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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Parents and Guardians,

The first week of May is Education Week. Although we are not learning in person there are a number of events that parents and families can participate in. Please see the Forest of Reading events on page 2 and the PIC events on page 3.

We would like to thank the parents, students and staff for a smooth transition to on-line learning. After the spring break, staff quickly moved instruction into their classrooms and students were able to quickly resume learning.

We are hopeful that we will be able to resume in-person learning this year. We ask that all our families help by following the guidance of Public Health and the Ontario government.

We do continue to prepare for the end of the school year. With eight weeks left in the school year, staff are beginning to look at final assessments and evaluation tasks. June 11th is a designated PD day for teachers to complete their assessment and evaluation and work on report cards.

We have begun to plan for our Graduation. Public Health Guidelines will determine the format but we are currently looking at June 24th as the date. We will share out details as we approach the date and have clarity about the Public Health guidelines at that time.

Take care and stay safe.



## SCHOOL COUNCIL

At our meeting on April 27th, Council reviewed the results of the School Council Survey ( see page 5 for highlights). Updates were also given on the staffing process and our switch to remote learning.

As an outcome of the survey School Council is planning a remote family trivia night using the Kahoot app on **May 25th**. Please look for more details in the next few days.

A quick reminder that our next School Council Meeting will be held virtually on

**June 8 2021 at 6:30 pm.**

Don't hesitate to contact me or the co-chairs if you have questions about the School Council or its role. We hope that you will attend.

GAG School Council co-chairs

[Gaetanne Barton](#)

[Jennifer McGregor](#)

# FOREST OF READING

You are invited to join your students in the DSNB Forest of Reading Virtual Celebrations which can be accessed from the following website: <https://sites.google.com/dsbn.org/dsbn-forest-of-reading>.



## Blue Spruce Family Friendly Event

On Wednesday **May 5th at 6:00 pm**, students in Kindergarten-Grade 3 are invited to a **Blue Spruce™ Family Friendly Event**. Families will be engaged in an evening of storytelling through song and literature, and each family registered will have the chance to win a gift basket of books!

## Silver Birch, Yellow Cedar & Red Maple Virtual Student Conference

The **Silver Birch®, Yellow Cedar & Red Maple™** Virtual Student Conference will be held **Thursday, May 6th from 4:00-5:30 p.m.** Students will be participating in author talks with Kira Vermont, Wesley King and Gillian Goerz **PLUS** a variety of interactive workshops such as a virtual Ghost Tour, an exploration of the Niagara Falls Bird Aviary, a dragon drawing experience, comic creation, yoga for wellness and much more!

# GRAD PHOTOS



Edge Imaging has rescheduled all of their studio appointments from April 6-30 to June 1-25, 2021. Please check your email for communication from Edge Imaging directly, for details about your **new scheduled appointment** (date and time). If you are unable to keep your appointment, would like to schedule an alternative date and time, or have not received this email, please contact them directly at [customercare@edgeimaging.ca](mailto:customercare@edgeimaging.ca).

If you have not had an opportunity to schedule yours, there are still spots available. You can book your appointment by going over to [bookmygrad.ca](http://bookmygrad.ca) and selecting your studio location (St. Catharines, Welland or Ridgeway).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Please mark these dates on your calendar and plan accordingly.

**May 24, 2021**

**Victoria Day**

**June 11, 2021**

**PD Day**

	
<b>Grade 8</b>	
<b>Graduation</b>	
<b>June 24, 2021</b>	
<b>Format TBD</b>	
	

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



## PIC EVENTS IN MAY

PIC is excited to be wrapping up the Virtual Speaker Series for the 2020-2021 school year with the following two events in May.

### On-Demand Presentations: Education Week, for Parents!

There's a lot to know when it comes to your child's education, and it's important that you have access to the information you need. The Parent Involvement Committee will be posting 5 informative, on-demand presentations on YouTube for parents and guardians, delivered by DSBN educators!

Watch them starting **May 3<sup>rd</sup>** on [DSBN's YouTube channel](#). No need to register. All you need to do is click on the DSBN YouTube link or go to [dsbn.org/pic](http://dsbn.org/pic), choose the speaker series option and select what you would like to watch. **Which topic interests you? --**

**EDUCATION WEEK** for PARENTS

- MAY 3** INTRODUCTION FOR PARENTS: MAKERSPACES & STEM
- MAY 4** ALL ABOUT KINDERGARTEN!
- MAY 5** NURTURING A LOVE OF READING
- MAY 6** THE NEW MATH CURRICULUM: ELEMENTARY
- MAY 7** TRANSITIONING FROM GRADE 8 TO GRADE 9

**ON-DEMAND PRESENTATIONS**  
Informational sessions from DSBN Educators

DSBN Parent Involvement Committee

### Guest Speaker: How to Make Our Kids More Resilient?

Resilience is much more than our children's ability to overcome adversity. It's also about having access to certain support from their families, schools, and communities for their overall health and well-being, and this is important at any age.

In this live presentation, Dr. Ungar will share stories, speak to what resiliency means and how it affects students, and will tell you 9 practical ideas that you can use to nurture and help build resiliency in your kids. Make sure to jot down your questions for the live Q&A at the end!

**Save the Date:** Wednesday, May 26 at 7PM. **REGISTRATION COMING SOON!**

2020-2021 PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE  
**VIRTUAL SPEAKER SERIES**

**HOW TO MAKE OUR KIDS MORE RESILIENT WITH DR. MICHAEL UNGAR**

**WEDNESDAY MAY 26 7:00PM - 8:00PM**

FAMILY THERAPIST & PROFESSOR OF SOCIAL WORK AT DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

DSBN Parent Involvement Committee

Dalhousie University



# Niagara Region Public Health

## COVID-19 Update

Coping with the impacts of COVID-19 in our community has been very tough on everyone and we understand that 'COVID-fatigue' may have set in. This term refers to people getting tired of following the rules set in place to help reduce the spread of the virus.

