



December 2024

Kate S. Durdan Public School

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Happy December KSD Families!

Thank you to all of you who scheduled interviews with your child's teacher! It is always a good time of year when we can connect with parents/guardians about the successes and next steps for our students! November was also a busy month around the school. From the excitement of our amazing Junior and Intermediate Volleyball, to an Intermediate Math Contest (Beaver Computing Challenge) and the Choir and Students' Council kick off, it was a great month of experiences and learning!

December proves to be just as exciting with our awesome Book Fair, some Spirit Days planned by our AMAZING Students' Council, our Project Share collection for those in need this winter season, as well as a Celebration Assembly to highlight the successes of our students!

Thank you, Families, for all you do to support our KSD Community! We appreciate you, and as we look ahead to some time with friends and family in the weeks ahead, we all send good wishes your way. The year 2025 @ KSD is going to be a great one!

Mrs. Donofrio and Ms. Wilson



SAVE THE DATE...

- Dec 3rd- Taco Day**
- Dec 3rd- 5th - Scholastic Book Fair**
- Dec 5th - DSBN French Immersion Information Night @ Prince Phillip 5:00 pm**
- Dec 9-13th - Project Share Donations Week**
- Dec 12th - M&M Shop Day Fundraiser**
- Dec 13th - Winter Hat Day**
- Dec 10th - Pizza Day**
- Dec 17th - Chicken Day**
- Dec 20th - Holiday Colour Day**
- Dec 23 - Jan 3 Holiday Vacation/ School Closed**
- Jan 14th - Westlane Open House 6-8 for Grade 8 students**



KSD

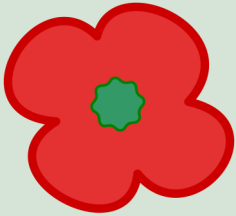
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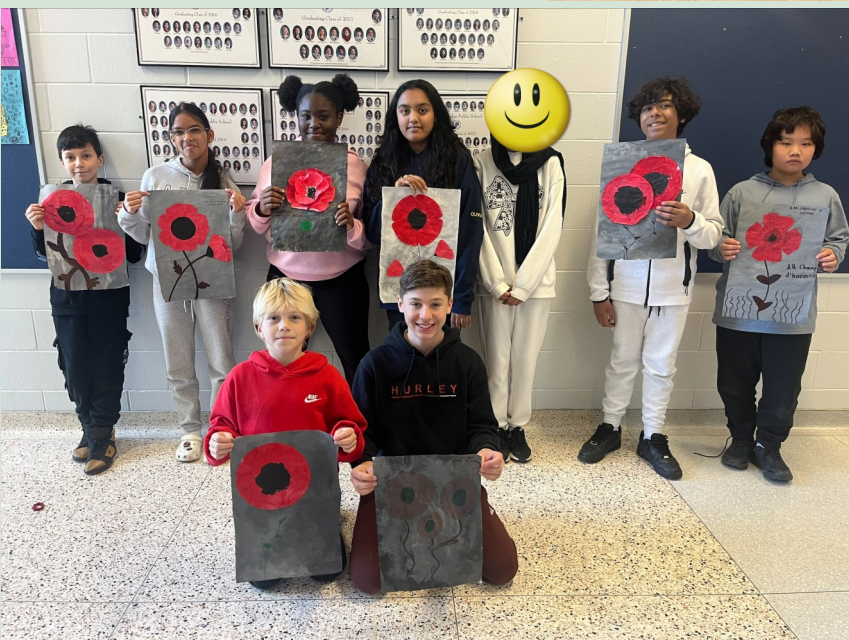
Achieving Success Together



KSD Remembers



Lest We Forget.



DSBN's French Immersion Information Session

During the week of December 2nd, DSBN French Immersion schools will offer an Information Session for families of children born in 2019. Registration for Grade 1 French Immersion for September 2025 will be open from

January 6th - February 18th, 2025.

**French Immersion Information Session is on
December 5th at 5:00 pm at Prince Philip (Niagara Falls)
French Immersion**

Families will be able to meet and talk with the staff, find out what the French Immersion program will offer their child, and become familiar with the registration process. Each session will be approximately an hour in length and will provide an opportunity to get any questions answered.



