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Kate S. Durdan Public School

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HAPPY NEW YEAR KSD FAMILIES!

We all look forward to a great 2025 as a school community!

The turning of the calendar to a new year always marks the beginning of a very exciting time for students at both ends of our grade spectrum. For children turning 4 in 2025, it means Kindergarten registration. For our grade 8 students it means getting ready for High School and looking ahead to graduation! Please note that our graduation photos take place on Jan. 30, 2025. Our graduation date is set for Tuesday, June 24th, so mark your calendars Parents of our Graduates! The DSBM Academy is also holding information sessions and an Open House in January for any grade 5 student heading into grade 6 in September 2025. French Immersion opportunities are also available for students *going into Grade 1* in September 2025. More information about these programs can be found at www.dsbm.org.

January marks the end of our first term of this school year, and staff will be preparing report cards to go home in February. If you have questions or concerns about your child's progress, do not hesitate to contact your child's homeroom teacher.

This month our Parent Council is putting out an EXCITING FUNDRAISER! Everyone loves a good Krispy Kreme treat! Boxes are now on sale through Cash on Line, and you can see this information posted in the next pages of our newsletter!

We are looking forward to a great 2025 at Kate S. Durdan!

Mrs. Donofrio and Mrs. Wilson



Achieving Success Together

KSD

SAVE THE DATE

**JAN 6 - First day back after
Holiday break**

**JAN 6 - Krispy Kreme
fundraiser - online ordering**

**JAN 7 - Taco Day via Food for
Good**

**JAN 14 - Pizza Day via Food for
Good**

**JAN 14 - Westlane Open
House 6-8pm**

JAN 17 - PD Day - No School

**JAN 21 - Chicken Day via Food
for Good**

**JAN 28 - Taco Day via Food for
Good**

JAN 30 - Grade 8 Grad photos

**Feb 4 - DSBM Academy Open
House 6:00 - 8:00p.m.**





Grad Photos will be on
January 30, 2024



Do you have a child born in 2021?

February is Kindergarten Registration Month in DSBN! Families with children turning four in 2025 are invited to visit www.dsbn.org/kindergarten/ to learn more about Kindergarten programming and online registration.

We look forward to hosting our new students and their parents/guardians at an Open House on May 15th from 4:00–6:00 p.m. Further details about the Open House will be emailed directly to registered families in late April. If you live in Thundering Heights area—please register at your current homeschool (Kate S. Durdan or James Morden). Both schools will keep track of the registration for the new school. Please help us spread the word with friends and neighbours!

KSD PAYS IT FORWARD

A huge thank you goes out to our Kate S. Durdan community, as our Student Council gathered donations for Project Share December 9th –13th. Project Share is an organization that helps citizens living here in Niagara. Each day, members from Student Council went around to each of the classes and gathered donations. We filled 10 red Project Share bins in total; an incredible act of kindness coming from our families. Way to go Knights!

On behalf of our Student Council Group, we want to wish all of our KSD families a wonderful winter break. See you in 2025 Knights!



