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A MESSAGE FROM THE KATE S DURDAN STAFF...

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank the entire Kate S. Durdan Staff for the hard work and dedication they have demonstrated this fall. We are looking forward to having our final organization complete within the next week. Our Gr. 4 and Gr. 4/5 classes will occupy the two new portables and our Gr. 1/2 and Gr. 2/3 classes will move upstairs. During this transition Mrs. Grosman's Kindergarten class will also find their permanent home. The staff and students are looking forward to creating their new learning spaces. As always, our staff is committed to providing the best possible learning environment for your children. Their professional program delivery and genuine concern for all students at Kate S. Durdan is to be commended.

Our families at Kate S. Durdan must also be recognized for their ongoing support and interest in the school. It is with this partnership that we will help our children to develop the necessary skills to be productive in today's society.

Our School Council deserves a huge thanks too! They have been working behind the scenes to support all of us at Kate S. Durdan. We are looking forward to the 'soup days' that they will be providing for our students.

Finally and most importantly, I would like to thank our students for the good behaviour and positive attitudes that they demonstrate each day. They are the reason why Kate S. Durdan is such a great place to be.

SAVE THE DATE...

Grade 8 Day at WestlaneNov. 1
Parent Involvement Workshop at EdenNov. 1
Random Act of Kindness DayNov. 3
Gr. 7 VaccinationsNov. 6
Progress Reports Go HomeNov. 9
Remembrance Day CeremonyNov. 10
Photo RetakesNov. 16
Parent/Teacher InterviewsNov. 16
PD DayNov. 17



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THE ELEMENTARY PROGRESS REPORT - Grades 1 - 8 students

On November 9th, your child will bring home their Elementary Progress Report. The format was created after years of consultation with parents/guardians, teachers, principals and students across the province. Although it looks much like the Report Card, the Progress Report has a very different intent. The purpose is to share early and specific feedback on your child's development of work habits and the learning skills.

Reporting on the Progress Report is about looking forward and setting a course for the learning journey ahead. Based on the evidence that teachers see, as well as what teachers know about learning at this grade level, the report communicates the path your child is on toward achieving the grade level expectations by the end of the year. The Progress Report does not include letter grades or percentage marks for academic subjects; it instead identifies whether your child is progressing very well, well or with difficulty. For subjects in which your child is Progressing with Difficulty, the teacher will discuss specific next step plans needed for success.

We look forward to partnering with you and your child for a year of great learning and growth.

TECHNOLOGY

Technology is an important part of our program and there will be many opportunities for learning using desktops, video equipment, cameras, and more. To ensure student safety and appropriate use, we will take on a three-fold approach:

Strict enforcement of the DSBN Acceptable Use policy (see form sent home in package),

Educating students to use technology safely and responsibly, and

Ensuring technology from home doesn't come to school without both parent and teacher permission.

Students should not bring valuable personal property to school. Loss and theft are facts of life, and often these lost or stolen articles are never returned to their rightful owner. Similarly, other items may cause unwanted distraction and/or confidentiality or safety concerns. Unless given permission by the teacher to complete school assignments or projects, all electronic devices (i.e., cell phones, cameras, IPODs, tablets) must be kept in a student's backpack throughout the entire school day, including nutrition breaks. If any of these items are used during school hours, they will be confiscated and will be returned with the date to be determined as per each offence. Electronic devices are not the responsibility of the school. It is, therefore, best that such items be left at home.



PARKING ISSUES



We continue to have parking issues at the beginning of the day and during dismissal time. We are having some parents parking along neighbouring streets during drop off and pick up times—these areas are monitored by city traffic personnel and fines will be given. We also have parents using our bus lane—this is not allowed. 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!!!

MAKING SAFE LUNCHES AT HOME

Packing lunches for school takes time and energy but taking the time to follow these tips could prevent a foodborne illness in your family.

CLEAN

Wash your hands for 20 seconds with soap and warm water before preparing any meal. Make sure you routinely clean countertops, utensils and any lunchboxes or lunch bags.

Raw fruits or vegetables can be contaminated with bacteria. Wash them with clean water and a scrub brush before eating.

KEEP COLD FOOD COLD

Foods like meat, chicken, seafood, eggs and dairy products must stay cold to stay safe. Use frozen freezer packs to keep food at or below 4C (40F).

Use an insulated lunch box/bag and keep it away from heat sources. Place freezer packs between food that needs to stay cold. Refrigerate items the night before to get your lunch box/bag off to a cool start.



KEEP HOT FOOD HOT

Hot food must stay hot at above 60C (140F). Use insulated containers and keep them closed until ready to eat, or take your food cold and reheat it in a microwave.

Please keep in mind that any leftover food items coming home in your child's back pack can carry bacteria or have the ability to support bacterial growth. These bacteria can grow rapidly to harmful levels when food safety precautions are not followed. If these items have not been properly stored, place them in your green bin, do not consume them.



OCTOBER CRAFT CLUB: JACK-O-LANTERNS!

Scholastic Book Fairs



The Scholastic Book Fair is coming soon! Get your Christmas shopping done & support Kate S. Durdan by purchasing books throughout the week of November 28th - Dec 1st! All proceeds will go towards purchasing new books for our school Library! More details to come soon!

PRIMARY CRAFT CLUB

Primary craft club started in October for grade 1-3 students with Jack-O-Lanterns! We had a lot of fun creating lanterns with tissue paper, mason jars & pipe cleaners!

GRADE 8'S

Begin Your Adventure at a DSBN...

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

NOVEMBER 27-30, 2017

Westlane Secondary School

November 29, 2017

6:30 p.m.

<http://westlane.dsbni.org/>



dsbni.org/highschoolopenhouses



HIGH SCHOOL
IN ACTION

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR

KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE

DURING YOUR VISIT YOU WILL:

See a
Kindergarten
classroom

Meet the
Kindergarten
Team

Register for
school

Get a fun
goodie bag
with learning
resources



KINDERGARTEN
KICKSTART

Thursday, February 1, 2018
10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.