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A MESSAGE FROM THE KATE S DURDAN STAFF...

March is shaping up to be a very busy month here at Kate S Durdan. The March Break is a couple weeks away and our students are hard at work in Term 2. During the month of February we kept the energy levels up with lots of great activities! Our Intermediate Basketball teams finished their seasons this month. The coaches dedicated a lot of time and were pleased with players passion toward to game. We then had Day of Pink to reinforce friendship/kindness skills. Students have been reminded that when they see pink being worn to use that as a reminder to practice kindness.

To continue the Friendship theme and to get our students active, our parents hosted a Dance—a fun day was had by all especially with our own DJ Dodman playing music requests.

INTERMEDIATE GIRLS BASKETBALL

We want to recognize the Intermediate Girls Basketball Team for a tremendous season of growth, teamwork and success. Thank you Rachel (Captain) Stephany, Mya, Angela, Eliza, Anna, Kaitlyn, Lina, Kat, Katie and Saloney. Go knights go!

- Coaches Cade, Carson & Bonito

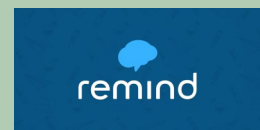


SAVE THE DATE...

- Intermediate Technology ChallengeMar. 2
- Gr. 5 & Gr. 7.....Sugar Bush Trip
- Movie Night.....Mar. 9
- March Break.....Mar. 11—19
- Back to SchoolMar. 20
- JK/SK Trip to Sugar Bush ..Mar. 23 & 24
- School Council Meeintg ...
.....Mar. 28

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SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Dear Kate S Durdan Families:

Hello! I wanted to take a minute to catch you all up on what's been going on. We finished up our coffee fundraiser. We are waiting for delivery and you will be notified when they arrive. Small orders will be sent home with your child. We are also happy to announce that Mrs.

Tachjian and Ms. Clark's class won the pizza and ice cream lunch courtesy of Premium Coffee. Congratulations to them!

We will be having our annual movie night on Thursday, March 9 at 6pm! The Secret Life of Pets will be our featured film. Pizza, water and popcorn will be available for purchase. More info will be sent home next week. Hope to see you all there!

Our soup day on Wednesday, February 15 was such a success that we have decided to offer it every Wednesday during the month of March. \$2 will get your child a bowl of soup, spoon, napkin and crackers to enjoy during second break. Moms, Dads leave the lunch chore to us on Wednesdays!

The Valentines Day Dance was a huge success! Not only did the kids get a little break from school work, but they got to hang out and spend some time practicing their dance moves! I learned a few new ones myself! We even had a performance by our own Sandy and Danny from Grease, thanks to Averie and Nolan!

I wanted to take a minute to thank you all for your continued support. I know at times it may feel like we are asking a lot but please be reassured that we are making huge progress this year. We all want our children to have the best experience and proper tools when they come to school everyday. With our latest funds that we were able to raise we were able to purchase 10 brand new Chrome Books (laptops)! The Chrome Books serve our entire school. I have seen first hand these kids put them to use! It is amazing what can be done!

There are a few more events that School Council is working on and you will hear about soon, including starting our chocolate bar fundraiser near Easter.

Thank you again for your time and support! Hope you all have a great March Break! :)



Prom Project Niagara 2017 – Free Formal Wear Opportunity

Prom Project Niagara is a one day fun free formal wear extravaganza for girls and guys!

Students can select their perfect head-to-toe look for their prom, formal, or graduation for FREE!

This year, we are offering Prom Project Niagara at:

St. Catharines Collegiate ***NEW MAIN LOCATION***
Beamsville Secondary School
Fort Erie Secondary School



If you know of a student who could use this program, please join us on Saturday, April 8th, from 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at one of our locations.

Inviting all students who are in need of formal wear for their special day!

For more information on Prom Project Niagara please call 905-641-2929 ext. 37712, email efn@dsbn.org or visit www.efnniagara.ca

*Note: for Welland and Niagara Falls schools: bus transportation is available to the St. Catharines site! Contact the Foundation to book your spot on the bus!

DENTAL HEALTH

Are you an adult in Niagara who is experiencing problems or barriers to accessing dental care? The Niagara Dental Health Coalition has launched a short survey to learn more about these barriers and their impacts. Please take a moment to complete the survey at:

<http://niagaradentalhealthcoalition.weebly.com/>

The survey is open until March 10, 2017.



March is Nutrition Month

Fruits and veggies are not only absolutely delicious but they are nature's fast food! Ready to eat and most come in their own "to-go" packages, produce makes the perfect snack for kids to grab and go. They need minimal to no preparation and buying ones in season means you can save some money and shop smarter.



Think you can't get much produce on a tight budget? Here are some tips to make shopping for produce more easy and affordable:

Don't shop when you're hungry and carry a list. You'll be more likely to stick to your budget and nutritious food choices.

Look for washed and bagged salads, baby carrots, celery hearts, broccoli and cauliflower crowns, cherry tomatoes, and shredded cabbage in your grocery store

Buy fresh produce, like peaches or bananas, in varying degrees of ripeness to allow for some ripening towards the end of the week

Canned and frozen vegetables can be convenient choices

Spend most of your time in the produce, bread, meat and dairy sections

Use store flyers to help you find specials

See more at: <http://www.halfyourplate.ca/produce-is-affordable>

PARKING ISSUES



As some of you may have noticed there are now barriers that have been placed in the United Soccer Club parking lot. We ask that when you are picking up or dropping off your child that you do not use the lane closest to our yard unless you are parking. Do not plan to use this lane as a Kiss and Ride—if dropping your child off please use the Kate S. Durdan school driveway loop (in the front of the school). Please remember that your PATIENCE is necessary if you are driving your child/children to school—we are a large school with many students that need to be safe—PLEASE do your part to ensure student safety!!!