**Reminder - January 17, 2025
is a PD Day - No School!**



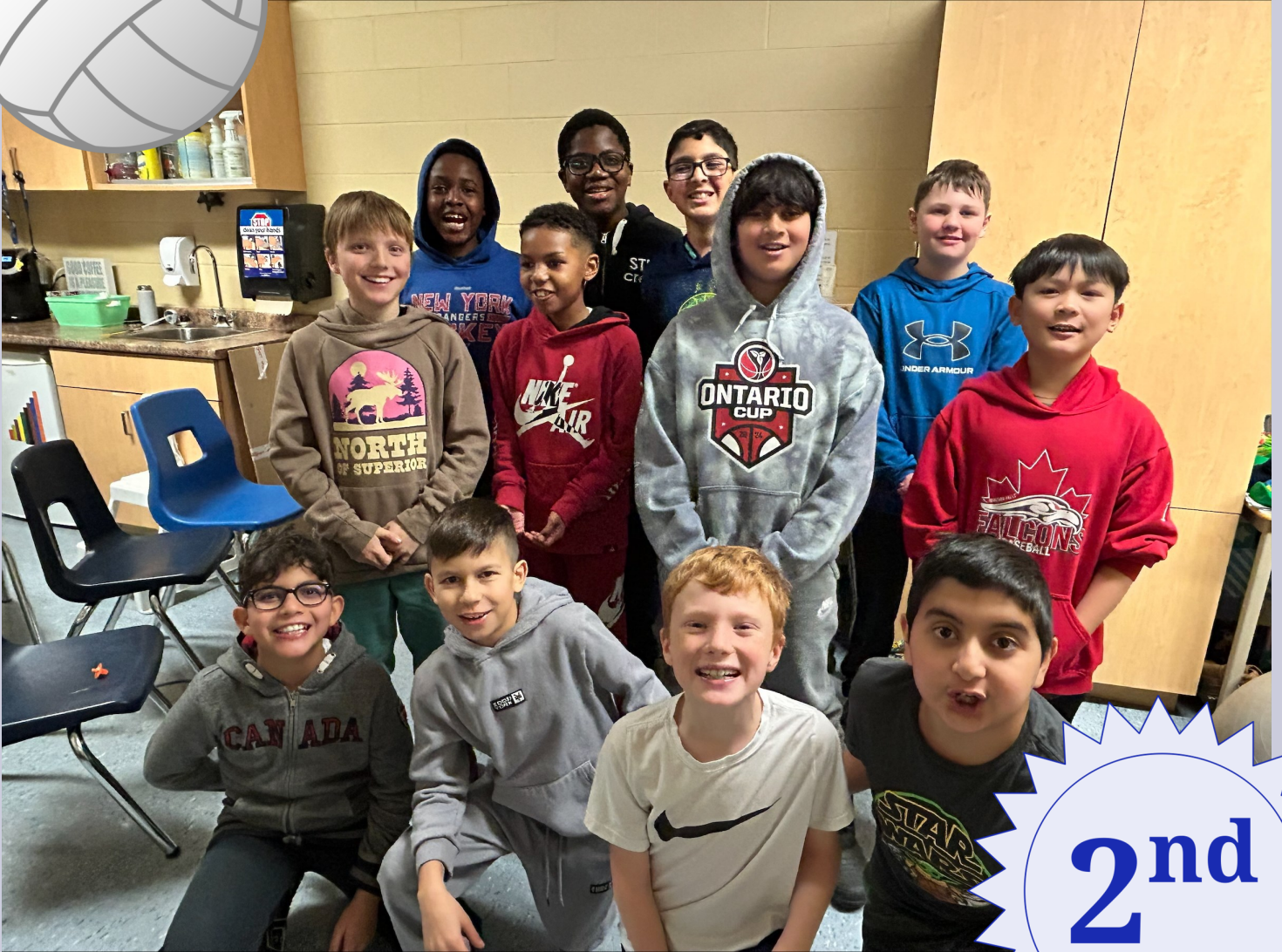


**KSD's Knights Of
the Month
November &
December
2024**



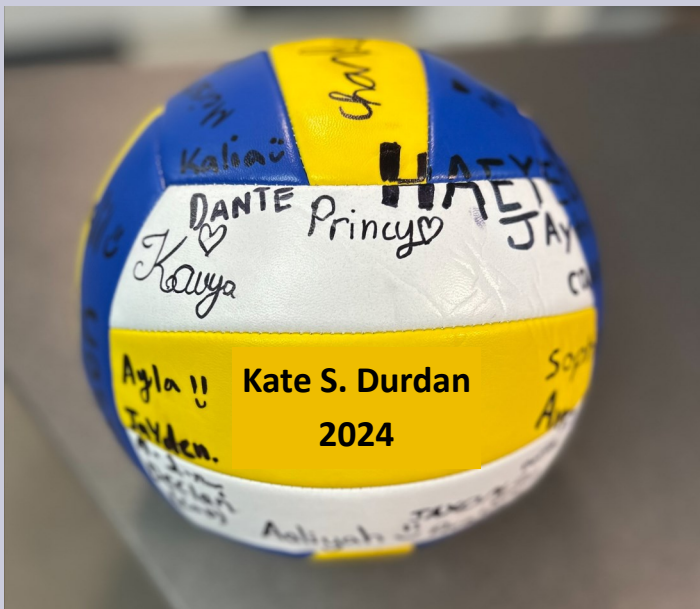
Vandermeer KDG1 - Ashton MF. & Samuel V.
Mead KDG2 - Liyoh L. & Wonders A.
Pokol Grade 1-1 - Noah Z. & Sarah I.
Schiavone Grade 1-2 - Yoonseok L. & Brody W.
Smiljanic Grade 1/2 - Logan M. & Audrey B.
Solanki Grade 2-1 - Nandani R. & Leo X.
Schedler Grade 2-3 - Harper M. & Hunter L.
Stewart Grade 3-1 - Abigail K. & Prahi P.
Liefel Grade 3-2 - Leo O. & Michelle Z.
Flower Grade 4-1 - Chloe M. & Vyara D.
Serafino Grade 4-2 - Tvisha S. & Aswen S.
Maurice Grade 5-1 - Ferhan A. & Jayden P.
Pearson Grade 5-2 - Liana H. & Waleed R.
Plato Grade 6-1 - Cross S. & Marshall T.
Larochelle Grade 6-2 - Eric M. & Umer R.
Mitchell Grade 6/7 - Peyton M. & Zeynab Y.
Brigham Grade 7-1 - Anae C. & Hashir B.
Primeau Grade 7-2 - Avleen G. & Shanzay Y.
Storr Grade 8-1 - Carly H. & Carter D.
Shakespeare Grade 8-2 - Harry B. & Demi Z.
Bergen Grade 8-3 - Mason F. & Mashel N.
Dilts (Junior French) - Yu Chen Z. & Declan J.
Zimmerman (Intermediate French) - Kira B. & Heaton V.
Chen (Art) - George M. & Tazeen K.
Chen (Gym) - Meer P. & Matthew T.
Kent (Art) - McKenna G. & Emily T.
Kent (Gym) - Lennie L. & Mason T.

Sports at KSD



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Junior Boys Triple Ball





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](#).



DSBN Academy

Attention Students in Grade 5:

This event gives potential students and families a chance to meet staff, check out the school, and learn about the school culture and community.

