



District School Board of Niagara



COLLEGE STREET SCHOOL

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Principal's Message

We have had a busy start to the school year. It has been a month of change and re-organization for our staff and students.



Through the staffing process, we were given additional staff. Our enrollment is 430 students. The new organization is found in the newsletter. We thank our parents and students for their flexibility.

Thank you to all of our families who made the effort to attend our Open House BBQ. Our teachers appreciate the opportunity to meet and visit with the families of their students.

It has been a pleasure to meet many parents. I look forward to working with everyone in the College Street community.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Hardyman

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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Parent Council Conference

All parents are welcome to attend the annual conference "21st Century Learners: Where Parents Fit in" on Wednesday, November 2, 2011 at Eden Secondary School in St. Catharines. The event will begin at 4:00pm. Come out, enjoy the vendors, a light meal, and some workshops aimed at learning how other councils have been able to contribute to their school's successes. Babysitting is available. If interested in attending, please contact the office to register.

Families in Need or Crisis

From time to time we have families that experience a crisis or for various reasons experience a financial need. If you become aware of this, please notify the school so that we can offer assistance. Both the School Council and the staff are very much interested in supporting our own families if the need arises. We will certainly do our best to maintain confidentiality.



Don't Forget to Call

In order to avoid unnecessary calls we would appreciate it if you would inform the office of any absences for your children. 905-957-7024

Photo Day

Student photos will be taken on Tuesday, October 4th. If you are not satisfied with the photo that is taken or students are absent on this day, retakes will be on November 2nd.

Turkey Trot

Each day (weather permitting) all of our students (JK to 8) are participating in 20 minutes of physical activity. The students run, walk or jog around the school yard. For each lap completed, students receive a ticket for a classroom Thanksgiving draw to be held on Thursday, October 6th.



School Re-Organization

Below is an up to date staff list

College Street Staff 2011-12

GRADE	Room	TEACHER
ELP1	1-5	Mrs. Breem/Mrs. Derksen
ELP2	1-4	Mrs. K. Davis/Mrs. Tucker
ELP3	P-3	Mrs. L. Davis/Mrs. Foster
1-1	1-11	Mrs. McAdam
1-2	1-9	Ms. Cuthbert
1/2	1-10	Mrs. Donnelly
2/3	1-8	Mrs. Vervaeke
2-2	1-6	Mr. Schneider
3-1	2-6	Mrs. Chamberland
3-2	2-8	Mrs. Brand
4-2	2-7	Mr. Riederer
4-1	2-4	Mrs. Mayhew/Mrs. McDonough
5-1	1-2	Mr. LeBlanc
5/6	1-1	Mr. D'Cunha
6-1	2-5	Mrs. Stirling
7-1	2-3	Mrs. Durrant
8-1	2-1	Mrs. Downs
8-1	2-2	Miss Dobrowolski
French gr 5-8	B-1	Mrs. Esau
French gr 4	1-1	Mrs. Mayhew
Primary Prep		Mrs. Darling (Day 2,4,6,8,10)
Prep		Mrs. Janssens
Music	B-2	Mrs. Blaney (am)
LRT/Lib		Mrs. Waugh
LRT		Mrs. Topp / Mrs. McBlain
Youth Counsellor		Mrs. White

Principal: Mrs. N. Hardyman

Vice Principal: Mrs. T. Chilcott

Secretaries: Ms. Sutch

TBD

Educational Assistants: Mrs. McMahon

Mrs. Simpson

Head Caretaker: Mr. Oxenbridge

Night Caretaker: Mrs. Kemp

Cleaners: Mrs. Silverthorne, Mrs. Smith

Lunch Supervisors: Mrs. Routski, Mrs. Smith

Mrs. Davis

Welcome...

We welcome Mrs. Durrant to our school. She comes to College Street from Fort Erie Public School.

Mrs. Kubik has taken a leave of absence. Mrs. L. Davis is taking her place. We are awaiting news of Mrs. Kubik's baby.

Mrs. Darling will now be half time at our school.

Co-op Student

We are very proud to have a South Lincoln Secondary School student who has chosen to do her co-op placement at College Street.

We welcome Shawn Put.

