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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

In November, students, parents and teachers took time to reflect on the progress in learning during the first few months of school. Parent and teachers had a chance to connect and discuss strengths and next steps in learning.

As a school, we were contacted by NRPH and informed that an individual connected with our school had a confirmed case of Covid-19. A communication went out the school community and NRPH contacted those in the school that were affected directly.

NRPH offered a site visit and this was completed on December 2. NRPH was pleased with the procedures and pro-

cesses that we have put in place at Glynn A. Green to keep staff and students safe.

NRPH stressed the importance of families completing the daily Covid-19 Family Screening tool, which is available on our website.

As we start December, we are getting some winter weather. Please make sure that students come to school prepared for the weather each day.

Check out details of our Spirit Week and holiday giving on page 2.

We hope that everyone has a restful Winter Break.

## TRANSITION TO HIGH SCHOOL

As our Grade 8 students begin to think about next year and beyond. Families begin to make decisions about high schools and course selection. This year the DSBN will once again be working to support students and families make these decisions.

Virtual Open Houses will give students and their families a sneak peek into the high schools and will include videos, tours and live Questions and Answers. During the week of December 7th. More information and details will be messaged out to our Grade 8 families as the dates approach.

<https://www.dsbns.org/sneakpeek>



December 7, @ 7pm

December 10, @ 7pm

December 9 @ 7:30

<https://www.dsbns.org/sneakpeek/el-crossley>

<https://www.dsbns.org/sneakpeek/centennial>

<https://www.dsbns.org/sneakpeek/eastdale>

# HOLIDAY GIVING

This year, as in the past, we will be supporting two holiday season giving programs. A Pelham Cares food drive and a modified Holiday Hamper program. We hope that you are able to contribute to bring some joy to those in need this holiday season. The details for each program are outlined below. To encourage participation and holiday spirit we will be having a week long spirit week.

- Monday, Dec. 7 - Kids can bring their own gum...chew gum day
- Tuesday, Dec. 8 - Crazy Hair Day
- Wednesday, Dec. 9 - Cowboy Day
- Thursday, Dec. 10 - Holiday Hat Day
- Friday, Dec. 11 - Ugly sweater / Festive shirt Day

## Pelham Cares Food Drive

This year more than ever, Pelham Cares is looking for help and the kids at GAG have really stepped up!!! GAG will hold a food drive next week...although it will look a little different, we will do our best to help the community! There will be food donation buckets set up inside the back door where the kids enter (as well as inside the front door and kindergarten doors). Each morning, we are hoping kids will donate one item to the bin as they enter the school. We will encourage kids to participate in our food drive by holding a school wide spirit week.

## Holiday Hampers Program

Throughout the Holiday Season, we want to take time to share the joy of the season. We also want to show our support for those who need it during this Christmas Season. Traditionally our school has taken on 10 families in other DSBN school to sponsor with a Christmas Hamper Program. This year, we will be accepting donations through school cash online towards the Holiday Hamper program. The donations will be forwarded to the families who will can purchase items for Christmas.

The District School Board of Niagara has an employee sponsored program, DSBN Cares, that was created to help DSBN families through these difficult times.

If your family, finds themselves in need during this season please don't hesitate to reach out to the office, so that we can access support for our families, as well.





# SEPTEMBER AWARD WINNERS

Mrs. Chrastina & Mrs. Belvedere – Griffin C., & Cora J.

Mrs. Teather & Mrs. Rossi – Rohen G., & Gracey C.

Mrs. Hall & Ms. Leveille – Emerson H., & Oliver A.

Mrs. Kurland – Walker R., & Emmett R.

Mrs. Fairchild – Morgan S., & Austin R.

Mrs. Downs – Carter O., & Savannah M.

Mr. Side – Ethan P., & Averly E.

Miss Moore – Saige W., Mark F., & Emmy B.

Mr. Mako – Maddy B., & Amy O.

Mr. Mueller – Tyson E., & Keisha J.

Mr. Medhurst – Madeliene, Katie, & Hayden

Mrs. Furtney – Jocelyn Y., Emily F., & Jaxson B.

Mr. Campbell – Julianne M., & Brian L.

Mrs. Coote – Rachel J., & Will T.

Miss Gamm – Claire B.



# OCTOBER AWARD WINNERS

Mrs. Chrastina & Mrs. Belvedere – Taylor A., & Henry R.

Mrs. Teather & Mrs. Rossi – Nixon B., & Stella B.

Mrs. Hall & Ms. Leveille – Anna S., & Boston B.

Mrs. Kurland – Jae H., & Alice M.

Mrs. Fairchild – Karma W., & William A.

Mrs. Downs – Colby C., Hadley C., Mackenzie W., & Lydia V.

Mr. Side – Norah H., & Marlowe S.

Miss Moore – Lia W., Nicholas M., & Jayda S.

Mr. Mako – Aiden L., & Riley W.

Mr. Mueller – Daniel P., Lauren V., & Blake H.

Mr. Medhurst – Artie L., Luca S., & Maggie M.

Mrs. Furtney – Sarah M., Parker M., & Annaleigh N.

Mr. Campbell – Sarah E., & Madelyn L.

Mrs. Coote – Emma S., Sasha T., & Lydia J.

Miss Gamm – Mya S., Cora M., Mila B., & Rowan N.

# FRENCH IMMERSION INFORMATION NIGHT



**At the DSBN, French Immersion starts in Grade 1**

**Save  
the  
Date** | **TUESDAY,  
DECEMBER  
15th  
2020**

**6:30-7:00PM**

**Please join us for our Virtual Information Night for families considering French Immersion!**

**Go to [dsbn.org/fi](https://dsbn.org/fi) to register!**

The French Immersion program at the DSBN If your child will be starting Grade 1 in September, one of the important choices you will make is whether you want to enroll your child in French Immersion.

