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KSD STAFF WORKING TOGETHER

Ever wonder what teachers are doing on PD Days or at Staff Meetings? We are busy working together and learning! At our February staff meeting, our Kindergarten team shared their learning journey, along with a variety of math strategies that can be used in all the grades. We are so grateful to have a team that shares, works, and learns together!



SCHOOL CLIMATE SURVEY...

Parents - the DSBN needs your help!

We're hoping you'll take a few minutes of your time to complete the DSBN School Climate Survey currently available on your school's website.

It's anonymous, and asks your opinion on topics such as well-being, acceptance, inclusion and safety.

Your thoughts are key to helping the DSBN enhance practices in maintaining a supportive, accepting, inclusive and safe school climate. You will not be asked for any personal information.

The survey will be online until March 19thth. To complete the survey, please go to your child's school web page, and click on "school climate survey".

If you have any questions, please contact the school directly.

Thank you for your help!



SAVE THE DATE...

- Fire Prevention Presentations for Gr. 1 & 2Mar.1
- Family Movie Night.....Mar. 7
- Fire Prevention Presentations for KindergartenMar. 8
- March Break.....Mar. 9—17
- Back to SchoolMar. 18
- School Council Meeting ...Mar. 26
- Kindergarten Sugar Bush TripMar. 29



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SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Hello KSD Families!



February has come and gone! March means we are one step closer to Spring! We had an eventful February with KSD hosting our first Multicultural night. This event was a huge success with an overwhelming response. We experienced so many different cultures and were able to snack on foods prepared by our own KSD Families and Staff! We welcomed performances from a variety of cultures and learned what talented staff and students we have at KSD!! It was a fantastic night! Parent Council would like to thank all the families and staff members who participated and gave their time to host a table. We'd also like to thank the Intermediate students who helped that night,

We would also like to thank Sunny Halani from UPS store on McCleod Rd. for creating our invitations for the evening. Sunny and his staff (who happen to be KSD parents :)) always go above and beyond for our school!

Many thanks to Mrs. Lamothe for her support in planning and organizing this event! Students can see many pictures from the evening up on the bulletin board she has created too! We would also would like to thank Mrs. Grosman for her excellent decorating and crafting skills! Thank you to all the staff who helped make flags with their classes. This event couldn't have happened without all the support we received! We look forward to hosting another one in the future!

Congratulations to Akashdeep in Grade 7. Akash won the prize draw from our Multicultural evening. Thanks to Mrs. Mead for arranging this prize—a signed hockey stick from the Niagara Ice Dogs!



Parent Council also hosted our February dance a thon and it was a huge success! Our kids danced the day away and had a great time! We were able to raise over \$500 which helped us purchase more physical

education equipment including basketballs, soccer balls and a new parachute. Thank you to student council for all their help and Mr. Dodman for his DJ skills!



Now that March is here we have a few more exciting events to look forward too.

Our annual Movie Night will be held Thursday, March 7. Pizza and popcorn will be available to purchase. A note will be going home soon!

The end of the month will also be the start of our Chocolate Bar fundraiser leading up to Easter so watch out for more info on that! We look forward to a great month of fun activities and hopefully some more sunshine! As always thank you out for your continued support!



KSD Parent Council

Our School Council Members enrich our experiences at Kate S Durdan each and every day. They give endlessly!

"Volunteers are not paid -- not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless."



INTERMEDIATE BOYS BASKETBALL

This year's Intermediate Boys Basketball team worked hard to make it to the Consolation finals in our division. Mr. Dodmna and Mrs. Pacecca are very proud of all of the boys who came and played their heart out each and every game! The spirit these boys showed on the court was truly admirable. Good luck to the grade 8 boys next year in high school! We are excited to see our grade 7 boys back next year! Have a great rest of the school year boys!

INTERMEDIATE GIRLS BASKETBALL

Congratulations to the Intermediate Girls Basketball team as they wrapped up a well played season claiming the title of consolation finalists. Thank you to our players: (back, left to right) Steph, Mya, Ruth, Hilda, Sophie, Bella & Skylar. Thank you for a fun and exciting season!



IS IT BULLYING?

NOT NICE

When someone says or does something **unintentionally** hurtful and they only do it **once...**

That is **Not Nice**

MEAN

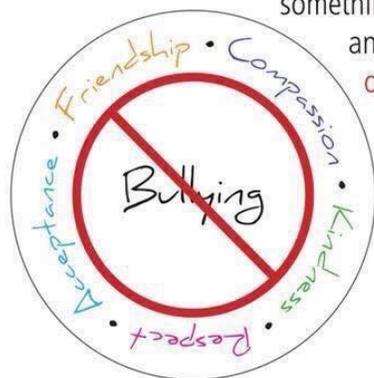
When someone says or does something **intentionally** hurtful and they do it **once...**

That is **Mean**

BULLYING

When someone says or does something **intentionally** hurtful and they keep doing it, over a period of time, even when you tell them to stop or show them that you are upset...

That is **Bullying**



Day of Pink is (everyday) Wednesday February 27th, 2019. This is an Anti-Bullying **Day**, when people wear mainly a **pink shirt** to symbolize a stand against bullying, an idea that originated in Canada. It is celebrated on various dates around the world. All staff and students were encouraged to wear their pink shirts to show their support against bullying. Thanks to Mr. Flower's class for sharing their enthusiasm!!!



Pink Day!!!