Brock University—Student Teachers

We are very pleased to have student teachers from Brock University at our school. We welcome the following teacher candidates:

Ms. Bardoel - Mr. LeBlanc Gr 5

Mr. Ellis - Mr. D'Cunha Gr 5/6

Ms. Robinson - Mrs. Stirling Gr 6

Ms. Rowden - Mrs. Downs Gr 8

Ms. Stevens - Mr. Riederer Gr 4

Student Placements

Welcome to Angela Wright from Niagara College. She is working in a placement with the Learning Resource Teachers for this fall.

Laura MacDougall from Nipissing University is a student teacher with Mrs. McAdam this fall.

Upcoming Events:

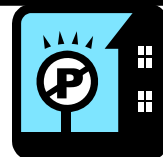
Nov 02: Picture retakes

Nov 11: Remembrance Day

Nov 15: Progress Reports go home

PICK UP and DROP OFF

Just a reminder that we ask that you DO NOT park on Morgan Street north of the school as busses need space to pull in and out of the driveway. We are also concerned about students crossing in the pathway of the buses to get to their car. We also insist that you do not stop and wait for your child to be dismissed along the school side of College Street. Once again, buses can't get through traffic if cars are parked on both sides of the street. Please use caution when picking up students as we have several children who walk this year and want to maintain their safety. Fewer cars in the vicinity would help tremendously.



Lost and Found

During the school year, a tremendous amount of student clothing and other belongings are left at school. The clothing is collected and placed outside of the gym. Please encourage your child to check the lost and found regularly and take items that belong to them, home. Due to the large volume of clothing collected, we are not able to store these items for a long period of time. At the end of each term, (ie. Christmas, March Break, end of school year) these items will be donated to charity if they are not claimed.



School Council News

Our first School Council meeting was held on September 27th with 13 members in attendance. Jackie Cosby was reelected to the Chair position. Council agreed to allow each teacher to purchase resources for their classrooms in the amount of \$200 per teacher. Teachers sent many thank yous in response to this generous decision.

No decisions were made regarding hot lunches this year. We will investigate options that meet the Ministry Nutritional Guidelines.

Our next meeting will be a joint council meeting held on Oct. 12th at South Lincoln High School @ 6:30pm. Parents from Caistor, Gainsboro, South Lincoln and College Street will be in attendance.

World Classroom Project

We are very excited to be included in a short-term cultural experience project where 8 Korean students will be a part of our school for 16—17 days. (January - February) This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to learn about another culture. We look forward to sharing more details about this project as it unfolds.

At this time, host families are needed for these students. If you are interested in participating as a host family, see the information attached to this newsletter.

Your Connection Nurse

The youth connection nurse assigned to our school is Sharon Knott. She will be promoting optimal health among our students and assisting us to develop a healthy school environment. Her role is to influence Niagara's children and their families to make healthy lifestyle choices. Our nurse can be reached at:

The Niagara Region Public Health Department

1-888-505-6074 ext. 7539

Monday - Friday, 8:30am - 4:30pm



Achieving Success Together

Recently our grade 3 and 6 EQAO testing results were released. The results from 2010-2011 are displayed in the chart. All schools in Ontario are working towards a goal of a minimum of 75 % in each of these assessments. Teachers and principals use this information in many ways to improve student achievement. We combine the information from this assessment with everyday classroom indicators to success to ensure that the strategies we are using are contributing to the most learning possible. We will use this information to adjust our School Improvement Plan.

What do EQAO results tell me about my child?

EQAO test results provide a snapshot of your child's achievement in relation to the provincial standard. Students meeting or exceeding the standard (Levels 3 and 4) have demonstrated most or all of the required reading, writing and mathematics knowledge and skills expected at this stage in their education

However, no single test can offer a complete or definitive picture of what your child has learned. In the end, no one better understands the true measure of your child's abilities and knowledge or is in a better position to assess them - than his or her classroom teacher. EQAO and classroom tests provide a more complete picture of your child's knowledge.

EQAO SCHOOL RESULTS

EQAO school tests results and individual results have been distributed. Below are the results for our school, the DSNB, and the province from the testing completed in June, 2011. As a staff, we have been reviewing the test results, and will continue to work toward achieving high standards in all areas of the program.

Percentage of Students At or Above the Provincial Standard

Grade 3	School	Board	Province	Grade 6	School	Board	Province
Reading	73	67	65	Reading	80	76	74
Writing	78	73	73	Writing	75	72	73
Math	80	67	69	Math	64	57	58

Halloween at College Street - Activities

On Monday, October 31st, Students should not come to school dressed in costumes. Students may bring their costumes to school so that they can change into them at 2nd break.

