



District School Board of Niagara

May 2009



COLLEGE STREET SCHOOL

Principal: Mrs. S. Niznik
Vice Principal: Mr. B. Mayhew

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Principal's message

What a **SUCCESSFUL APRIL** we had here at College Street! Our Young Author's Day was a tremendous success with our students participating in several workshops designed by new teachers from Brock University and a visiting story teller. We collected \$30 for Change For Children and teachers have decided to contribute another \$200 from their dress down fund to support our students who have financial needs. **THANK YOU ALL!**




Junior Students practiced hard in both basketball and for their Spring Concert - "The Highlight Zone". It was exciting to see them perform to their potential. We had a wonderful Celebration Assembly on Earth Day that was well coordinated by several contributing teachers and their classes. Congratulations to Jesse Esau and Braeden MacIntyre who earned the right, through a persuasive email to the Director of Education to perform an ECO audit at the Board Office. They will be recording their effectiveness in using electricity, garbage disposal and other energy related items.

We said farewell to Mrs. Hardy and welcomed back Mrs. McDonough in the grade 2 classroom.

May looks to be just as busy for our students. Most classes continue to work on Point Of View and explaining how authors share their point of view regarding a topic through their writing.

EQAO testing is happening on MAY 27, 28, JUNE 1,2,3,4. PLEASE DO NOT SCHEDULE ANY APPOINTMENTS FOR THESE DAYS FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 3 OR 6.

 Our Grade 6 classes will be participating in a tree planting morning at the Leisureplex.

Badminton and Track and Field will be the main sports for this month.

Finally our **FAMOUS FUN FAIR** is happening on **MAY 29th**. Raffle tickets will be sent home later this week for some great prizes. If you'd like to donate a prize for our penny sale we are accepting all items up until the week of Fun Fair. Please just send them to office.



Each year, our classes plan a year end trip to celebrate their year together and all that they have achieved. If you have difficulty paying for a trip, please notify the office and we will try to work out something so that your child can participate. The average cost of the year end trip is \$25 in case you want to start them saving for it now.



Junior Concert

The **HIGHLIGHT ZONE** was a great success!



Congratulations to the Junior Division for an excellent performance of The **HIGHLIGHT ZONE**, which was performed on Wednesday, May 27th. Everyone gave an outstanding performance. Mrs. Niznik and Mrs. Blaney would like to give a very special thank you to all the students who spent many of their recess breaks in the school practicing for this exciting show. We are very proud of the effort that was given towards this show. Bravo!

PS. Keep an eye out for photos of the show in the Grimsby Lincoln News!

Eco Hero



Dear Jessie Esau and Braedan McIntyre,

You have been chosen as our Eco Hero of the month. The reason you have been chosen is because you are interested in cleaning up other schools and making sure they are eco-friendly. You have also noticed many environmental improvements which were an inspiration for you to do more. It is encouraging to know that you love the environment and realize that by doing the little things you can make a big difference. We applaud your interest in helping the DSBN.

Thank you very much!!

College Street School

Ukulele, Guitar Club to Play Green Day

Mrs. Blaney will be holding a lunch hour Music club for any Junior and Intermediate students that are interested in learning the tune "American Idiot", by Green Day. The group will be rewriting the lyrics to this fast paced and upbeat song. If time allows, the group will also learn to play the tune "Smells like Teen Spirit" by Nirvana, which once again will have rewritten lyrics.

New guitar students must own or purchase a capo for \$20. Experienced guitar players may wish to play the more difficult, full chords, if they can, without the use of a capo. Ukuleles are available for students to borrow. The club will be held during first lunch break on the following 10 days; Monday May 11, Tuesday May 19, Thursday May 21, Monday May 25, Wednesday May 27, Tuesday June 2, Thursday June 4, Monday June 8, Wednesday June 10 and Tuesday June 10.

Any questions can be sent to Mrs. Blaney.

March Milk Winners

Primary Division - Jenny Christmas
(Mrs. Olsen)

Junior Division - Amy Black (Mr. Nemcko)

Int. Division - Amanda Finch (Mr. Barrett)



Class Placement Requests

If any parents have any class placement requests for the 2009/10 school year, please forward a written request to the office.