Please click on [RSVP](#) to register



Jr. Girls Triple Ball

Mrs. Maurice's & Mr. Pearson's Grade 5 Students



Students in grade 5 have been learning about government. They welcomed MPP Wayne Gates to their classroom to learn about democracy and services the government provides for Ontario citizens.

Niagara Region Public Health

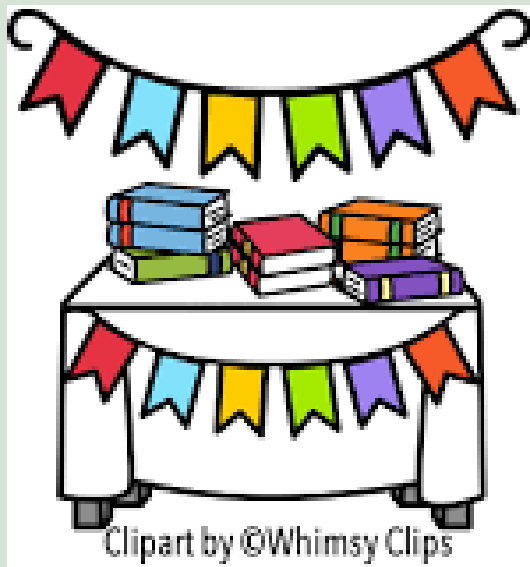
School Health Update

Niagara Region



Click on the [December Newsletter](#) from Niagara Region Public Health to view information to families.





It's Book Fair Time!

Kate S. Durdan will have our annual Scholastic Book Fair on

Tuesday, December 3 to Thursday, December 5, 2024

Students can shop during breaks, as well as designated class times. Families are also welcome for after-school shopping each day from 3-4:15 pm. All proceeds taken will go towards new books for our school library. See you there!



**DISTRICT OF NIAGARA ACADEMY FOR THE
ARTS**

Laura Secord Secondary School

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Please visit laurasecord.dsbns.org for more information on the DNA
Arts Program



Michelle Zhang
Grade 7
Katie Durrant



Kate S
Durdan
KNIGHTS

Holiday Card Design Contest Winners



2023/2024





Message From Mayor Jim Diodati:

Congratulations to Nandini Ram, Michelle Zhang, Brea Davis, Angela Xu, Charlotte Cha, Aliya Samra, Anwasha Rajoriya and Maya Piekarczyk! Your artwork was submitted in this past year's Christmas & Holiday Card Art- Design contest. Those students have been chosen as eight of the inaugural artists whose pieces are a part of the exhibit "Christmas & Holiday Greeting". A celebration of their success was held on November 13 and it was amazing to see all the young artists. There is 30 pieces of artwork displayed at Exchange in Niagara Falls and eight of the pieces are from Kate S. Durdan! This exhibit will be held until January 5, 2025 for any families or friends who would like to check the artwork out at 5943 Sylvia Place, Niagara Falls.

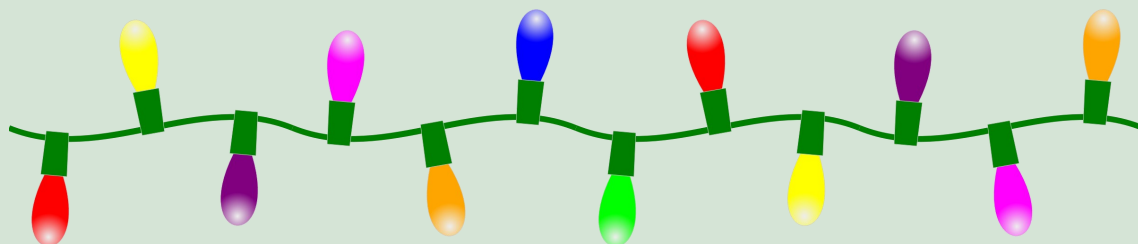
Congratulations to all the artists!



Students in grade 2 and 3 participated in Fosnot Math.

