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Happy February KSD Families!

February proves to be an exciting month at KSD!

On February 13th our students will be receiving their first term report cards. This is always an exciting time for families, as we celebrate the successes of our children in their academics! Please reach out to your child's teacher should you have any questions about the report card. Please note that the day after report cards go home (February 14th), we have a BOARD wide PD Day, so our staff may engage in activities and dialogue as a TEAM regarding steps moving forward for our students.

The biggest excitement in February is our VALENTINES DANCE, hosted by our Parent Council and our Students' Council! This takes place on February 13th and each division will get a whole curriculum block (100 min.) in the gym to dance their hearts out and enjoy their friends. If your child does not like to dance or does not wish to, there is no problem, as the gym will be wide open and there is lots of time for enjoying friends without dancing. Pizza is now available to order on our cash online should you wish to order pizza for your child that day. The cost is 1.50/slice, and you must order it through cash online as it will not be for sale the day of the dance. However, we will have glow sticks and drinks being sold that day at our canteen should you want to send money with your child for these items. Drinks and glow sticks are \$1.00 each. **This is going to be a lot of fun and we cannot wait !**

FAMILY DAY (February 17th) is also fast approaching and we, at KSD, want to wish you a great weekend with your children and family members.

Have a wonderful February....SPRING is around the corner!

Sincerely,

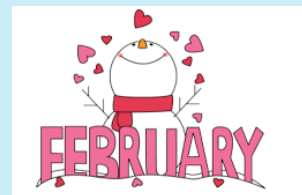
Mrs. Donofrio and Ms. Wilson

KSD



SAVE THE DATE...

- FEB 4—DSBN Academy Open House 6-8pm**
- FEB 4—Pizza Day**
- FEB 6—National Sweater Day**
- FEB 11—Chicken Day**
- FEB 13—Valentines Dance**
- FEB 13—Term 1 Reports Go Home**
- FEB 14— PD Day (no classes)**
- FEB 17— Family Day Holiday—No school**
- FEB 18—Taco Day**
- FEB 21—Cookie Friday**
- FEB 25—Pizza Day**
- FEB 26—Pink Shirt Day**
- FEB 28—Pita Pit Day**



KINDERGARTEN KICKSTART AT THE DSBN

Do you have a child born in 2021?

KDG Registration is Now Open!

Our Kindergarten registration is officially open! And we're hoping you can help us share the news by telling your friends and family that they can now register their children born in 2021 for Kindergarten, for a September 2025 start. Online registration is at [www.dsb.org/Kindergarten!](http://www.dsb.org/Kindergarten)

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.

Niagara Region Public Health

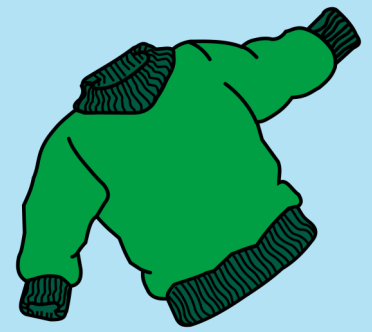
School Health Update

Niagara Region



You can view the February Newsletter via the link below.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1KwUK1WSzYB5LSwsXsZ1fv-TjUZgbDjbu/view>



Thursday, February 6th, 2025

National Sweater Day is a day to help raise awareness about renewable energy and change behaviours around energy consumption in Canada. Did you know? If all Canadians lowered their thermostats by just two degrees Celsius, it would reduce greenhouse gas emissions by about four megatons – equivalent to taking nearly 700,000 cars off the road. Since 2010, millions of Canadians have shown their support for limiting global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees Celsius by turning down their thermostats by the same amount (or more) and wearing their favourite sweaters to stay warm. On February 6th, 2025 wear your favourite sweater or sweatshirt!



Niagara Region Public Health Dental Program will be offering [dental screening](#) to grades JK, SK, 2, 4 and 7 on **April 1, 2, 3, 2025**.

