

December 2016

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A MESSAGE FROM THE KATE S DURDAN STAFF...

On behalf of the Kate S. Durdan staff, we would like to take this opportunity to wish all our students and their families a safe and fun Winter holiday. We look forward to seeing you in the new year!

The last day of school for 2016 will be FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23rd. Students will be dismissed at the regular time. School resumes on MONDAY, JANUARY 9th, 2017.



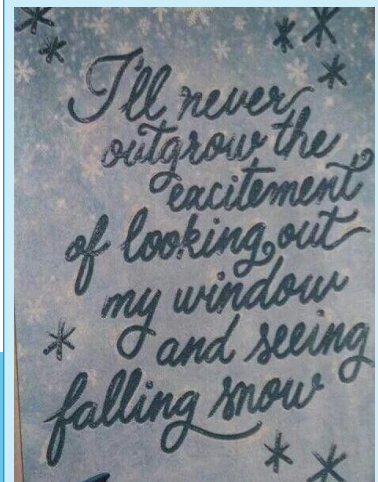
FRENCH IMMERSION

Parents and Guardians of Senior Kindergarten students interested in attending French Immersion in Grade 1 next September are invited to attend an information session at John Marshall Public School, 3910 St. James Ave., Niagara Falls, on Thursday, January 12 from 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Online registration begins January 9 at www.dsbns.org.



SAVE THE DATE...

Book Fair in Library .. Nov. 29—Dec. 2
Food Drive Dec. 5—Dec. 9
Westlane Music Performance Dec. 7
Joy Day..... Dec. 9
Winter Concert..... Dec. 14
Holiday Sing A Long . Dec. 22
Last Day..... Dec. 23
Winter Break Dec. 24—Jan. 8
Back to School Jan. 9



NUTRITION BREAKS

Please ensure that students bring their lunch and snacks in the morning. On the odd occasion that it must be delivered to school, please make sure your child is aware that it's coming, and that your child knows to pick it up at the office. Print your child's name clearly on the lunch bag.



CLEAN YOUR HANDS

Cleaning your hands is the most effective way to prevent the spread of germs. Regular hand cleaning with soap and water, or an alcohol based hand sanitizer will reduce the risk of getting sick.

Cleaning your hands should occur:

- Before preparing meals
- Before eating
- After using the washroom
- After coughing or sneezing
- After blowing your nose
- After playing with pets
- After playing outdoors



Use warm water and soap and lather and scrub for at least 15 seconds if your hands are visibly dirty.

For more information, talk to your school nurse or go to www.niagararegion.ca/health.

YOU & YOUR CHILD ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A

KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, February 2, 2017 - 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.



During your visit you will:

- See a Kindergarten classroom
- Meet the Kindergarten Team
- Register for school
- Get a fun goodie bag with learning resources

JUST WATCH ME!
KINDERGARTEN AT THE DSBN

Children who will be turning 4 before December 31, 2017 are eligible to start Kindergarten in September 2017.



LOCKDOWN DRILLS

Throughout the year, we participate in a safety drill that is meant to further enhance the protection of our student and staff. This procedure is called a LOCKDOWN. The purpose of the lockdown drill is to practice safely securing students and staff within the school in the event of a potentially dangerous incident surrounding the school or within the school itself. In this drill, classroom doors are locked and students must remain in their classrooms, behind locked doors. Students are not allowed outside the room for any reason. If you, a parent/guardian, arrives at the school while a lockdown is in effect, you will not be allowed in the school until the activity has ended. While we sincerely wish that no event causes us to enact these precautions, we feel that practicing these procedures, just as we practice fire drills, prepares our students and staff to react appropriately in case of an emergency, making our school safer for students and staff. If you have any questions about this safety drill, please call the school and ask to speak with the principal.



JUNIOR FLAG RUGBY

Congratulations to the KSD Junior Flag Rugby Team on their success this fall at the DSBN Tournament. The team won 6 games in a row to take home the Championship!! We are very proud of their efforts and sportsmanship throughout the day! Thanks to Caleb for helping Mrs. Cahill with the coaching and to our wonderful parents for all of their cheering and support during the day!!

Team members were as follows:

Dominic	Samarah
Sophie	Thomas
Strahinja	Imraj
Vladimir	Tyler
Humza	Sara
Brianna	Jada
Evan	Luke
Markus	May
McLean	Stephany
Skylar	Matthew



HELP US WITH PLAYGROUND FUN!

"As part of their "Responsible Citizenship" learning, the Gr.5 class is working hard to make KSD an awesome place to learn and play. We are planning initiatives to improve the playground and acquire more technology. You can help by bringing in any gently used recess equipment (e.g., balls, skipping ropes, hula hoops) so that more of our students have access to fun activities at recess."



DREAMBOX

DreamBox Learning Math is an online program with educational games that are individualized for your child, adapting the curriculum just for them. It's a fun, effective math learning environment. Unlike other math games that often sacrifice learning for entertainment, DreamBox delivers a rich, tailored learning experience. All of our Primary and Junior students, (Grades 1-6) have access to a DreamBox account. Please contact your child's teacher for further information.



Spread *joy* this holiday season.



Thank your child's
teacher this holiday
with a tribute gift to
the Foundation.



All proceeds provide basic
necessities for DSBN students

An acknowledgement holiday
card will be sent to your teacher
in your child's name!

Visit efnniagara.ca to donate!
Or call 905-641-2929 x 37712
or email efn@dsbn.org