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A MESSAGE FROM THE KATE S DURDAN STAFF...

What a fantastic start to 2018 this has been for the staff, students, and families of Kate S. Durdan school. We have fun each day and yet still we have accomplished so much, and we are just getting started. Although the winter can feel dreary and that the warmth of spring is a long time coming, many staff and families in our community have already begun to make plans for next year! Students and parents in our grade 8 classes have been attending High School Open Houses and choosing future courses, while parents and students in SK classes may be considering the 'French Immersion Program' for next year. Even the youngest members of Kate S. Durdan are gearing up for the next school year. At our Kindergarten Open House we will meet several new Kate S. Durdan students.

CANDY GRAM

Candy Grams! Will be on sale from February 5-9 at recess breaks. Only \$1 to send a kind message to your friends and family! Candy Grams will be delivered to classrooms on Feb. 14!



DANCE A THON

On Thursday, February 15 our School Council will be hosting a Red and White Dance. We're looking forward to lots of fun while we get some exercise practicing our moves!



SAVE THE DATE...

- Kindergarten Open House Feb. 1
- DSBN Academy Open House Feb. 6
- Report Cards Go Home Feb.9
- 100th Day of School..... Feb. 9
- Pyjama Day Feb. 9
- Think Before You Ink Presentation Gr. 7/8 Feb. 12
- Valentine Day Feb. 14
- Dance A Thon Feb. 15
- PD Day..... Feb. 16
- KSD Ice Dogs Game Feb. 16
- Family Day..... Feb. 19
- EFN Gum Chewing Day Feb. 23
- PINK Shirt Day Feb. 28



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SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATES

We made it to February! Parent Council wanted to update you on a few developments from the past month and some events coming up in the near future. First, we are happy to let you all know that KSD has received 22 new Chromebooks, 3 new Smart Boards and updated 2 more Smart Boards! Thanks to your support we were able to purchase these items using our funds raised from Magazine orders, Cookie Dough and our Soup day fundraising. This wouldn't have been possible without the continued support of our KSD community. Thank you for providing our kids with the most up to date educational tools! We have almost reached our goal for Chromebooks. We need about 15 more so that we'll have 2 full classroom sets. We look forward to reaching our goal in the near future!

Our Warm up Wednesdays have been a huge success! Every week our volunteers have been preparing over 100 bowls of delicious soup to our kids. A big thank you goes to Sandra, Erin, Mona, Ilana, Reeshma, Lina, Lily and Carrie. A big thank you also to Heather, Mona and Amy for letting us use their large pots to prepare the soup! Thank you again ladies for your ongoing dedication. These fun hot lunches couldn't be possible without parent involvement. Our soup days have been such a great success that council decided to extend it. We will however have a menu change. Starting Wednesday, February 7 we will start offering Pasta. Your child will have the choice of butter whole wheat noodles or whole-wheat pasta with classic vegan/gluten free homemade red sauce! Delicious! Forks will be provided. Pasta day is now on school cash online for the month of February. The cost per bowl will be \$3. We look forward to giving you a break by cooking your kids lunch on Wednesday! On Thursday, February 15 Parent Council will be hosting our Annual Valentines Dance a Thon! Classes will be staggered in throughout the day for some dancing fun! We will have items such as pizza, water and glowsticks available to purchase for \$1 per item. Students are encouraged to wear their favourite colour of love like red, white and pink! We look forward to a fun day!



February is shaping up to be a very busy month with lots of fun activities and events including gum chewing day to benefit EFN, pajama day and Family Day long weekend!

March will also bring a few more fun events for the students and families including a Movie Night and the kick off of our Chocolate Bar fundraiser. More information coming soon!



As always thank you for your continued support in making Kate S Durdan the great school it is! :)

KSD Parent Council

WHEN TO KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME—A MESSAGE FROM PUBLIC HEALTH

Please keep your child at home and away from others if he or she has any of these symptoms:

- Fever
- Diarrhea
- Vomiting
- Rash
- Frequent coughing or sneezing
- Yellow or green discharge from the nose, ears, or eyes
- Sore throat Contact your family doctor for advice about care and treatment.



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

BULLYING BASICS—PINK SHIRT DAY—FEB. 28

Bullying happens in many different forms. It's doing, saying or acting in a way that hurts someone else or makes him or her feel bad on purpose. Bullying can occur in the following ways:

Verbal (name-calling)

Physical (punching, pushing)

Social (leaving someone out of a game or group on purpose)

Extortion (stealing someone's money or toys)

Cyber-bullying (using computers, the Internet, mobile phones, etc. to bully others)

Words hurt! We all seem to recognize physical bullying, but sometimes other forms of bullying are not as easy to identify. Being called names can hurt someone else's feelings really badly. All forms of bullying are harmful, but verbal bullying, including name-calling, happens more often than any other kind of bullying. Bullying hurts everyone. Victims can have their feelings hurt or be injured by bullies. Other kids can feel sad or scared, even if they are just watching a bully pick on someone else. Kids who bully often grow up to become adult bullies. Bullies come in all shapes and sizes and ages. Anyone can be a bully - even you. Kids usually become bullies because they are unhappy inside for some reason or don't know how to get along with other kids.

Fact: Bullying happens to someone in Canada every 7 minutes on the playground.

Fact: Other kids are watching 85% of the time when one kid bullies another kid. Adults like teachers or parents hardly ever see a bully being mean to someone else.

TIPS

If you are being bullied, try one of the following strategies:

- Walk away
- Tell someone you trust
- Take the initiative to get help
- Say something complimentary to the bully to distract them
- Stay in groups to avoid confrontation
- Use humour to deflect the situation
- Never let the bully see you sweat
- Practice self-affirmation (i.e. I am a nice person)

If you are a bystander, instead of ignoring a bullying incident try the following:

- Tell a teacher (administration)
- Move toward or next to the victim
- Use your voice "stop"
- Befriend the victim
- Lead victim away from the situation

If you think you are the Bully, try the following:

- Talk to a teacher/counsellor
- Put yourself in their shoes
- Stop the cycle
- Think before you act

