try these questions to help children get a sense of the size of the numbers.

Primary/Junior

- Choose two whole numbers less than 100. One should be really big and the other pretty small. Tell how many of the small numbers it would take to make the big one. How do you know?
- Twice a number is really big. What do you know about the original number?
- Cameron has 7 coins that he says have a value of 17 cents. What could the coins be?

Junior/Intermediate

- Choose two fractions less than five. One should be really big and the other pretty small. Tell how many of one fraction it takes to make the other one. How do you know?
- How many 2’s are in 30? How many 3’s are in 45? How can this be? Explain.
- A store is having a sale. Is it more helpful for you to know that an item is \$10.00 off or 10% off?

*From Math Gains: Proportional Reasoning

Track & Field

College St. was represented very well at the Regional Track Meet in Hamilton on Friday, May 20th

The following students received ribbons:



Atoms

Lindsay Deptuck - 4th in 100m Brooklyn Duff - 3rd in 800 m Ethan Brown - 7th in 200m
Nick Pasaluko - 8th in 400m Graeme Copeland - 5th in 800 m Jayden Bartlett - 8th in Long Jump
Atom Boys Relay Team - Sebastien Peto, Ethan Brown, Graeme Copeland, Nick Pasaluko - 3rd

Peeweews

Charlie Poretti finished 1st out of all the girls in 100m Heats, but due to an injury was not able to compete in the finals, but was given an 8th place ribbon, also 6th in Long Jump

Hillary Baran - 8th in 200m, 5th in 400m Jenny Christmas 4th in 800m
Sarah Kohut - 3rd in 1500m and 5th in Triple Jump Cortni Coomber - 4th in 800m
Peewee Girls Relay Team - Jenny Christmas, Hillary Baran, Sarah Kohut and Gabe Ricker-Singh - 6th
Nathan Joyner - 5th in 100m, 4th in 400m Bryan Crawford 8th in 400m
Jackson Holloway 7th in 1500m Ryan Griffin 6th in Long Jump Jason Maloney - 6th in Triple Jump
Peewee Boys Relay Team - Nate Joyner, Jackson Holloway, Ryan Griffin, Bryan Crawford - 5th

Bantam

Desiree Southern - 5th in 800 m Kayla Beijes - 5th in 1500m
Zach Duff - 8th in 200m and 4th in Triple Jump Tyler Maloney - 4th in 800m and 5th in 1500m
Kevin Rogers - 7th in 1500m Brody Grummett - 8th in Long Jump
Peewee Boys Relay Team - Tyler Maloney, Kevin Rogers, Zach Duff, Josh Dvorak - 8th

Midgets

Brooke Opdam - 8th in 100m Chelsea Fisher - 8th in Long Jump, 4th in Triple Jump
Midget Girls Relay Team - Brooke Opdam, Chelsea Fisher, Lauren Pasaluko, Emily Bailey - 8th
Brandon Wran - 4th in 100m Les Brown 4th in 800m, 6th in 1500m John Goeree - 7th in 800m
Josh Grant - 5th in Long Jump

The following students qualified to compete at the DSBN Track Meet:

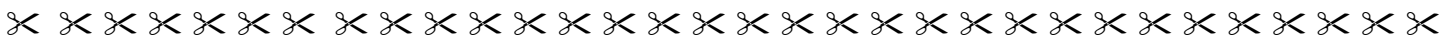


Brandon Wran - 3rd in 200m Brooke Opdam - 3rd in 200m Ryan Griffin - 3rd in Triple Jump
Charlie Poretti - 2nd in Triple Jump Nick Pasaluko - 3rd in Triple Jump and 2nd in 100m
Brady Beijes - 3rd in Long Jump Gavin McIntyre 3rd in High Jump
Brooklyn Duff - 2nd in 200m and 2nd in 400m Emily Cosby - 2nd in High Jump
Ilena Ricker Singh 1st in 100m, 1st in 200m and 1st in Triple Jump
Ava Ricker-Singh - 1st in 400m, 1st in 800m and 1st in Long Jump
Atom Girls Relay Team - Lindsay Deptuck, Brooklyn Duff, Ava Ricker-Singh and Ilena Ricker-Singh won 1st place



JUNE 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Day 9 EQAO Gr 3 & 6	2 Day 10 EQAO Gr 3 & 6 	3 Day 1 EQAO Gr 3 & 6 Pizza Day (Feb 11 Make up) 	4
5 	6 Day 2 EQAO 6	7 Day 4 EQAO Gr 3	8 Day 5 EQAO Gr 3	9 Day 6 EQAO Gr 3 Jump Rope for Heart 	10 Day 7 PD Day No School	11
12	13 Day 8 DSBN Track & Field 	14 Day 9 DSBN Track & Field (Raindate)	15 Day 10	16 Day 1	17 Day 2	18
19 Father's Day 	20 Day 3	21 Day 4 Gr 6 Cave Spring (overnight) Gr 8 Quebec Trip Gr 5 PALS trip to Brock	22 Day 5 Gr 6 Cave Spring (return)	23 Day 6 Gr 7/8 - Canada's Wonderland trip Sr.K Send Off - JK Stay Home	24 Day 7 Gr 1-Safari Niagara Gr 2-African Lion Safari Gr 3-Marineland Gr 4- Medieval Times Gr 8- Return from Quebec	25
26 	27 Day 8 Report Cards go home Gr 6 - golf	28 Day 9 Gr 8 Graduation 	29 Awards assembly 9:00am 	30 PD Day - No School Please wait to renew Magazine Subscriptions until September—Thanks		



(Please complete and return to your child's teacher by Wednesday, June 8, 2010)

Our family received and read the June Newsletter.

Student's Name: _____

Teacher: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Comments: _____

May Newsletter draw winner was: Annie Embleton