Holiday Break Reminder

School will be closed for the holidays **Dec 23 - Jan 3**
School will resume January 6th, 2025.





PROJECT SHARE at KSD December 9th to December 13th

Project Share will take place here at Kate S. Durdan on Monday December 9th, and will run until Friday December 13th, 2024. At KSD, we know that families in Niagara Falls are experiencing challenging times, so our Student Council Club wants to help make a difference! Each day members from our Student Council Club will collect the donations to fill the big red bins! Every year, KSD makes a huge impact in our community, and paying it forward is so important to all of the students! To help our families with what to bring, Project Share has provided us with a list of the most needed items at this time of year. We are hoping our families can gather some of the listed items among their donations. Please make sure all items are non-perishable!

MARCH IT IN MONDAY, DECEMBER 9TH, 2024: Examples: pasta, kraft dinner, rice, cereal

TRUCK IT IN TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH, 2024: Examples: canned goods, sauces, fruit cups, granola bars, snacks, peanut butter

WASH IT UP WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11TH, 2024: Examples: cleaning products, soap, tooth paste, detergent, tooth brushes, hair brushes, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, incontinence products, diapers

THIRSTY THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12TH, 2024: Examples: drinks, drinking boxes, drink mixes, Ensure/Boost

FINISH IT UP FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13TH, 2024: Examples: Pet food, and anything that you would like to donate to Project Share to finish filling our big red bins!

A few words from Project Share...

Project SHARE currently offers 17 programs and services that help us meet our mission of improving the lives of Niagara Falls individuals and families in need and further realize our vision of ending the struggle against poverty and empowering those in need. Currently Project SHARE is serving every 1 in 8 households in Niagara Falls, and over the last two years the organization has seen a 97% increase in the need for their services.



Donation Ideas

- Peanut Butter
- Cereal
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Meat
- Canned Soup
- Pasta/Rice
- Baby Food/ Formula
- Diapers
- Ensure/Boost
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Incontinence Products
- Personal Hygiene Products
- Pet Food



HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

It's almost time for high school. Before students graduate and make the move, we know how important the opportunity for students and families to visit their future high school can be.

The High School Open House for **Westlane Secondary School** will be on **January 14, 2025** from **6 pm to 8 pm**.



This will be an excellent opportunity for Grade 8 students and their families to see our local high school firsthand. From meeting staff and finding out about courses and programs, to learning about high school life, including school teams, clubs, activities and more, there will be a lot to see and do! Further information can be found on the

DSBN [High School Open House website](#).



December Spirit Days

Friday December 13th—Winter Hat Day

Wednesday December 20th—Holiday Colour Day





This is Jasper Jasper is a loving 6 year old Husky. Jasper is a male dog. He does not let his disability slow him down. Jasper loves to run and play with his big brother all day long. Jasper's big brother's name is chinook. Jasper and chinook want to be adopted together. Jasper and chinook want a big backyard to play and run around. Jasper and chinook are in the welland shelter. Jasper and chinook both cost \$200 each. Jasper and chinook want a family to be loved. Jasper and chinook want a forever home, so please adopt them. ♥

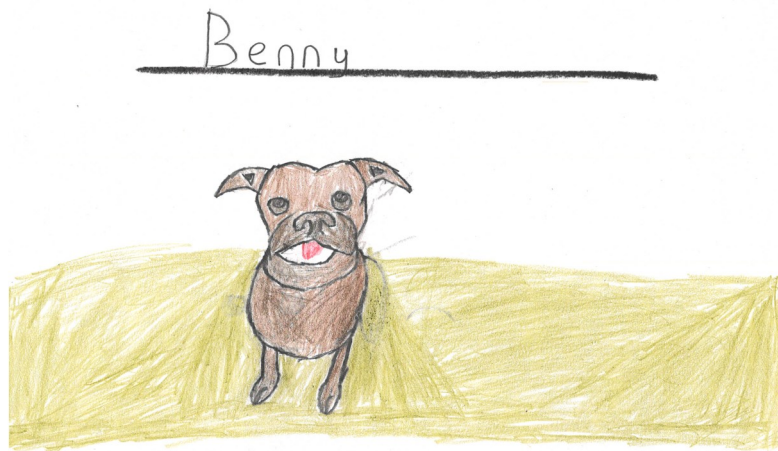


Hello my name is Teddy and I am a Hound/mastiff mix. I'm a big teddy bear and scared of my shadow, I am a 2 year old. My home is at the Niagara Falls shelter. I need a home to be loved. I am a male. I love kisses and to play. I am brown and white. please adopt me if you want a fluffy friend.

