

September 9, 2016

**IMPORTANT DATES
TO REMEMBER:**

- Milk Program Starts the week of September 19
- Verification Forms Due—Sept. 12
- Early Release Day - Sept. 16
- Magazine Kick Off—Sept. 20
- Dental Screening—Sept. 20 & 21
- Meet the teacher BBQ—Sept. 22 from 4— 6PM
- School Council Meeting - Sept. 27 at 6PM

**Newsletter is also available ONLINE - visit

<http://katedurdan.dsbns.org>

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September NEWSLETTER

WELCOME BACK!

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We would like to take this opportunity to welcome back all of our returning students to Kate S. Durdan for what we are sure will be a memorable year. To our new students, we would like to extend a warm welcome on behalf of the Kate S. Durdan community.

We certainly hope that our students had a fun and relaxing summer. We have been busy throughout the summer preparing for an exciting new school year. We are anticipating many new memories that will be made with the students we will be teaching.

To all students and parents, we believe that a positive environment with open communication is key to a successful school.

As the principal of Kate S. Durdan, I am very honoured to be working alongside such a dedicated staff! We trust that throughout the year, both teachers and parent(s)/guardian(s) will communicate closely so that we can work together for the benefit of each child. We welcome your active involvement and your ongoing interest in the daily events, activities and programs at our school. I want you to know that my door will always be open for you to drop by and share a concern or to just say hello.



**I Matter
At DSBNS**

At the DSBNS, we strive to show all students how they matter: as individuals, as learners and as community members. Our students learn about the ideals of good citizenship and how they can become active participants in building a stronger community, locally and globally. We invite you to discover more about **I Matter** by visiting dsbn.org/imatter.

PLEASE NOTE!

THIS SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER WILL BE THE ONLY PRINTED COPY YOU WILL RECEIVE THIS YEAR. IN OUR EFFORTS TO REDUCE OUR ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT, THE REMAINDER OF OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS WILL BE EMAILED DIRECTLY TO YOU AS WELL AS BE AVAILABLE ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE. ALSO, PLEASE MAKE SURE TO SUBSCRIBE TO OUR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION THROUGH THE REMIND TEXT APP AS WELL AS THE KSD TWITTER ACCOUNT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

SCHOOL ORGANIZATION for 2016-2017

Our class organization is listed below.

Parenting & Family Literacy Centre.....	Ms. L. Bailey
JK/SK.....	Mrs. M. Milicivec
DECE.....	Mrs. S. Sherwood
Educational Assistant.....	Ms. L. Easton
JK/SK.....	Mrs. J. Tachjian
DECE.....	Mrs. M. Stefanovici
JK/SK.....	Mrs. S. Vandermeer
Grade 1.....	Mrs L. Klepac
Grade 1/2.....	Mrs. K. Schiavone
Grade 2.....	Mrs. S. Hodgkinson
Grade 2/3.....	Mrs. L. Krieger
Grade 3.....	Mrs. J. Sijm
Grade 4.....	Miss T. Storr & Miss K. Carson
Grade 5.....	Mrs. L. Scheer
Educational Assistant.....	Mrs. S. Fortin
Grade 5/6.....	Mrs. B. McCarthy
Grade 7.....	Mr. B. Dodman
Grade 7/8.....	Mrs K. Shakespeare
Communication Class Teacher.....	Mrs. H. Bylsma
Educational Assistant.....	Mr. D. Milot
Educational Assistant.....	Ms. K. Garrels
Educational Assistant.....	Ms. M. Blair
Communication Class Teacher.....	Mr. R. Kent
Educational Assistant.....	Mrs. C. Lowen
Educational Assistant.....	Ms. R. Friesen
Educational Assistant.....	Ms. S. Lowes
Primary PhysEd and Arts.....	Mr. D. Wiens
Librarian.....	TBA
FSL.....	Miss. C. Cade
Learning Resource Teacher.....	Mrs. S. Cahill
JK/SK, Primary & Comm.....	Mrs. C. O'Neill
English as a Second Language Teacher.....	Mrs. K. Giancaterino
Youth Counsellor.....	Mrs. K. Stuart
Instructional Coach.....	Mrs. L. Scheer
Secretary.....	Mrs. J. Czajkowski
Custodian.....	Mr. M. LaFratta
Lunch Supervisor.....	Mrs. R. Haenssger
Lunch Supervisor.....	Mrs. C. Souy
Lunch Supervisor.....	Mrs. B. Theriault
Principal.....	Ms. J. Kerr



MEDICATION FOR STUDENTS



Any prescribed medication that is to be administered to students at school must have an authorization form completed by the physician on file in the school. These forms are available at the school office. Please do not send any medication in your child's backpack.