A registered dental hygienist will take a quick look in the child's mouth using a sterilized dental mirror and light.

The [Healthy Smiles Ontario](#) program may financially assist children who do not have access to dental care.

If you do not want your child(ren) to take part in the dental screening, you MUST complete the online [School Dental Screening Opt-Out Form](#) or call the Dental Health Line at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7399 each school year.

If your child(ren) is not in one of the grades listed above, they may have the opportunity to participate in the dental screening. If you would like your child to be screened, please complete the [School Dental Opt-In Form](#).

Become an Argonaut at DSBN Academy

DSBN Academy is a grade 6 to 12 program designed to prepare and successfully transition students to post-secondary school, with a focus on students who will be the first in their families to graduate from college and university. Eligible students across Niagara may apply to DSBN Academy.

Interested? Learn about the school at **DSBN Academy's Open House!**

⇒ **Date: Tuesday, February 4th, 2025**

⇒ **Time: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

⇒ **Location: DSBN Academy — 130 Louth Street, St.Catharines**

Attend the Open House to find out:

⇒ How we prepare students to attend, and succeed at, college or university

⇒ What extra opportunities we offer, and how your child can benefit

⇒ Why DSBN Academy could be a good fit for your child

⇒ How to become a student at DSBN Academy

Staff and students are committed to the belief that, with hard work, all students can achieve their dreams.

Believe. Achieve. Become an Argonaut.

Online registration will open January 7, 2025 here and will close on Friday February 24, 2025. To apply visit <https://academy.dsbm.org/>

DSBN Academy Open House

Join us at DSBN Academy on **Tuesday, February 4, 2025, from 6 - 8:00pm** for our annual Open House! This event gives potential students and families a chance to meet the staff, check out the school, and learn more about our school culture and community.

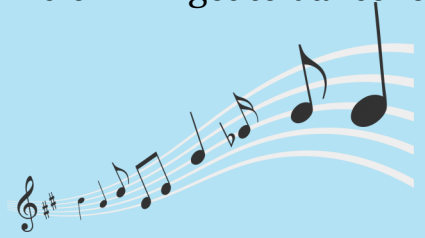
Valentines Dance

There will be a Valentines Day Dance on February 13th. Each division will get to dance for 1 block, that's 100 mins.

Block 1—Primary

Block 2—Junior

Block 3—Intermediate



Pizza will be available to purchase for \$1.50 per slice on school cash online until **Monday February 10th**. Pizza will not be for sale on the day of the dance.

On the day of the dance, Thursday February 13, 2025, there will be glow sticks and drinks for sale for \$1.00, cash will only be accepted and will not be on school cash online for purchase.



Reminder

Anything PINK Day

February 26th



Bullying is not okay. On February 26th, DSBN students and staff are proudly wearing anything pink to stand up against bullying, to celebrate our diversity, to show our commitment to inclusion, belonging and kindness, and to remind each other that we are stronger together. Our Board believes in cultivating a positive school culture where students feel valued, and feel empowered to be their truest selves every single day.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

February 13, 2025 — Term 1 Reports Go Home

February 14, 2025 — PD Day — No School

February 17, 2025 — Family Day — No School

Upcoming Events



Friday February 28th, 2025

We are excited to be offering individually wrapped Pitas from Pita Pit. Meals will include a whole wheat 6" Pita. Orders will only be accepted on School Cash Online.

Cookie Fridays

Friday February 21st

We will be selling Chocolate chip cookies for \$2 each. Ordering will be made available on School Cash online. Money collected will be used for various school events.

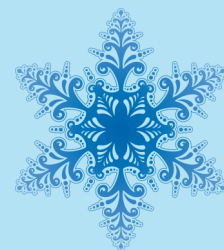


Winter Family Fun Night

Please join us on **Tuesday, March 4, 4:30-6:00 pm** for some fun family activities.

Come get a family photo, play snowman bean bag, bingo, have a treat, enjoy some face painting and more.

We hope to see you here!



KSD Staff and Parent Council