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A MESSAGE FROM MR. DICKSON...

HELLO OCTOBER...

I would like to extend my thanks to all members of our school community, including students, parents, and staff, for an amazing kick off to our 2023-2024 school year. Sports teams are up and running with cross country and soccer teams already proudly representing our school at various events – Go Knights! We look forward to our flag rugby team's start up this month! Students/staff participated in our Terry Fox walk on September 22nd, with many walking for people close to them who have been affected by cancer.

Did you know, according to Harvard Medical School, "Gratitude is strongly and consistently associated with greater happiness." With Thanksgiving around the corner, I encourage our families to reach out to someone who has a positive influence in their life and let them know! Not only will you be happier, but imagine how amazing that person will feel after receiving such a compliment! I am truly grateful to be a part of our amazing KSD team and, on behalf of our staff, we wish our families the very best this October.

MR. DICKSON

VICE-PRINCIPAL



Achieving Success Together



SAVE THE DATE

6 PD Day—No School

9 HAPPY THANKSGIVING

(NO SCHOOL FOR HOLIDAY)

12 Open House

4—6pm

17 Picture Day



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HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

There will be no school on **Monday, October 9th**, as we celebrate Thanksgiving. We wish all of our KSD families a safe and special holiday together. Be thankful!!



ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES



To ensure the accountability and safety of our students, it is imperative that parents use the **SAFE ARRIVAL** Schoolmessenger app or by calling **1-866-606-5567** when their child is going to be absent or late. Instructions for setting up an account can be found on our school website main page at <http://katedurdan.dsbns.org>

WHAT IS SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

School Cash Online is an easy to use and safe way to pay for your children's school fees and/or complete parental/guardian permission forms. If you haven't already registered, please do by visiting:



<https://dsbn.schoolcashonline.com/>

BUSSING

Is your bus student late coming home? Please check the transportation website at www.nsts.ca to check for **Delays and Cancellations**. Transportation delays greater than ten (10) minutes are posted by operators on this website. You can view delays and cancellations on the website, or parents can subscribe to this feature so that delays and cancellations impacting your child's bus route can be emailed directly to you.

PICTURE DAY

Picture Day with Edge Imaging is Tuesday, October 17th. For parent and student assistance, contact **Edge Imaging** by phone at 1-888-416-3343 or at www.edgeimaging.ca.



Thank you KSD ...

As of September 27th, 2023
\$1453.05 was raised towards
The Terry Fox Foundation by
our generous school community

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.

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 request treatment upon the 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.

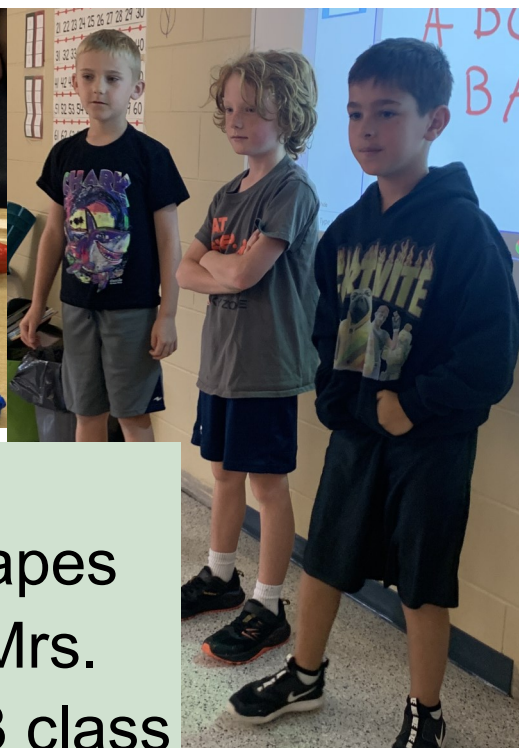
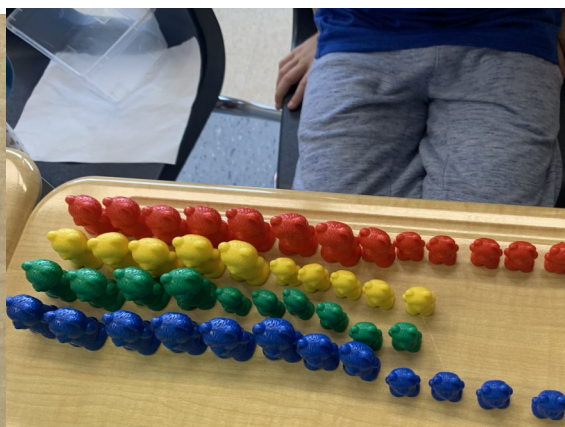
School Start-up Checklist have you...

1. Returned your **corrected & signed verification form**
2. Returned **Prevalent Medical Conditions** paperwork *if applicable*
3. Completed the **Permission to Participate Forms** on schoolca-shonline.com for Participation in **Physical Education and Digital Technology**

Thank you!