ALL DOORS ARE LOCKED

For the safety and well being of our students **ALL** doors are locked. All guests of Kate S. Durdan, including parents, are asked to check in at the office. Visitors will be asked to sign in and wear a badge.

OFFICE HOURS

Mrs. Czajkowski our secretary is in the office from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each week day.

Ms. Kerr is also available most days from 8:00 a.m. to about 4:00 p.m.

Please call to make appointments during these specified times.

EARLY RELEASE DAY

Friday September 16th will be an Early Release Day. Students will be released for the day at 11:50a.m.



SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our first School Council meeting is set for Tuesday, September 27nd at 6:00 p.m.. At this initial meeting we will hold elections for our current school year. **Everyone** is welcome to attend our meetings—it is a great way to be involved in our school community. We welcome all of our Kate S. Durdan Families.



SCHOOL TIMES

8:25 a.m.	Entry
10:10 - 10:50 a.m.	Nutrition/Fitness Break 1
12:30 - 1:10 p.m.	Nutrition/Fitness Break 2
2:50 p.m.	Dismissal

GOING HOME FOR LUNCH

With our Balanced School Day, our official "Lunch Hour" will be during our second Nutrition/Fitness (12:30) p.m. to 1:10 p.m.). We encourage those students able to enjoy the advantages of having lunch at home to do so. Lunch room permission forms will be sent with those children unable to eat lunch at home. Students having lunch at school **MAY NOT** leave the school grounds during this break time without written parental permission. **Please ensure that we receive a note should you wish to give your child permission to leave the safety of the school grounds.**

We realize that, on occasion, students forget their lunches. If this is the case, and you are leaving a lunch at the front office, please make sure your child knows it is coming and that his/her name and grade are on the lunch.

IMPORTANT FORMS TO BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL

Each student has received an envelope with important information:

A "*Student Verification Form*" that we ask you to read carefully, make any changes to the form if needed, and return the form **signed** to the school as soon as possible. Please pay special attention to filling in any changes in medical information. Please make sure the signed form is returned to school even if there are no changes.

An "*Information Technology Digital Citizenship Agreement*", that needs to be read over with your child and signed by a parent. This form must be returned in order for your child to be allowed on the computers in the lab.

A "*Permission to Participate Form*" needs to be filled in and signed by a parent in order for your child to participate in the physical education program.

RAINY/BAD WEATHER DAYS

Children who go home during the second Nutrition/Fitness Break (12:30 p.m. to 1:10 p.m.) are asked not to return until just before the 1:10 p.m. bell. This would help with supervision issues on inclement days.



ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES

To ensure the accountability and safety of our students, it is imperative that parents call the office when their child is going to be absent or late. There is an answering machine for you to leave a message before school hours.



MAGAZINES WITH LAMBCO

Don't renew your magazine subscriptions yet! Our magazine drive begins on September 20th. Remember that all of your renewals or new subscriptions support our school. You are also guaranteed the lowest price. We appreciate your support!

GYM SHOES

Shoes need to be worn at all times during the school day. We are asking students to wear soft-soled, **non-marking shoes for gym**. Our floor is a surface that marks easily and cannot be cleaned even with washing. In order to keep the gym attractive everyone needs to wear appropriate footwear whenever the gym is in use. Thank you.



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.

SMOKE FREE ZONES

DSBN schools and their surrounding properties are "Smoke Free Zones" and as a result offer a positive example of good health for your and your neighbours' children. We require your support in respecting this position.



ANAPHYLAXIS

"Anaphylaxis" is a severe and potentially life threatening reaction to certain food substances.



We have students in our school that suffer from a severe allergy which can cause an anaphylactic reaction. An anaphylactic reaction is an allergic reaction so severe that in some cases, it can be life threatening. These children have a severe allergy to nuts and shellfish. Prevention is the best approach. Therefore, we ask your cooperation in **not sending any snacks or lunches containing nut products with your child**.

AGENDAS

This year we are requiring our students to use a "student agenda". The student agenda is an excellent way for students to keep organized (i.e. homework) and for parents and teachers to communicate. We strongly encourage you and your child(ren) to use the agenda everyday! Cost for agendas this year is **\$6.00**.

WHAT IS SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

School Cash Online is an easy to use and safe way to pay for your children's school fees. You will also be able to purchase milk and pizza for your child.



If you haven't already registered, please do by visiting:

**https://
dsbn.schoolcashionline.com/**

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