



# OCTOBER 2016

## Kate S. Durdan Public School

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

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Kate S. Durdan students and parents for a great start to the year.

We have welcomed many new families as well as staff members. Students have been busy in their classrooms establishing routines while working hard to achieve expectations.

During the month of September we were happy to host a Meet the Teacher BBQ where we had an opportunity to meet many families. We also had our first School Council meeting. We discussed important events and elected Carrie Soucy as our School Council Chair. We greatly appreciate all of the support that Jennifer Kelly has played in her role as School Council Chair. Our next meeting will be on November 22 at 5:30PM.—Please feel free to join us!

During September, all classes have been establishing a positive math environment—our students are all valued mathematicians.

We have also started many extracurricular activities such as: soccer, cross country and rugby. On Friday, September 30 we also held our Terry Fox run. It was a school wide event. This event was especially important to us we have a student, Alex who has been recently diagnosed with bone cancer. We know that our school community is eager to support Alex and his family and we have events planned at the end of the month.



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*There is no better place to create a caring community than in our schools -- the heart of our future.*  
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--Patricia Gándara

### SAVE THE DATE...

- Magazine orders due—October 4
- Cross Country Meet—October 5
- Professional Development Day—October 7
- Thanksgiving Day—October 10
- Picture Day—October 12
- Junior Rugby Tournament—October 14
- Gr. 7 & 8 Immunizations—October 18
- Halloween Dance—October 28
- Halloween Parade—October 31



Achieving Success Together

## SCHOOL PICTURES

Individual and class photos will be taken on **Wednesday October 12<sup>th</sup>**



## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

A reminder that there is no school for students on **Friday October 7<sup>th</sup>**. Kate S. Durdan staff will be using the day to view our student data to plan related instructional strategies.

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

There will be no school on **Monday October 10<sup>th</sup>**, as we celebrate Thanksgiving.



## LATES

Being on time for school is an important habit to teach your child. We stress the need for every student to be at school on time in order to not miss important lessons or information being shared. *Students who are late must report to the office to obtain a late slip for their teacher.*



## HEAD LICE

This is the time of year that head lice seem to be most active. Please check your child's scalp regularly and treat immediately if you discover any eggs. Please be sure to notify the school so that other children may be checked as well. Our procedure at the school will be to check any student suspected of head lice and send children home for treatment upon discovery of head lice. Letters will also be sent home with children in the affected class.

Please use an appropriate shampoo as recommended by a pharmacist. The Niagara Regional Health Unit has informed us that the careful removal of all eggs is important and that shampooing alone will not necessarily kill all eggs. **PLEASE REMOVE ALL EGGS!** Thank you for your support. It is the best way to keep this nuisance under control.

## PARKING ISSUES

With the start of the new school year we are asking that parents use the Kalar Road Sports Park parking lot to drop off and pick up their child. Please make sure that when driving through the parking lot you **STOP** at the crosswalk! This helps to ensure student safety.



Please do not park in the staff parking area or drive through this area—students are not expecting traffic.

## FLU SEASON IS HERE!!

Washing your hands prevents the spread of germs and reduces your risk of getting sick. Wash your hands after:

- coughing or sneezing
- blowing your nose
- using the washroom
- playing with pets
- playing outdoors
- and before preparing meals and eating

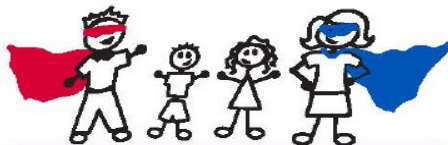


Use warm water and soap, lather and scrub for at least 15 seconds. Have children sing the ABC song, so they scrub for long enough. Alcohol-based hand sanitizers are safe for children and can be used when you don't see any dirt. For more information, talk to your school nurse.

## Hey Super Parents! **IT'S TIME TO REGISTER!**

Join us for an evening of learning with **FREE** workshops for DSBN parents

**REGISTRATION, FOOD & CHILD CARE are FREE!**



**PARENT POWER!**  
DSBN PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE CONFERENCE 2016

Mark It On Your Calendar:

**WED. NOV. 2, 2016**

4:00 pm - 8:15 pm at Eden High School  
535 Lake St., St. Catharines

Register online at [www.dsbm.org/pic](http://www.dsbm.org/pic)  
OR speak to someone in your school office for assistance



Register Before October 3, 2016  
and you could WIN \$500 of support  
for your School and School Council!



**I Matter  
At DSBN**

**The DSBN Parent Involvement Committee invites you to join us for an evening of learning, sharing and networking with a focus on ideas for all DSBN parents and School Councils.**

### Session Topics Include:

Mental Health, Special Education, Mathematics, Kindergarten, Transitions to Secondary & Post Secondary... and so much MORE!

4:00 - 5:15	Light Dinner and Vendor Fair <i>Cafeteria and Gym AB</i>
5:15 - 5:25	Opening Remarks <i>Cafeteria</i>
5:45 - 6:45	1st Session
6:45 - 7:15	Vendor Fair and Refreshments <i>Gym AB and Cafeteria</i>
7:15 - 8:15	2nd Session

### Information about Child Care:

**PRESCHOOL CHILDREN:** Certified Early Childhood Educators will be available at Sven H. Dohnberg Centre. Enter the Eden High School parking lot (facing Lake St.), the child care centre is on the right.

**SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN:** Children will be supervised by qualified teachers in the Eden Gymnasium.

★ **CHILD CARE IS AVAILABLE BY PRE-REGISTRATION ONLY.** ★

★ Child care will be provided from 4:00pm to 8:15pm. ★

★ A light dinner will be provided for the children. ★



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