Although Niagara is well underway with COVID-19 vaccinations, we do not want to let our guard down. We remind everyone to please still follow the [safety measures to help protect you, your family, friends and our community](#).

Check out these videos from Niagara Region Public Health's Dr. Hirji addressing the vaccines:

[Vaccine Safety, AstraZeneca](#) and [Which Vaccine Should I Get](#).

For more information, visit [niagararegion.ca/health/covid-19](https://niagararegion.ca/health/covid-19).

## Puberty Information Session for Grades 5 & 6 parents

Niagara Parents will be hosting a virtual Puberty Information Session through Facebook Live for parents/caregivers of students in grades 5 and 6. This event will help support parents talk to their child(ren) about puberty, encourage open discussions about puberty and overall health, and share resources to address questions and concerns their children might have around puberty.

**Where:** [Niagara Parents Facebook page](#)

**When:** Wednesday May 26, 2021

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

## May is Vision Health Month

Visual health is an important part of a child's overall health and well-being. Proper vision is important for a child's movement and coordination, independence, play and learning. If left untreated, vision problems may become serious and prevent a child from reaching their full potential.

[The Eye See...Eye Learn®](#) program encourages parents to book a comprehensive eye exam for their junior kindergarten child with a [local, participating optometrist](#). The eye exam is covered by OHIP and children may qualify for a complementary pair of eye glasses.

A yearly eye exam is **FREE** – the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) covers the cost of an eye exam every 12 months for children up to the age of 19 with a valid OHIP card. [Find an eye doctor near you](#).





# School Council Survey Highlights

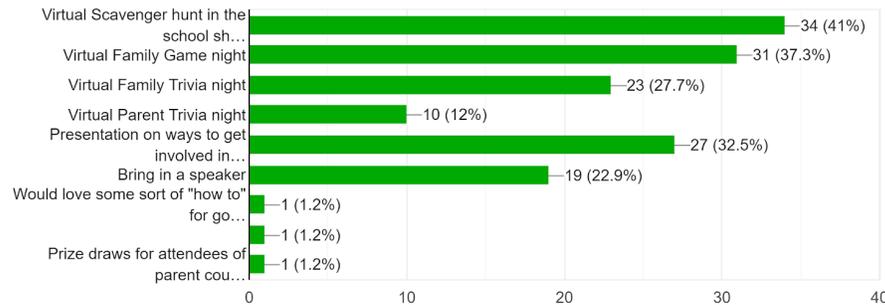
Thank you to all of our families that completed the School Council Survey. The prize winners were selected at the April 27th Council Meeting and are listed below.

Prize	Winner
Family Fun On Clifton Hill	K. Breen
\$75 Sobey's Card	S. Hicks
\$75 Food Basic Card	J. Krah
\$50 Shoppers Drug Mart Card	A. Goedhart
\$50 Giant Tiger Card	C. Bilous
\$25 Tim's Gift Card	N. Hall
\$25 Dollarama Gift Card	J. Beck

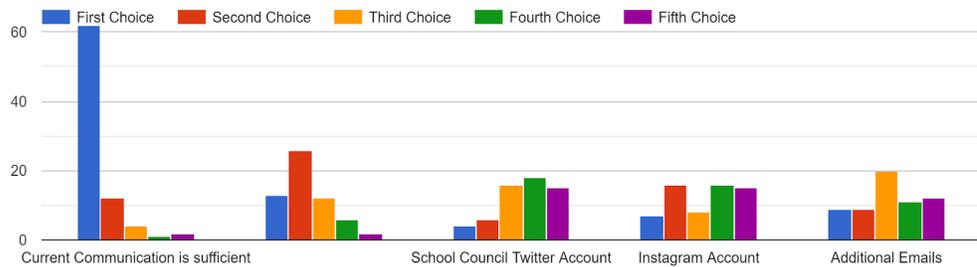
Thank you for your feedback the Council will be using this information for planning for future events. We will be holding a family Kahoot evening on May 25. Details will be shared out shortly. Hopefully you can join us for some friendly trivia.

The parent council receives \$500 from the government to help engage parents each year, how would you like to see that \$500 spent?

83 responses

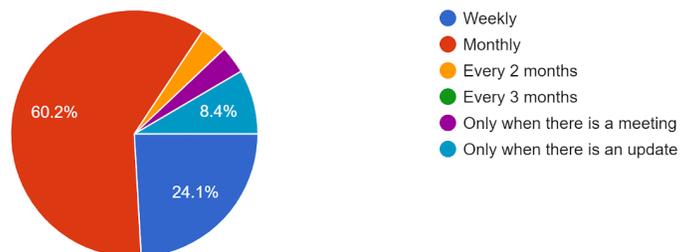


The parent council information is currently included in the school monthly newsletters and on the website. Is there another way, you would like the parent council to communicate with you?



How often should we be communicating with you?

83 responses



# May 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Day 8 Makerspace and STEM	4 Day 9 All About Kindergarten	5 Day 10 Blue Spruce Celebration Nurturing a Love of Reading	6 Day 1 Forest of Reading Event The New Math Curriculum (Elementary)	7 Day 2 Transitioning from Gr.8 to Gr. 9	8
9	10 Day 3 Mother's Day 	11 Day 4	12 Day 5	13 Day 6	14 Day 7	15
16	17 Day 8	18 Day 9	19 Day 10	20 Day 1	21 Day 2	22
23	24 Victoria Day 	25 Day 3 Family Kahoot Night	26 Day 4 PIC Speaker—How to make your Kids more Resilient	27 Day 5	28 Day 6	29
30	31 Day 7					

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