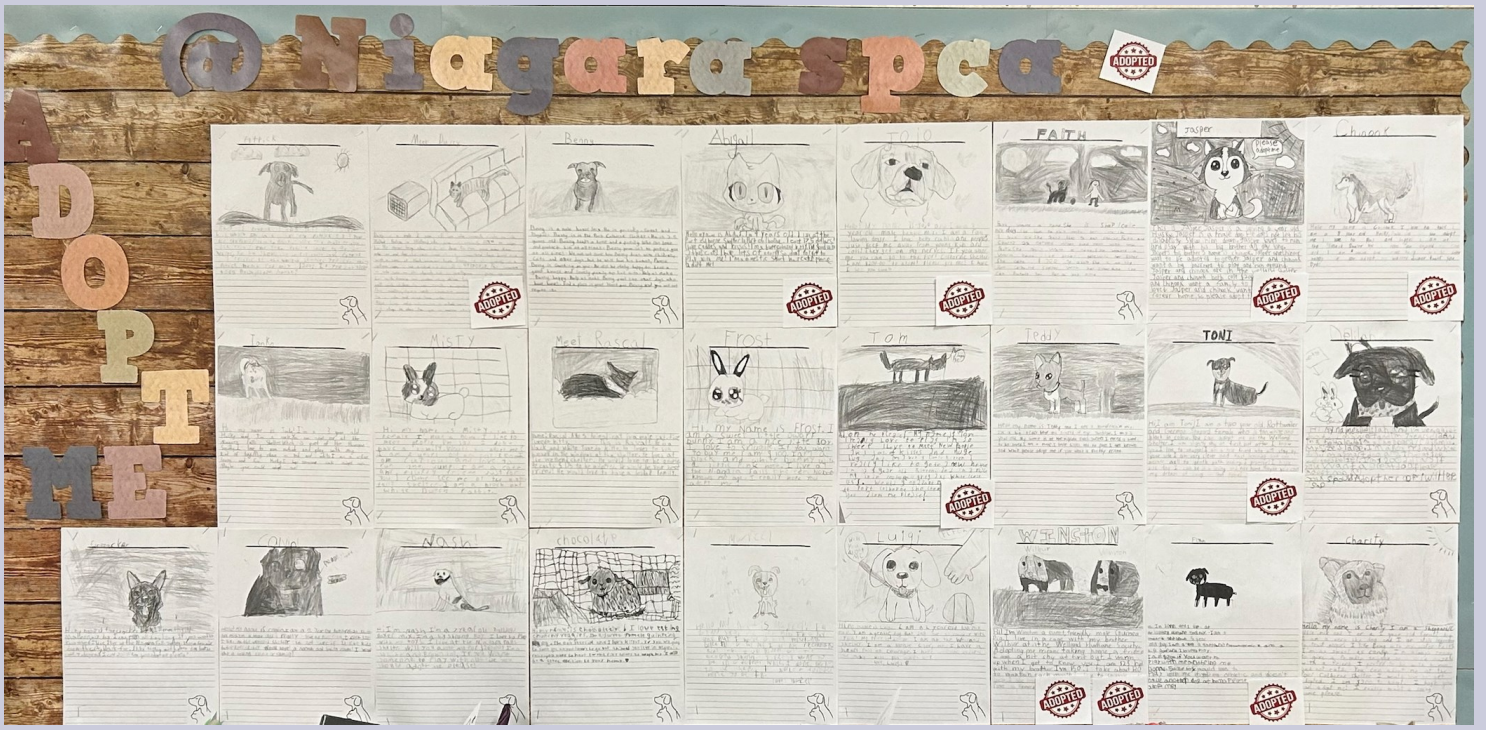
DSBN Academy On-line registration will open January 7, 2025 and will close Friday February 24, 2025.

For more information please visit dsbn.org or click to [Register](#).

DSBN Academy Open House

February 4 | 6 - 8pm

Empowering students to become the first in their family to graduate from college or university.



Fixin

Hi, I'm Fixin and I live at the Welland Humane Society. -I am a black and white about 5 year old boy. I am a boy a Sheppdog/rottweiler mix. I am a big goofball I love to play. I am \$200 if you want to play with me and bring me home. Some boy would love to play with me if you are athletic and doesn't have another dog at home. Please adopt me!

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.

Adopt Me!

NIAGARA SPCA
and Humane Society

Chinook

Hello my name is Chinook. I love to talk I am a 8 year old Husky, Male. So will you adopt me I love to play and suggest I am at the Welland Shelter bye I hope you enjoyed my time and I am \$200.00 one more thing I will be super nappy if you adopt my brother Jasper Frank/you Bye!

Parent Council

Hello Parents/ Guardians !

Our next parent council meeting is Tuesday January 28th at 5:00 pm in the library.

Hope to see you there!

Events

Krispy Kreme Fundraiser will start January 6th , 2025 on School cash online only and run until January 22, 2025.



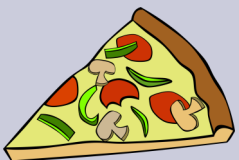
DRESS FOR THE WEATHER



As cooler weather approaches, please be aware that children are expected to be dressed appropriately for the weather conditions every day. Coats, hats, boots and mittens/gloves are necessary for your child to enjoy the outdoor fitness breaks. Students that are well enough to be at school are expected to be outside with their friends during fitness breaks as indoor supervision is not available during this time.

In the case of inclement weather...

Check NSTS.ca for notice of bus cancellations



Food for Good



For anyone interested in ordering pizza, tacos and chicken please visit the website at <https://booking.foodforgood.ca/foodforgood/parent/>. On the website, you will find a user-friendly platform where you can select the desired items from the menu and proceed to checkout. You can schedule orders in advance, making it quick and hassle-free.