We are asking our College Street Community to please refrain from bringing dogs onto school property. This request includes the playground and field area as well.

We thank you for your co-operation!

DSBN Road Race

Although it was cool, at least there was no rain on Sunday, May 26 for the DSBN Road Race. College Street School had their largest turnout ever for the race with close to 40 College Street students, staff and parents participating in either the 1 km or 5 km run. Congratulations to all who completed the race. Looking forward to next year's race and hopefully an even larger turnout than this year where more than 1,000 pairs of feet hit the pavement for a good cause at this year's annual DSBN Road Race.

When the final tally was recorded, the organizing committee was pleased to announce that over \$10,000 of much needed funding had been raised and would be shared evenly by the Education Foundation of Niagara and Niagara Nutrition Partners. Funds were raised through the entry fees of participants, and by support from sponsors especially title sponsor PenFinancial Credit Union.

Both organizations assist in supporting breakfast programs in schools by helping to organize volunteers and purchasing food for the programs. "Starting the day with a healthy breakfast gives children the nutrition and energy needed to be effective learners in school. Everyone was thrilled to make such a significant contribution to these organizations that do so much to support students in Niagara," said organizer Scott Enns. Race results are posted at dsbnroadrace.com; a photo gallery from the day will be posted shortly.



SUMMER READING FOR KIDS

In this *Reading Today* article, David Richardson and Susan Dove say that giving students access to good books is key to reducing the loss in reading proficiency that happens every summer. According to Richard Allington, by the time struggling readers reach middle school, the accumulated summer loss amounts to a *two-year* handicap in reading achievement. Richardson and Dove recommend the following recently published books:

- *Mercy Watson* by Kate DiCamillo, illustrated by Chris Van Dusen (Candlewick), ages 7 and up; adventures of a lovable, clueless pet pig;
- *Secrets of Dripping Fang* by Dan Greenburg, illustrated by Scott Fisher (Harcourt), ages 8 and up; giant ants and other odd creatures in the swamps of Cincinnati;
- *The Sisters Grimm* by Michael Buckley (Amulet) ages 9 and up; mystery and madness in a hidden town where fairy tale characters have gone to live;
- *Clementine* by Sara Pennypacker, illustrated by Marla Frazee (Hyperion), ages 8 and up; an inquisitive, mischievous third grader with a knack for trouble;
- *Sluggers* (formerly *Barnstormers*) by Loren Long and Phil Bildner (Simon & Schuster) ages 10 and up; baseball tales about great teams and stadiums of the past;
- *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* by Jeff Kinney (Amulet), ages 9 and up; unique, humorous world of middle school student Greg Heffley;
- *Traces!* by Malcolm Rose (Kingfisher), ages 12 and up; teenage forensic scientist Luke Harding hunts dangerous criminals in a future world;
- *Pendragon* by D.J. MacHale (Simon & Schuster), ages 10 and up; a reluctant hero, Bobby Pendragon, must save the world, and it's not the world he thought it was;
- *Skunkdog* by Emily Jenkins (Farrar, Straus and Giroux) ages 3-7; a lonesome dog with no sense of smell befriends a skunk;
- *Stinky* by Eleanor Davis (Little Lit Library), ages 6-8; a graphic novel about a monster trying to get rid of a boy who builds a tree house in his swamp;
- *Garmann's Summer* by Stian Hole (Eerdman's), ages 5-10; a picture book about a boy nervously anticipating school;
- *The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman (Harper Collins, 2009) ages 11 and up; a spooky story about a boy raised in a graveyard after his family is murdered;
- *Tales from Outer Suburbia* by Shaun Tan (Scholastic/Levine), ages 12 and up; Strangely beautiful words and images in 15 parts;
- *Guys Write for Guys Read* by Jon Scieszka (Viking, 2005) ages 12 and up; humorous collections of essays, short stories, poems, drawings



Character Trait for May - Loyalty



The character trait for May is **LOYALTY**. Loyalty means being faithful to and supportive of someone or something. There are many people or things we can be loyal to: our country, our province or territory, our community, our school, our family, our friends, etc. Parents, throughout the month of May, help your child build loyalty by encouraging family unity through specific family time such as a family games night where games are played as teams.