Our plans for the day are:

Periods 3 and 4 Jk to grade 6 students will be involved in nickel games. These games will be run by our intermediate students. All money will be donated to UNICEF.

Periods 5 and 6 Our grade 7 and 8 students will be having a dance or an alternate activity for those who would like one.

Parade downtown will be at 2:00. Students from ELP to grade 6 will parade.

More information will follow later.

Parents, please insure that your child(ren) adhere to these costume guidelines:


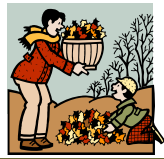









NO violent costumes, Absolutely NO weapons, NO "gory" makeup.

If you do not wish your child to participate in these activities, please notify their teacher.



OCTOBER 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Turkey Trot	3 Day 1 >>>>>> Cross Country @ Nelles	4 Day 1 >>>>> Junior Soccer Tourn Picture Day 	5 Day 2 >>>>> World Teachers Day Woodend-Gr 3's	6 Day 3 Turkey Trot Draws College St. @ Ice Dogs	7 PD Day No School for Students	
	10 Thanksgiving No School	11 Day 4 Cross Country 	12 Day 5 Joint Council Mtg @ South Lincoln 6:30	13 Day 6	14 Day 7 Woodend-Gr 4's 	
	17 Day 8	18 Day 9	19 Day 10	20 Day 1	21 Day 2 Cider Social ELP's 2:00 - 3:00 pm in the gym	
	24 Day 3	25 Day 4	26 Day 5 CCW/EA Appreciation Day Art Gallery Gr 1, 2 & 3's	27 Day 6	28 Day 7 Black & Orange Day Recognition Assembly @ 2:00pm	
	31 Day 8 HALLOWEEN 					

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VISITORS AND VOLUNTEERS

All visitors, including parents must report to the school office where they are to sign-in and pick up a visitor/volunteer badge prior to going to a classroom. If you are dropping off items for your child i.e. lunch, homework, clothing etc., please leave them at the office. We will see that your child receive it. **Please do not go directly to classrooms.** Thank you for your co-operation.

ABSENCES, LATES AND ATTENDANCE CALLS

Please help us to ensure the safety of our students by calling when your child will be absent or late to school. Office hours are 8:15 to 4:00pm. Outside of these hours you may call anytime, day or night, and leave a message on our answering system.

If your child will be away from school, please help us by calling the office.

We always need to know the whereabouts of each and every student. Your co-operation in calling us will assist our office staff immensely! If you haven't called us, we'll be calling you. We will call your home first, followed by your place of business, and if necessary the numbers you have listed as emergency contacts.

Also, all students who arrive late to school (any time during the school day) must report to the office to receive an admit slip. In addition, students leaving at any time during the school day will be required to sign-out at the office.

LEAVING THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

When buses arrive in the morning, students are considered to be at school and are not to leave the property to go to a store etc. If a parent would like to give their child permission to leave the school property, they must send a note dated and signed by a parent. The note must then be brought to school with them that day which in turn will be signed by the homeroom teacher and taken with them when they leave. If this is done, it is assumed that parents are responsible for their children when they are off school grounds. Once a student has returned to school following lunch they may not leave a second time. It is our expectation that all students be polite and co-operative while off school property. Our reputation in the community depends on their good behaviour. Students will lose offsite lunch privileges because of poor behaviour. No student will be permitted to leave school property without a note.

CELL PHONE USE

Students may bring cell phones to school, however according to the District School Board of Niagara's policy, we require that all cell phones be turned off as soon as students arrive on school property. All cell phones must be stored in student backpacks. Cell phones are not to be used during the school day, unless under the direct supervision of the classroom teacher. Students are able to use the office telephones with a phone pass from their teacher. Our phones are also available for student use in the event of an emergency.

IPODS, MP3 PLAYERS AND CAMERAS

Electronic devices are very popular with adolescents today, however the staff of College Street School believe that these items do not have a place in our classroom. Many of these items are very expensive and they are the target of theft. These items should not be brought to school as we will not be responsible if they are lost or stolen. Students should not be taking photos of students or staff without their consent.