Students in Mrs. Maurice's grade 5 class have been working with the Niagara SPCA and Humane Society to advertise animals that are available for adoption in Niagara Falls, Welland and Port Colborne. They drew a picture and wrote a description of each animal up for adoption.



Hi I'm Winston a sweet, friendly male Guinea Pig. I live in a cage with my brother Wilbur at the Welland Humane Society. Adopting me means taking home a friend. I am a bit shy at first but I warm up when I get to know you. I am \$25 but with my brother I'm \$50. I take about \$0 to maintain each month. I love to snuggle with you. I also love to play hide and seek. I would love a forever home! Please adopt me!!!



Benny is a male boxer/mix. He is friendly, sweet and playful. Benny is in the Port Colborne shelter. He is 2.5 years old. Benny needs a home and a family who can love and protect him at all times. Benny promises to protect you at all times. We are not sure how Benny does with children, cats and other dogs, but he will love his human! Please Benny is counting on you. He will be really happy to have a good house and lovely family to live with. Help us make Benny happy. Help us make Benny feel like other dogs who have homes. Find a place in your heart for Benny and you will not regret it.

TONI



Hi, I am Toni! I am a two year old Rottweiler and German Shepherd female who is tan, white, and black in colour. You can adopt me at the Welland Shelter. I am slightly shy at first, but after I know you, I love to snuggle! I am a true friend who will stay by your side. I am very clever and fast learning and can answer well to gentle path-leading. I promise! I hope one day I can be in a loving and nice home. Maybe you can my dream of living in that home!

Luigi

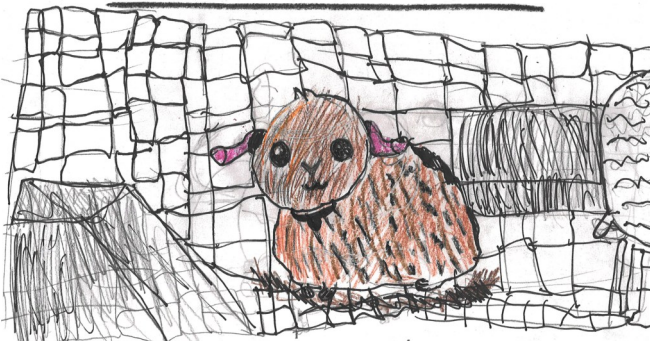
(Fetch)

Will you Adopt Me



Hi, My name is Luigi I am a 2 year old lab mix male. I am a gentle dog that just loves to cuddle with you! My price is \$200.00 I am at the Welland shelter. I am a blonde color, and I have a heart full of courage. I hope someone adopts me maybe will you adopt me?
love, Luigi ♡

chocolate



Hi my name is chocolate I love eating chunky veggies. I'm a sweet female guinea pig. I'm one year old and I love kisses. If you are going to come get me you have to go to the animal shelter in Niagara Falls. you need to have twenty five dollars to adopt me. It will be a great addition to your home. ♡

Frost



Hi, my Name is Frost. I am a sweet little dwarf bunny. I am a nice little boy. I love to snuggle. If you want to buy me I am \$100. I am a black and white bunny with a little pink nose. I live at the Niagara Falls shelter. Nobody knows my age. I really hope you adopt me.

Tom




Adopt me please! My name is Tom. I really love to play I'm so sweet. I have to meet new people in 10s of kisses and huge hugs. I'm a very little kitten. I really like to go to a new home I'm 11 year old kitten. and I'm 2 mile my skin color is grey and white cost 175\$. Would you adopt me you see. at Port Colborne shelter. would you love me please? ♡

Adopt Me!



