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A MESSAGE FROM THE KATE S DURDAN STAFF...

Happy February KSD Families!

February proves to be an exciting month at KSD!

On February 15th our students will be receiving their first term report cards. This is always an exciting time for families, as we celebrate the successes of our children in their academics! Please reach out to your child's teacher should you have any questions about the report card. Please note that the day after report cards go home (February 16th), we have a BOARD wide PD Day, so our staff may engage in activities and dialogue as a TEAM regarding steps moving forward for our students.

The biggest excitement in February is our **VALENTINES DANCE**, hosted by our Parent Council! This takes place on February 14th and each division will get a whole curriculum block (100 min.) in the gym to dance their hearts out and enjoy their friends. If your child does not like to dance or does not wish to, there is no problem, as the gym will be wide open and there is lots of time for enjoying friends without dancing. Pizza is now on available to order on our - cash online- should you wish to order pizza for your child that day. The cost is 1.50/slice, and you must order it through cash online as it will not be for sale the day of the dance. However, we will have glow sticks and bottles of water being sold that day at our canteen should you want to send money with your child for these items. Both the water and glow sticks are \$1.00 each.

This is going to be a lot of fun and we cannot wait !

FAMILY DAY (February 19th) is also fast approaching and we, at KSD, want to wish you a great weekend with your children and family members.

Finally, we want to say a HUGE WELCOME to Ms. Wilson, who has been with us since the holiday break as our new VP! She has been a huge addition to our KSD Family, and we are enjoying her visits, spirit, and big SMILE!

Have a wonderful February....SPRING is around the corner!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Donofrio and Ms. Wilson

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SAVE THE DATE...

**FEB 1— Kindergarten
Open House (born in
2020) 10 AM—6 PM**

**FEB 1— Grade 8 Grad
Photos**

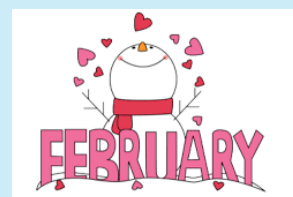
**Feb 6 —DSBN Academy
Open House 6-8pm**

**FEB 15—Term 1 Reports
Go Home**

**FEB 16— PD Day (no
classes)**

**FEB 19 — Family Day
Holiday**

FEB 28 —Pink Shirt Day



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KINDERGARTEN KICKSTART AT THE DSBN

Do you have a child born in 2020?

KDG Registration is Now Open!

Our Kindergarten registration is officially open! And we're hoping you can help us share the news by telling your friends and family that they can now register their children born in 2020 for Kindergarten, for a September 2024 start. Online registration is at www.dsbn.org/Kindergarten!



**Don't Forget
To Bring
Your Verification
Documents!**

1. Proof of Name/Date of Birth
2. Proof of Address



MEET BARKLEY!

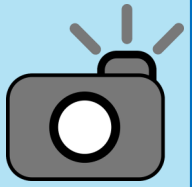
IMPORTANT NOTICE!

Grade 8 graduation photos will
be taken on

Thursday, February 1st!



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News From The School Nurse

Just a friendly reminder that our February newsletter is now uploaded on the [Public Health Communication Google drive](#) and can be found in section [\[Newsletter > February\]](#). You can either download the PDF or utilize the Word document from the Google Drive for your school's monthly newsletter. The newsletter contains information for the entire school community (including parents and school staff).

Our School Health Team is always looking for ways to better support you and your school community throughout the year. We have created a [confidential feedback form](#) where you can share any thoughts or concerns on how we can improve, all feedback is greatly appreciated.

Jenn McPherson, RN

Public Health Nurse

February Spirit Days by Student Council

February 14th: *Valentine's Day Spirit Day* — wear pink, red or white

February 29th: *Leap Day* — wear plaid

Become an Argonaut at DSBN Academy

DSBN Academy is a grade 6 to 12 program designed to prepare and successfully transition students to post-secondary school, with a focus on students who will be the first in their families to graduate from college and university. Eligible students across Niagara may apply to DSBN Academy.

Interested? Learn about the school at **DSBN Academy's Open House!**

- ⇒ **Date: Tuesday, February 7th, 2024**
- ⇒ **Time: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**
- ⇒ **Location: DSBN Academy — 130 Louth Street, St.Catharines**

Attend the Open House to find out:

- ⇒ How we prepare students to attend, and succeed at, college or university
- ⇒ What extra opportunities we offer, and how your child can benefit
- ⇒ Why DSBN Academy could be a good fit for your child
- ⇒ How to become a student at DSBN Academy

Staff and students are committed to the belief that, with hard work, all students can achieve their dreams.

Believe. Achieve. Become an Argonaut.

Online registration will open January 8, 2024 here and will close on February Monday February 26, 2024. To apply visit <https://academy.dsbni.org/>



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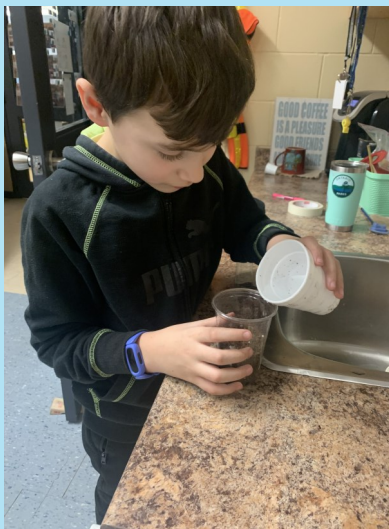
Tuesday, February 6
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Add to Calendar

Geometry Exploration



Shape Composing



Planting Seeds





Reminder

Pink Shirt Day

is February 28th

Bullying is not okay. On February 28th, DSNB students and staff are proudly wearing anything pink to stand up against bullying, to celebrate our diversity, to show our commitment to inclusion, belonging and kindness, and to remind each other that we are stronger together. Our Board believes in cultivating a positive school culture where students feel valued, and feel empowered to be their truest selves every single day.



Valentines Dance

There will be a Valentines Day Dance on February 14th. Each division will get to dance for 1 block, that's 100 mins.

Block 1—Primary

Block 2—Junior

Block 3—Intermediate

Pizza will be available to purchase for \$1.50 per slice on school cash online until Monday February 12th. Pizza will not be for sale on the day of the dance.

On the day of the dance, Wednesday February 14, 2024, there will be glow sticks and water for sale for \$1.00, cash will only be accepted and will not be on school cash online for purchase.



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