MATH TIP OF THE MONTH

Understanding Patterns

Patterns are the very heart of Math. We find patterns in nature, art, music, and literature. We also find them in numbers. The ability to recognize patterns helps us to make predictions based on our observations. Understanding patterns helps prepare children for the study of algebra in later grades. The following examples are only a few of the many ways that you can explore patterns with your child.

- Look for patterns in storybooks and songs. Many children's books and songs repeat lines or passages in predictable ways, allowing children to recognize and predict the patterns.

- Create patterns using your body. Clap and stomp your foot in a particular sequence (clap, clap, stomp), have your child repeat the same sequence, then create variations of the pattern together.

- Teach your child simple dances that include repeated steps and movements.

- Hunt for patterns around your house and your neighbourhood. Your child will find patterns in clothing, in wallpaper, in tiles, on toys, and among trees and flowers in the park. Encourage your child to describe the patterns found. Try to identify the features of the pattern that are repeated.



- Use household items to create and extend patterns. Lay down a row of spoons pointing in different directions in a particular pattern (up, up, down, up, up, down) and ask your child to extend the pattern.



- Explore patterns created by numbers. Write the numbers from 1 to 100 in rows of 10 (1 to 10 in the first row, 11 to 20 in the second row, and so on).

Note the patterns that you see when you look up and down, across, or diagonally. Pick out all the numbers that contain a 2 or a 7.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100

Help Wanted

Noon Hour Supervisor needed daily during our second nutrition break at College Street school. Come and enjoy an hour with our wonderful students each day. Please call the office if you're interested. Supervisors will need a TB test, and a police check.



Moving?

If you are moving out of the area or know of someone who will be moving into the area and will be attending College Street School, please let us know.



Talk about learning the hard way

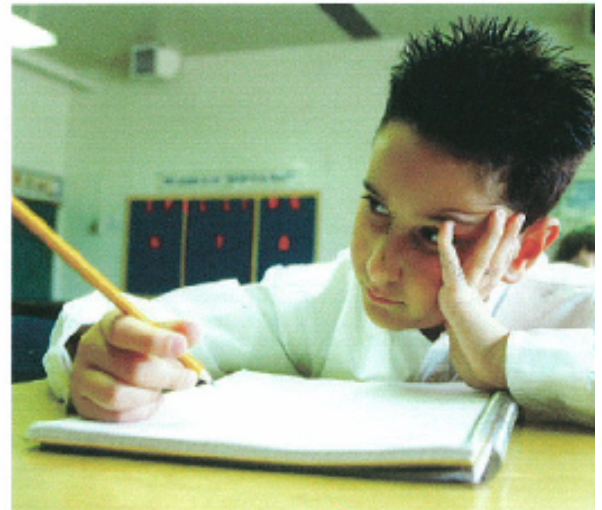
School can be tough enough without the added burden of hearing or understanding only a fraction of what your teacher says. And, imagine being afraid to use your speech, or language skills to answer questions or talk to your teacher and classmates.

Children with communication disorders often struggle with reading, have difficulty understanding and expressing themselves, perform poorly on tests, and sometimes avoid attending school and socializing with other children. But, speech-language pathologists and audiologists can help.

Like teachers, Ontario's Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists are regulated professionals. They are helping thousands of children in schools across Ontario become effective communicators, problem-solvers, and decision makers.

To find out more about the critical role audiologists and speech-language pathologists play in helping children overcome their disabilities, achieve academically, raise self-esteem and become active participants in the world around them, talk to an audiologist or speech-language pathologist or contact CASLPO.

CALL 1.800.993.9459 or VISIT www.caslpo.com



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A Look Ahead



June 1 - EQAO gr 3 & 6
June 2 - EQAO gr 3 & 6
June 3 - EQAO gr 3 & 6
June 4 - EQAO gr 3 & 6
June 5 - Pizza Day
June 8 - Board Wide DSBN Track Meet
June 9-12 - Gr 8 Quebec Trip
June 11 - Volunteer Tea
June 11 - Jr. 3 Pitch
June 12 - JK/SK Discovery Ctr trip
June 12 - Pizza Day
June 15 - Gr 6 PALS trip