School Teams

Cross Country



The College Street Cross-country Team was very successful. Many of our team members placed in the top 30 of their races. Congratulations also need to go to the cubs who placed in the top10 of their races. They include:

Atom division: Ethan Brown placed 4th, Anaya Dickson and Lucas Copeland both placed 7th in their races.

Peewee division: Ava and Ilena Ricker-Singh placed 1st and 2nd for their races, Jason Maloney placed 6th.

Bantam division: Michael Hysert placed 8th in his race.

Midget division: Zach Duff achieved 4th, Kevin Rogers 7th, and Tyler Maloney placed 8th.

Our coaches are extremely proud of the whole team for being such great competitors and representatives of College Street. The next meet will be held on Oct 3rd.

Soccer



Int Girls Soccer Congratulations to members of the Intermediate Girls' Soccer Team, who represented College Street very well at the Area 3 tournament in Grimsby. The girls played with plenty of heart and a strong work ethic, and showed steady improvement throughout the day. Team members were:

Cortni Coomber, Alex Tuck, Bella Clemencio, Kayla Wilson, Julia Beauregard, Sydney McIntyre, Kristina Travis, Desiree Southern, Shaylynn Vienneau, Gabe Ricker-Singh, Chrissa Sinnett, Emily Rush, Nicole Griffin, Stefanie Wiebe

Coach: Miss Vervaeke



Int Boys Soccer On Wed., Sept. 21, the intermediate boys completed in a one day tournament at Smith St. School in Grimsby. The team started the day with 2 losses but turned their luck around and rallied together to end the tournament with a tie. All of the boys put forth a valiant effort and demonstrated great sportsmanship. Thank you to all of the boys for having positive attitude and making the tournament a fun filled day.

Team members: Austin Branigan, Bryan Crawford, Zach Duff, Cam Doughty, Josh Dvorak, Brody Grummett, Alex Guzzo, Tyler Maloney, Jacob Melanson, Kyle Osterhoff, Peter Pasaluko, Kevin Rogers, Spencer Willis.

Coach: Mrs. Darling

Bear Cub Awards

Congratulations to the following students who were recognized for their personal achievements at our September Recognition Assembly:

Xavier Parry

Jeremy Haist

Aiden Wisniewski

Lily Hyde

Miranda Little

Sierra Obucina

Oliver Wall

Ethan Dreyer

Paige |Smith

Dakota Herman

Sara Swayze

Lola Wichartz

Meaghan Bender

JD Ziegler

Jordyn Wellings

Brandon Goobie

Charis Rozon -Gaspar

Kailey Dunne

Lily Parsons

Michael Petropoulos

Shane Griffin

Emma Bergen

Chelsea Vasconcelos

Gavin McIntyre

Chase Cuthbert

Emma Biss

Nicole Over

Emily Cosby

Shawn Lampman McDonald

Emily Bender

Nicole Griffin

Michael Hysert

Adam Lyon

Zach Duff

Natasha Deluca

Jordan Vanleeuwen

Stephanie Wiebe



Small changes can make
a **Big difference** with the

Positive Parenting Program



Early Years
NIAGARA



Free Triple P Program
The Power of Positive Parenting
For Parents with Children 2-12 years old

Up coming 8 week course in Smithville:

St. Martin Catholic School
186 Margaret Street

Wednesday's: October 19 - December 7, 2011

6:30 pm - 9 pm

(the first class on the 19th will be from 6 pm – 9pm)

For information about the course and to view our winter schedule, visit to our website:

beagreatparent.ca To register contact the Parent Talk Information Line:
905-688-8248 ext. 7555

**DSBN FAMILIES IN SMITHVILLE
INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ANNUAL**

KOREAN WORLD CLASSROOM PROGRAM
Grades 4-6
Jan 12 - Feb 8, 2012

A chance for your child to develop cultural awareness and leadership skills as a host buddy to an international student in school.

A chance for you to host 1-2 international students in your home for a short period.

RSVP asap or by October 30, 2011

The District School Board of Niagara will be welcoming 8 Grades 4-6 South Korean students **Jan 12 to Feb 8**. Their presence in our schools is a great way for our students and staff to learn more about the South Korean culture.

