



January 2017

## Kate S. Durdan Public School

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### A MESSAGE FROM THE KATE S DURDAN STAFF...

We sincerely hope that everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday over the Winter Break. We know that we enjoyed the opportunity to be with family and friends and have come back well rested and eager to work with our students.

Your input continues to be very important to the success your child achieves throughout his/her educational experience. The Kate S. Durdan staff encourages you to take an active role in your child's education. If you have an issue, idea or concern that you would like to discuss with a staff member, please do not hesitate to contact the school and we will book an appointment with you.

### HELLO KATE S. DURDAN FAMILY! HAPPY 2017!

On behalf of parent council I wanted to thank you for your support of our silent auction on December 14, during our evening Winter concert. We had so many beautiful baskets available. We also had many fun and exciting community donations. With the support of our KSD families and our community involvement our night was a HUGE success! So we Thank You! From our event we were able to raise over \$1700.00! This money has allowed us to purchase a new set of Forest Reading book for our library. We also helped upgrade SmartBoards that were in need of some TLC. We fulfilled our athletes wish and got our teams brand new jerseys! They are navy blue and have our KSD logo on them. We are so happy we could provide these items for our kids!

The start of a new year means we have some new ideas/events our council is working on. So far we have a family movie night in the works, a dance being planned and a brand new fundraiser that you will hear more about very soon!

Our next parent council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 24 at 5:30pm. If anyone has any questions or ideas regarding council or our events please feel free to contact me at [CarrieAnn.Soucy@dsbn.org](mailto:CarrieAnn.Soucy@dsbn.org).

Thank you again for your continued support and we look forward to our next event! :) Carrie Soucy—Parent Council Chair

### SAVE THE DATE...

- Welcome Back ..... Jan. 9
- Primary Dairy Presentations  
..... Jan. 11
- French Immersion Open House  
at John Marshall ..... Jan. 12  
from 6:30—7:30 PM
- Gr. 7 & 8 Immunizations  
..... Jan. 13
- PA Day ..... Jan. 20
- School Council ..... Jan. 24
- Kindergarten Open House .....  
Feb. 2

### FOLLOW US ON TWITTER

AT: @KateSDurdan



Achieving Success Together



DSBN Academy is a Grade 6 to Grade 12 public school designed to support and empower students to be the first in their family to graduate from college or university.

Come learn more about the opportunities offered at DSBN Academy. All families are welcome! Please see below for the dates, times and locations.

### Parent Information Sessions

January 10, 2017	<u>Harriet Tubman, St. Catharines</u>	6:30 - 7:30pm
January 12, 2017	<u>Diamond Trail, Welland</u>	6:30 - 7:30pm
January 16, 2017	<u>Valley Way, Niagara Falls</u>	6:30 - 7:30pm
January 19, 2017	<u>McKay, Port Colborne</u>	6:30 - 7:30pm
January 24, 2017	<u>Senator Gibson, Beamsville</u>	6:30 - 7:30pm
January 26, 2017	<u>Peace Bridge, Fort Erie</u>	6:30 - 7:30pm
January 31, 2017	<b>Open House at DSBN Academy</b>	<b>6:30 - 8:00pm</b>

## FRENCH IMMERSION AT JOHN MARSHALL

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](http://www.dsbns.org).



## HEAD LICE

Head lice continues to be an ongoing issue, especially in school-aged children. Anyone can get head lice. It has nothing to do with whether you have clean or dirty hair, or the cleanliness of your home. Head lice will continue to spread at school and during after school activities causing a frustrating problem, unless we have every family's cooperation to get rid of them completely. To combat this problem, we need your help. Please check your child's head once a week.

For more detailed information contact Niagara Region Public Health at 1-888-505-6074 Ext 7371 or your School Nurse at 905- 688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 Ext 7379.

## BOOK FAIR SUCCESS

In December, Kate S. Durdan had its best Book Fair to date! Thank you to the staff, students and families who came out to support this library fundraiser! Our new books are now on the shelves, including Lego, Minecraft, Dork Diaries, Shopkins, Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Disney Readers and much more. Well done!

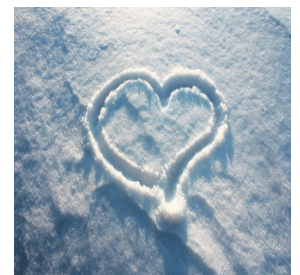


## WINTER IS HERE!

With the cold and wet weather upon us, we have a few reminders for comfortable and safe outdoor play during the winter months:

1. Bring appropriate outdoor clothing to school daily (hat, mitts, jacket, snow pants, boots).
2. Have dry indoor shoes stored in lockers and keep an extra outfit at school too (in case shirt and pants get wet outside).
3. Weather conditions will dictate the use of the play structure. The play structure will not be used during heavy snow, or when the ground is frozen.
4. Students are not permitted to throw snow or slide on ice patches. Students who disobey these rules will be sent indoors to the office.

Our 2 outdoor fitness breaks will occur regularly throughout the winter except in extreme weather conditions (-25C). For this reason, it is essential that students come prepared for the weather! We appreciate your efforts!



# AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES

There may be times during the school year where inclement weather or other situations could cause transportation cancellations or school closures. At times when student transportation has been cancelled and schools remain open, the decision of whether or not to have children in school on that day rests with the parent or guardian.

**Should you decide not to send your child to school in the event that transportation is cancelled but schools remain open, or if your child is ill or late, please ensure that you call your child’s school to inform them of your child’s absence.**

A key resource in any emergency is the DSBN Emergency Information form that you filled out at the beginning of the school year. Please let the school know of any changes in contact information or procedures you wish to be followed throughout the school year.

Information about transportation cancellations and school closures will be available as soon as it is available through the following channels:

**Websites: Subscription Features:**

[www.dsbn.org](http://www.dsbn.org) DSBN Facebook or Twitter

[www.nsts.ca](http://www.nsts.ca) NSTS Transportation Delay or Cancellation Alerts

**Phone:**

Niagara Student Transportation Services 905-346-0290 Voice Auto Attendant

**Radio Stations:**

CKTB (610 AM) St. Catharines

CHRE (105.7 FM) St. Catharines

WAVE (94.7 FM) Hamilton

CHTZ-FM (97.7 FM) St. Catharines

CKOC (1150 AM) Hamilton

CKEY (105.1 FM) Niagara Falls/Fort Erie

CHML (900 AM) Hamilton

K-LITE-FM (102.9 FM) Hamilton

CHAM (820 AM) Hamilton

GIANT FM (91.7 FM) Welland

Y-108(107.9) Hamilton