Art with Mrs. Chen inspired by Paul Klee... “a line is a dot that went for a walk” - Paul Klee



Learning with shapes and patterns in Mrs. Schedler's Grade 3 class



Intermediate Co-ed Soccer



The intermediate co-ed soccer team travelled to GFESS for the Tier 1 Division Tournament.

We started off the day strong with a 7-0 win against Princess Margaret. We then beat Forestview 2-0, John Brant 3-0, James Morden 3-0 and tied Prince Phillip 1-1 earning us first place in the semi-finals where we faced John Brant again and won! The championship game was a rematch from last year against Forestview. It was a competitive game right until the final minute. Kate S Durdan won 1-0 and we are happy to announce that we brought home the championship title again. Huge shout out to the amazing and aggressive goaltending by Wesley; his fast hands and aggressive attitude shut out almost all games!!! The entire team is a gifted group of soccer players and Mrs. Schiavone and Mr. Kent would like to give a shout out to you all! You all deserve to be recognized for your sportsmanship, teamwork and athleticism. Congratulations on lighting up the field and bringing home the first championship of the year!

GO KNIGHTS!!!!



Crossing Guards are not on duty until **8:10 am** and school yard supervision begins at **8:15 am**. Please do

not send your children prior to these times to ensure their safety.

The Niagara Region is growing more diverse in creed and/or religious beliefs and practices. The District School Board of Niagara (DSBN) is committed to fostering diverse, equitable, and inclusive learning and working environments that promote acceptance and protect individuals from discrimination and harassment based on the protected grounds under the Ontario Human Rights Code. Creed and/or religion is one of the grounds that is both an individual right and a collective responsibility. The DSBN recognizes and embraces the creed diversity represented in its students, staff, and community members.

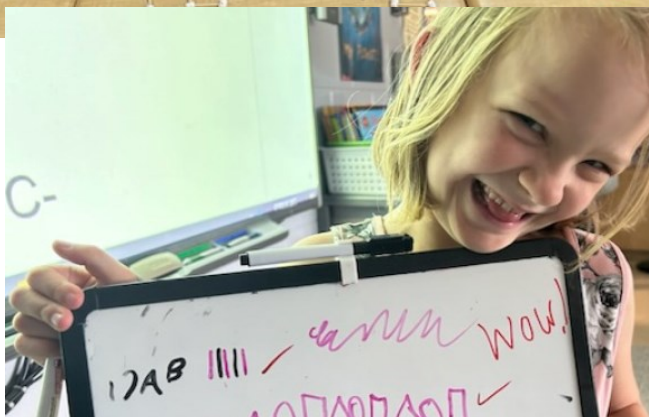
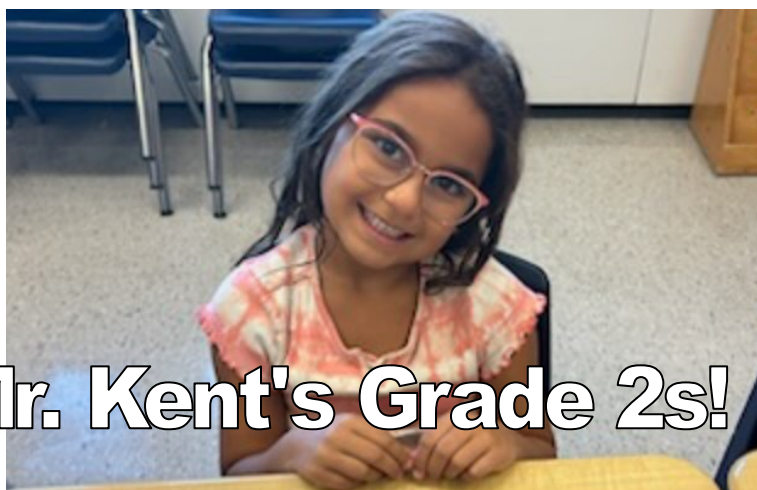
As we start our school year, I invite you to share with me your family's most significant creed-based holiday(s). We will work together through the accommodation request process as Kate S. Durdan recognizes the importance of families celebrating their creed and/or religious beliefs and practices.

The DSBN has created a [Family Guide: Recognizing and Respecting Creed Diversity](#) to support families in requesting accommodations. This guide has also been translated into the following languages; Arabic, French, Hungarian, Korean, Mandarin, Spanish, Urdu and Vietnamese, which can be viewed on the [DSBN Equity webpage](#).

For a list of Days of Significance, please refer to the [Days of Significance Calendar](#).



Learning fun with Mr. Kent's Grade 2s!



Mrs. Stewart's grade 3 class participating in our Truth and Reconciliation Day by wearing orange! Well done!