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Kate S. Durdan Public School

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A MESSAGE FROM THE KATE S DURDAN STAFF...

HAPPY NEW YEAR KSD FAMILIES! We all look forward to a great 2024 as 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 2023, 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 Feb. 1, 2024. The DSBN Academy is also holding information sessions and an Open House in January for any grade 5 student heading into grade 6 in September 2024. French Immersion opportunities are also available for students *going into Grade 1* in September 2024. More information about these programs can be found at www.dsbns.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.

At this time we would like to say a huge WELCOME to Mrs. Wilson, who is our new Vice Principal! Mrs. Wilson is excited to meet the kids and become involved in the exciting opportunities around Kate S. Durdan!

We wish Mr. Dickson all the best as he takes on the role of Principal at Westmount Elementary School. He shall be missed, but we know that community will welcome him with open arms!

We are looking forward to a great 2024 at Kate S. Durdan!

Mrs. Donofrio and Mrs. Wilson



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SAVE THE DATE

**Jan 9 / Jan 16 / Jan 23 / Jan 30 —
Pizza Day via Gino's Pizza**

JAN 19 PD DAY—no classes

Feb 1—Grade 8 Grad photos

Feb 1—Kindergarten Open House

Feb 6 — DSBN Academy Open House



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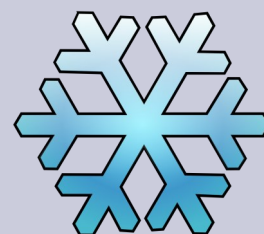


**Grad Photos will be
February 1st, 2024**

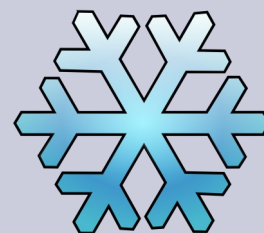


Attention Students in Grade 5:

DSBN Academy On-line registration will open in January 2024. Please visit dsbn.org—for more information.



**Reminder - January 19, 2024
is a PD Day!**



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 11-15th. 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 15 red Project Share bins in total; an incredibly kind act of kindness coming from our families. Way to go Knights!

Special thank you also goes out to Alyssa, and her team at Pet Value on Lundy's Lane, for their generous donation of pet food and a gift certificate to the store. Our animals need to be cared for too!

On behalf of our Student Council Group, we want to wish all of our KSD families a wonderful winter break. See you in 2024 Knights!

**KSD's Knights Of
of the Month
November/December
2023**

KDG1 - Dani C. & Axton W.

KDG2 - João P. & Abby C.

KDG3 - Jayla D. & Ashly H.S.

Grade 1-1 - Lavetra T. & Hunter L.

Grade 1-2 - Amelia H. & Nandini R.

Grade 1/2 - Logan M. & James B.

Grade 2-1 - Mya W. & Hunter W.S.

Grade 2-2 - Jana I & Michel C.

Grade 2-3 - Mason T. & Raphael C,

Grade 3-1 - Humzah R. & Haedyn S.

Grade 3-2 - Jace D. & Elijah G.

Grade 3/4 - Tvisha S. & Hersh R.

Grade 4-1 - Zoe O. & Anrui M.

Grade 4/5 - Jayden P. & William L

Grade 5-1 - Annabelle G.S. & Zaim S.

Grade 5/6 - Amber H. & Sanvi G.

Grade 6-1 - Uriel R. & Avleen G.

Grade 6/7 - Brooklyn B. & Maya P.

Grade 7-1 - Haeyeon S. & Charlie K.

Grade 7-2 - Olivia H. & Carly H.

Grade 7/8 - Guneet G. & Kevin L.

Grade 8-1 - Tyler M. & Lexi L.

Grade 8-2 - Gavin V. & Mia O.

Dilts (French) - Kenzie G. & Waleed R.

Patterson (French) - Heaton V. & Malak A.

Zimmerman (French) - Eric M & Maxim M.

Chen (Art) - Audrey B. & Aadya K.

Chen (Gym) - Abigail K. & Muzamil M.



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Do you have a child born in 2020?

**Online Kindergarten Registration
for the 2024/2025 School Year
will open in January, 2024**



Every DSBN school with a Kindergarten program will be hosting an **open house on Thursday, February 1, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.** Drop in to meet the staff, see the school, explore classrooms and maybe your child will even meet some future friends!

Parent Council

Hello Parents/ Guardians !

Have you ever thought about joining our Parent Council to join in the fun of planning some school events or helping around Kate S. Durdan? If so , we would love to hear from you! Our next meeting will be on Tuesday January 23rd, and we will do it virtually this time as the weather can be touchy this time of year at night! So, you can meet with us right from the comfort of your own home! (We also have in person meetings during our school year).

If you are interested in joining our Council please call the school, and give us your email address so we can invite you to the next meeting. We do it through our TEAMS app so you would need to have this downloaded.

Hope to see you there!



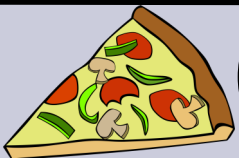
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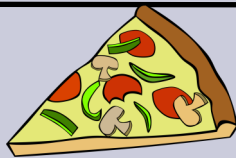
As cooler weather approaches, please be aware that children are expected to be dressed appropriately for the weather conditions every day. Coats, hats, boots and mittens/gloves are necessary for your child to enjoy the outdoor fitness breaks. Students that are well enough to be at school are expected 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 cancellation.



Gino's Pizza Ordering



For anyone interested in ordering pizza, 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 pizza from the menu and proceed to checkout. You can schedule orders in advance, making it quick and hassle-free.

Sports at KSD



Intermediate

Girls & Boys Volleyball Teams



Missing— Angela X & Morgan K



Jr Girls
Tripleball