NIAGARA SPCA
and Humane Society

Calvin!



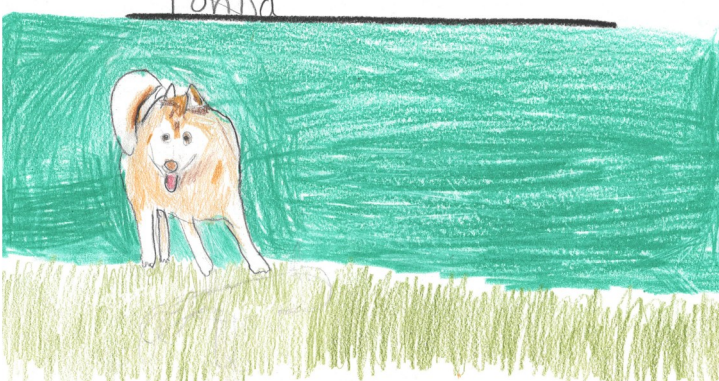
dog

please adopt me!

treats


Hello! My name is Calvin, I am a 2 Year old Australian sheperd mix. I'm a male and I really love to play fetch. I cost \$200 I live at the Welland shelter I'm not sure if I like kids but I definitely would love a normal and loving couple! I would like a loving couple or family!

Tonka



Hi! my name is Tonka! I'm a 3 year old Husky and I'm a male. You can adopt me at the Niagara Falls Shelter. Which is part of the Humane Society. I love to run outside and play with any kind of toy. My colour is red and white. I am a active loving and fun Husky. I hope someone could adopt me. Maybe you could adopt me!

FAITH




Faith wants a home. She is a Shep/Collie mix dog. She likes to play with her sister. She is 1 years old. She really likes to eat snacks. Faith and Charity are nervous when they meet with new people. She really want a home. She wants a warm house like other pets with her sister. She costs \$200 to adopt. She is at the Port Colborne shelter with her sister and she can protect you for a long time.

Abigail



Hello my name is Abigail, I'm 4 years old. I live at the Port Colborne Shelter in Port Colborne. I cost 175 dollars! I love cuddles and kisses! I'm a buff coloured kitty. I'm good with other cats. I have lots of energy so don't forget to play with me! I'm a domestic short hair cat. Please adopt me!

Jojo



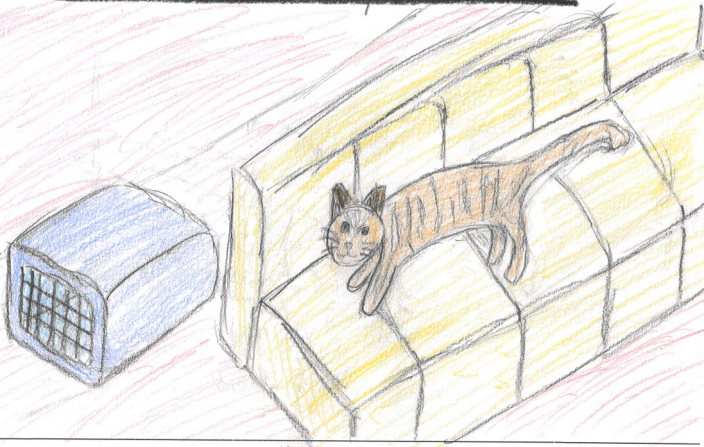
Hello! My name is Jojo and I am a 3 year old male beagle mix. I am a fun loving doggy. I love belly rubs and people, just keep me away from young kids and cats! They get on my nerves. If you want me you can go to the Port Colborne Shelter. I am \$200.00 to adopt! Please get me! I hope I see you soon!!

Patrick



(This is) Patrick, 9 jobs that has spent his whole life in a shelter. Patrick is a 3 year old shepherd/196 mix. Patrick is also the most friendly dog you will ever see. Patrick loves to go on walks, so he should be walked every day! Patrick is located at the Welland Shelter. You can bring Patrick home for only \$200! If you can adopt a dog please adopt Patrick!