We would like to offer the opportunity to DSBN families, who ideally have a Grade 4-6 child themselves (or close other age), to become a host family. It is extremely helpful that the visiting students could travel back and forth to school each day with a host DSBN student buddy. Since the visiting students will be here for such a short time, we are encouraging interested families to host two international students in their home so that they will more easily adjust to a Cdn family; however, if hosting two is not an option, hosting one student would be acceptable. An appropriate level of remuneration (\$\$\$) will be paid to you as a host family. To express interest or ask questions, please contact as per below asap or by **October 30, 2011**.

Ligia Tobon
Canadian English Scholar Program
ligia_tobon@hotmail.com
905-354-6916
www.cespica.com

The District School Board of Niagara is pleased to announce:

VOLUNTARY, CONFIDENTIAL Aboriginal Student *Self-Identification*



DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA POLICY

It is the policy of the District School Board of Niagara to provide programs to support First Nation, Métis and Inuit students who may be experiencing gaps in their education by putting into place measures that respond to particular needs. All First Nation, Métis and Inuit students have the right to voluntarily self-identify so that they may receive supportive programming and instructional practices that better serve their learning needs. The first such measure in recognizing this right is to establish self-identification procedures to identify, collect and aggregate student achievement data for First Nation, Métis and Inuit students.

DEFINITION

Aboriginal identification refers to the definition in the "Constitution Act, 1982, Section 35 (2)", in that "Aboriginal peoples" include "Indian, Inuit and Métis."

These groups include the following categories:

- First Nations students who attend provincially funded elementary or secondary schools under tuition agreements.
- Métis students who attend provincially funded elementary or secondary schools.
- Inuit students who attend provincially funded elementary or secondary schools.

FRAMEWORK GOALS

The District School Board of Niagara believes that all students can learn. The Voluntary, Confidential Aboriginal Student Self-Identification Policy is designed to support this mission by establishing the following goals for Aboriginal education within the Board's jurisdiction:

- To provide high-quality learning opportunities that are responsive, flexible, and accessible to the learners;
- To continue to set high expectations for learner achievement in supported learning environments;
- To improve the retention rate of First Nation, Métis and Inuit students;
- To ensure that learners are well-prepared for participation in post-secondary studies and the world of work;
- To use achievement data from a variety of sources to determine possible gaps and areas for focused intervention;
- To promote effective, respectful working relationships and partnerships with First Nation, Métis and Inuit parents and the general First Nation, Métis and Inuit community.

VOLUNTARY, CONFIDENTIAL Aboriginal Student Self-Identification

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1

Who can identify?

Any student of Aboriginal ancestry can identify. This process is completely voluntary and confidential and no proof of ancestry is required.

2

How will the data be collected?

Once the policy has been developed, students would be able to identify by filling in the student registration form or the student information update form at their local school.

3

How will the data be used?

The information provided can assist the Board in making program planning decisions. Data can be used to measure student achievement, discover potential achievement gaps and respond to students at risk. Data can be used to set goals, such as increasing graduation rates and promotion to post secondary education. Knowing who our Aboriginal students are allows us to appropriately designate resources.

4

Other than the DSBN, who else will use this data?

The Ontario Ministry of Education will have access to this data. The Ministry is committed to addressing the specific needs of all students using an evidence-based approach. Reliable, student-specific data is necessary to support improvement planning, accountability, and to inform policy, funding decisions, measurement and reporting. The Ministry is engaged in ongoing dialogue and partnerships with the provincial Aboriginal organizations, including the Chiefs of Ontario, Métis Nation of Ontario, and the Ontario Federation of Friendship Centres.

5

How is this Voluntary and Confidential?

The choice to self-identify is the sole decision of the student (18 or older) or parent/guardian. The DSBN will continue to support the needs of Aboriginal students, whether they have identified or not. Students and their families may "un-identify" at any time if they choose. All student information will be securely stored to respect privacy and used only as a means to enhance Aboriginal education programs. Individual data will not be communicated and will be treated in the same manner as the Ontario Student Record and is protected by the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act.

BACKGROUND

The recent Ontario Ministry of Education's report, released January 2007, entitled "Ontario First Nation, Métis and Inuit Education Policy Framework" indicates Aboriginal education as one of its key priorities. The focus is on improving student achievement and closing the gap between Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal students in areas of literacy and numeracy, retention of students in school, graduation rates and advancement to post secondary studies. For us to close the gap, we need to understand our student success rates for all students as a whole, what programs and supports are working and/or what additional supports/programs are needed to help our students be successful in school.



School Support Services

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