June 18 - Gr 5 Fallsview trip
June 18 - Pizza Day gr 1 - 4
June 19 - Sr. K send off - JK stay home
June 19 - Gr 1 ZOOZ trip
June 19 - Gr 2 African Lion Safari trip
June 19 - Gr 3 Marineland trip
June 19 - Gr 4 Medieval Times trip
June 19 - Pizza Day gr 5 - 8
June 21 - Father's Day
June 22 - Gr 7 Ontario Place trip
June 23 - Report Cards
June 23 - Gr 8 Graduation
June 24 - Last Day of School

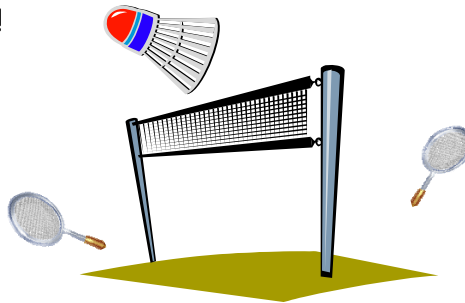
School Teams

Badminton

Good Luck in your Tournaments!!

Team Members:

Katrina Cruikshank
Amanda Clarke
Yvonne Vaillancourt
Jackie Mann



Jacob Klassen
Brett MacDougall
Nathan Tuck
Sawyer Peters

Coaches: Ms. Mezzavilla, Mr. Riederer, Mr. Barrett

Jr Boys Basketball

Congratulations to the Jr. Boys' Basketball Team on their wonderful season this year. You played some very exciting games!

Team members included:

Kyle Ruddy	Jake Richardson	Hunter Holloway	Tyler Maloney
Leslie Brown	Mike Wiemelink	Amaro Lucas	Brandon Beaudin
Zachary Duff	Ryan Rendall	Brandon Spoja	Evren Mijatovic



Jr Girls Basketball

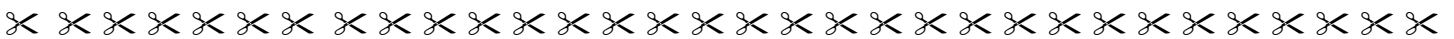
Congratulations to our Junior Girls' Basketball Team for a great season. A record of 2 wins and 4 losses was enough to get them into the playoffs on April 20th at South Lincoln High School. The girls played a fast paced, tough game, and although they did not make the Regional finals, they should all be very proud of their accomplishments, teamwork, and skills. Mrs. Esau and Mrs. Stirling wish to thank all of you for your hard work and effort.

Candace Lane	Julia Beauregard	Sydney Finch	Brooke Opdam	Ali Esau	Kayla Wilson
Lauren Pasaluko	Erin Cross-Nicholls	Chelsea Fisher	Michaela Ross	Kylie Willet	Hillary Baran



MAY 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Day 2 Badminton Tourney Tree Planting 6S & 6C Pizza Day	2
3	4 Day 3 Litterless Lunch	5 Day 4 Litterless Lunch Track & Field @ the Leisure Plex 	6 Day 5 Royal Botanical Garden (all gr 3's)	7 Day 6 Track & Field Rain Date	8 Day 7 Pizza Day 	9
10 Mother's Day 	11 Day 8 Litterless Lunch	12 Day 9 Litterless Lunch	13 Day 10 Joint Parent Council Mtg 	14 Day 1	15 PA Day No School 	16
17	18 Victoria Day No School 	19 Day 2 Litterless Lunch	20 Day 3 DSBN Track & Field @ Mokawk Sports Park Pioneer school House (30, 3V)	21 Day 4 	22 Day 5 JK Bus Orientation Art Gallery (30, 3M) Pizza Day 	23
24 	25 Day 6 Litterless Lunch Pioneer school House (3M, 3D) 	26 Day 7 Litterless Lunch	27 Day 8 EQAO gr 3 & 6 Hot Dog Day 	28 Day 9 EQAO gr 3 & 6 	29 Day 10 Sub Day Fun Fair Art Gallery (3/4, 4) 	



(Please complete and return to your child's teacher by Wednesday, May 6, 2009)

Our family received and read the May Newsletter.

Student's Name: _____

Teacher: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Comments: _____

April Newsletter draw winner was: John-Daniel Ziegler