The French Immersion program is open to all students who are entering Grade 1. It provides your child with opportunities to develop proficiency in Canada's two official languages and to learn about other cultures.

This information night provides families with information regarding French Immersion. It is intended to assist families in making informed decisions regarding the educational program for and development of their child. Children benefit from learning in two languages - their proficiency with thinking and reasoning skills improve as both languages are developed.

Many families also believe that French Immersion will give their child additional career opportunities. We live in an increasingly global economy, so proficiency in more than one language is considered to be both an advantage for career development and for competitive advantage in the job market.

## **Goals of the French Immersion Program**

- To provide a quality educational program that meets the expectations of the Ontario Curriculum at both the elementary and secondary levels.
- To provide students with the opportunity to acquire functional proficiency in oral and written French, which will permit them to communicate on both personal and professional levels.
- To prepare students to participate more effectively in the workplace and in the global economy, and to provide them with a distinct advantage in a number of careers, both in Canada and internationally.
- To contribute to the intellectual development and academic knowledge of students.
- To increase understanding, acceptance and appreciation of other cultures.



## INCLEMENT WEATHER

There may be times during the school year where inclement weather or other situations could cause transportation cancellations or school closures.

**At times when student transportation has been cancelled and schools remain open, the decision of whether or not to have children in school on that day rests with the parent or guardian.**

Should you decide not to send your child to school in the event that transportation is cancelled but schools remain open, or if your child is ill or late, please ensure that you call your child's school to inform them of your child's absence.

A key resource in any emergency is the DSBN Emergency Information form that you filled out at the beginning of the school year. Please let the school know of any changes in contact information or procedures you wish to be followed throughout the school year.

For secondary schools it may become necessary to cancel late buses. Notice will be provided via school announcements and on the websites and subscription features by 11:30 a.m.

Information about transportation cancellations and school closures will be available as soon as it is available through the following channels:

Websites:

<http://www.dsbn.org/inclementweather/>

[www.nsts.ca](http://www.nsts.ca)

Subscription Features:

DSBN Facebook or Twitter

NSTS Transportation Delay or Cancellation Alerts

Phone: Niagara Student Transportation Services 905-346-0290 Voice Auto Attendant

Radio Stations:

CKTB (610 AM) St. Catharines

CHRE (105.7 FM) St. Catharines

WAVE (94.7 FM) Hamilton

CHTZ-FM (97.7 FM) St. Catharines

CKOC (1150 AM) Hamilton

2DayFM (105.1 FM) Niagara Falls/Fort Erie

CHML (900 AM) Hamilton

K-LITE-FM (102.9 FM) Hamilton

CHAM (820 AM) Hamilton

GIANT FM (91.7 FM) Welland

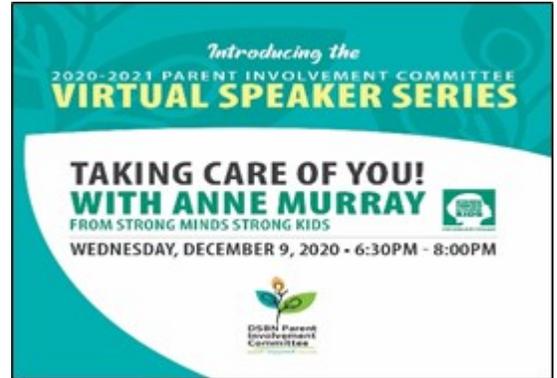
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## SCHOOL COUNCIL

A quick reminder that our next School Council Meeting will be held virtually on  
**January 18, 2021 at 6:30 pm.**

The Agenda and TEAMS meeting instructions were emailed to families as the date approaches.

The DSBN is excited to introduce the 2020-21 Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Virtual Speaker Series! Parents and families can join these free and interactive presentations over the school year, and hear from influential speakers about a variety of topics that are helpful to families.



**Virtual Speaker Series: Topic 1 –  
 Mental Health and Well-Being**

- Date: Wednesday, December 9, 2020
- Time: 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Registration link: <https://www.dsbn.org/pic/speakerseries.html>

## NIAGARA NUTRITION SNACK PROGRAM

Our Snack program has restarted with enhanced practices. Snacks, a whole fruit or a prepackaged product (grain or dairy), are delivered by staff to the classrooms before the start of the day on Mondays and Wednesdays. Staff use tongs and distribute the snacks as needed. We are thankful to the Niagara Nutrition Partners for their continued support of our program. Also a thank you to Mr. Mitchell for his leadership in restarting and running program and to the staff that our volunteering to ensure that are students are not hungry at school.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

Please mark these dates on your calendar and plan accordingly.

**Winter Break**

**December 21, 2020 to  
 January 1, 2021**

**January 15, 2021**

**PD Day**

**March Break**

**March 15th to 19th, 2021**

The complete 2020-2021 Elementary School Calendar is available online: <https://www.dsbn.org/calendars>

# December 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Day 9	2 Day 10	3 Day 1	4 Day 2	5
6	7 Day 3 Gum Day 	8 Day 4 Crazy Hair Day 	9 Day 5 Cowboy Day 	10 Day 6 Holiday Hat Day 	11 Day 7 Ugly Sweater/ Festive Shirt Day 	12
13	14 Day 8	15 Day 9	16 Day 10	17 Day 1	18 Day 2 Last Day of Classes Red and Green Day 	19
20	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve 	25 Christmas Day 	26 Boxing Day 
27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve 	January 1, 2021 Happy New Year	Classes Resume January 4, 2021

PELHAM CARES FOOD DRIVE

Glynn A. Green Public School

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