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A MESSAGE FROM THE KATE S DURDAN STAFF...

On April 3, Kate S. Durdan will celebrate World Autism Day. We are fortunate to have Vanessa and her son Owen speak to our school, explaining what ASD is, as well as sharing her personal story. Students will also be able to buy cookies to raise money for Autism Ontario Niagara Chapter. Cookies will be for sale on Tuesday and Wednesday (or until supplies run out). They will be \$1 each or 3 for \$2. **Thanks KSD for all our support!**

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank our parents and members of school council for all of their support over the last month. The coffee and chocolate bar fundraiser would not have been possible without them, nor would our Family Movie Night have been such a great success. It is wonderful to work in such a supportive school community! I appreciate everyone's efforts to make Kate S. Durdan such a great place to be for our students!

As always, there are many exciting events occurring throughout the month which includes Autism Awareness, Earth Week and Day of Pink. We are now into the final three months of the school year and these three months tend to be especially busy with activities. Please check the newsletters, calendars and website for regular updates.

Our school Track and Field meet will take place on Thursday May 4th at Oakes Park.

Mrs. Cahill is also already busy planning for next year. She is looking for any used lego. If you would be willing to donate any lego please bring it to the office.



SAVE THE DATE...

- **Light It Up Blue—World Autism Day—April 2**
- **World Autism Assembly—April 3**
- **Day of Pink Assembly—April 12**
- **Good Friday—April 14**
- **Easter Monday—April 17**
- **Kindergarten Art Gallery—April 21**
- **Earth Day—April 22**
- **Gr. 7 & 8 Immunizations—April 28**
- **Track & Field at Oakes Park—May 4**

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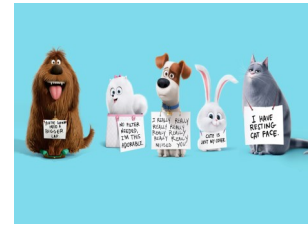


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MOVIE NIGHT

On Thursday, March 9 our School Council hosted a movie night! They were very pleased with the turnout and had many compliments on hosting such a fun night. Thanks for their support in building a caring, involved community at Kate S. Durdan.



Hello KSD Families!

Our School Council wanted to take a minute to say thank-you. We have just finished up our soup Wednesdays—this was a popular event and we look forward to having it again next year when the weather is chilly. The funds made from soup day allowed us to purchase more chromebooks. We have almost reached our goal of having an entire set of chromebooks to use throughout our school. They travel from class to class. We have accomplished this because of our KSD family support! Thank you for all you do for our school.



AMAZING ARTISTS!

Ava, Blake and Maya in Mrs. Mead's Kindergarten class, will have their artwork on display during the DSBN "Young At Art" art show! The art show is being held at the board office from April 11th-21st and features artwork from students in DSBN schools from Kindergarten to grade 2!



"Family of Spiders in a Web"



"Flower in Spring"



"The Singing Concert"

DAY OF PINK 2017

Day of Pink is just around the corner, and is being celebrated widely on April 12th, 2017. Here at Kate S. Durdan Public School, we are going to have our Day of Pink Celebration on **Wednesday, April 12th, 2017**. **On this day, students can wear the colour pink, to show that they are against bullying.** Bullying is a serious problem, which is taking place in every school and every community in Canada. Approximately 50-75% of students reported being bullied. This means for every 2 students, one of them is being bullied, or for every 4 students, 3 are being bullied. The staff and students of Kate S. Durdan Public School are looking forward to our annual Day of Pink Celebration!



EARTH DAY

Earth Day is on Saturday, April 22nd, 2017. To celebrate Earth Day, the students of Kate S. Durdan Public School, are going to have an Earth Day Spirit Week beginning on Tuesday, April 18th, 2017 to Friday April 21st, 2017. Below you will see what is happening each day in your child's classroom. Together, we can create awareness for our environment, and make a large effort to conserve energy whenever possible.



EARTH DAY SPIRIT WEEK

TUESDAY: Litter-less lunch day (bring a lunch to school that is litter-free)

WEDNESDAY: "Turn the lights off" (Our school will make every effort to keep the lights off to save power/energy)

THURSDAY: Green, blue, and brown day (wear these colours to show the colours of our Earth)

FRIDAY: Students will walk to John Allen Park and do a park clean up. Garbage bags and gloves are being provided by the Meridian Bank, on Kalar Road.

Earth Day provides students an outstanding opportunity to focus their attention on the environment. It is our goal here at Kate S. Durdan School to adopt the motto "Earth Day is every day" as students actively participate in next week's spirit week.

Here's to keeping our Earth beautiful!

Keeping your child's teeth healthy

Children can receive a free fluoride varnish application from the Niagara Region Public Health dental program. Fluoride varnish is a protective coating that is painted onto the teeth with a tiny brush. It helps reduce cavities if applied twice a year.

Why do we recommend fluoride varnish?

Tooth decay is the number one chronic disease of children

In the 2015/2016 school year over 25,000 school-aged children were screened by Public Health. 39 per cent of those school-aged children were identified having as having cavities.

Untreated cavities can lead to difficulties eating and sleeping, self-esteem issues, decreased school performance and attendance, pain, discomfort, infection and poor overall health

Fluoride is not added to Niagara's drinking water



Tips to keep your child's teeth healthy...

Brush teeth **two times** per day

Use a pea-sized portion of **fluoride** toothpaste

Spend **two minutes** brushing each time with help from an adult

Floss daily

Provide a healthy diet and limit sugary drinks, sticky candy and snacks. **Water is best.**

Schedule regular dental checkups at least once a year (cleaning, fluoride varnish application and sealants).

For more information on dental services and programs please call the Dental Health Line at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7399 or visit www.niagararegion.ca/health.

REMEMBER TOOTH DECAY IS A PREVENTABLE DISEASE!

PLEASE ARRIVE ON TIME

Please encourage your child to arrive to school on time. Please note what a terrible disruption this lateness is not only to the teacher who has begun the instructional day but to the students who were on time and now have to wait for the late student(s) to come inside the classroom, get settled and listen to the important instructions again. Sometimes students have missed so much critical information that it becomes difficult for teachers to even determine a mark for the subject area. **Please, please, please help us by arriving to school on time and therefore providing no disruptions to a teacher, your child's learning and the other students in the class.** EVERY instructional minute is precious. Please help us.