Meet Dusty



Dusty is a male 2 year old cat who currently resides in the Welland Shelter in Welland, the price is currently \$175.00 to adopt him. He enjoys being alone and to have his own space away from other cats and dogs, this cats breed is a domesticated, short haired, mix with a coat of black, white, and beige. Dusty is also currently in a roll-over cage, is not de-clawed and his ID is 49590828. This creature is also more on the shy side and his intelligence is quite apparent with his swift learning and problem solving abilities. Even though he does not do well with children he can provide a quiet and loyal companionship. This intelligent, shy, and mostly independent creature is looking for a calm and serene home where he can grow and thrive. Adopt Dusty today and receive a reliable, smart friend who will always be there for you no matter what.



Meet Rascal



Name: Rascal, Age 5, Animal: cat is a male cat, type Tuxedo Kitty. This is Rascal! He is a black and white Tuxedo Kitty. He loves to sun himself in the windows at the shelter. He lives at The Welland shelter. He would love to be adopted. He costs \$175 to be adopted. He would be your best friend! He would love to have a loving family.

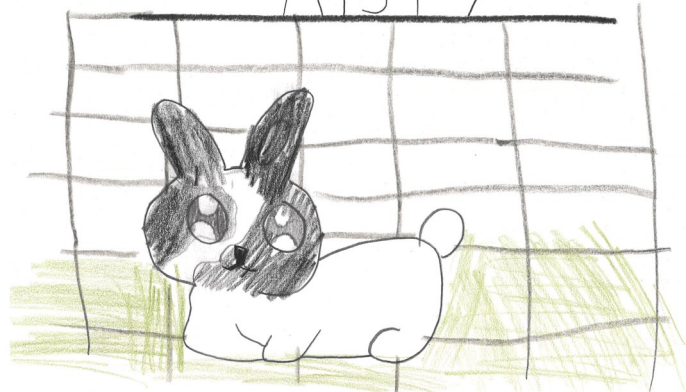
Charity



Hello, my name is Charity I am a Sheppard/Collie mix and I am a 1 year old female dog. I am a very shy dog and I am still learning to trust people. I like being with my sister Faith I'm as sweet as candy. I'm always ready to give a friendly snuggle or a nice nuzzle with a friend. I prefer to be with humans and not cats. You can adopt me at the Port Colborne shelter I would love to get adopted. I am \$200 to adopt. I hope you can adopt me, I really want a loving home please.



MISTY



Hi my name is Misty. I'm a female I need a home. I like to meet people I'm sad I don't have a family. Would you adopt me? I am 2 years old and cost \$100. I am curious and love to run and jump. I am a cute and fluffy friend just for you! Come see me at the Niagara Falls shelter. I am a black and white Dutch rabbit.

firecracker



Hi my name is firecracker I'm 11 months old
Malinois mix dog. I can run all day long. If you want to
know where I live I live at the Niagara Falls shelter. I'm a female
dog with soft black fur. I like to play with other dog but no
cats. I adopt me I cost 200.00 can you adopt me please?



marcel



Hello my name is Marcel! I'm
a two year old Shep mix. I'm a shy
dog. BUT I have a big personality.
Since I'm a shy dog I do not recommend
kids 1-6. I will \$200.00 at the
welland shelter. I really want to
be in a forever home, I don't want
to be here. I want a forever
home to be in.
I love Marcel

Adopt Me!

Delilah



Hi my name is Delilah and I'm very quiet
dog too. I'm sweet and I'm 7 years old and
I'm a female I'm a Sheppard/Collie mix.
My size is large. I'm a big red and white
dog. I'm a smart dog and I live at the
welland shelter. I'm 200 dollars if
you want a great dog please
adopt me
you should adopt her or I will be
sad

Nash!



Hi I'm Nash I'm a 7 year old Bulldog/
Boxer mix. I'm a big strong boy I love to play
with my toys. I live at the Niagara Falls
shelter. Will you adopt me for \$200.00? I'm a
white and brown dog. IF you want
someone to play with outside you
should adopt me please!