



Prince of Wales Post

Prince of Wales School, Thorold, Ontario

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Message from the Principal

It seems as though winter has arrived. We appreciate your support as parents to support the learning that is occurring each and every day at Prince of Wales. Please stay involved as it takes a community to raise a child. With the holidays approaching I would like to wish everyone a restful break and enjoy the time with your families.

Mr. D'Alessandro

Skating

Prince of Wales will be going skating again on Thursday, November 29, 2012 and Wednesday, December 19, 2012. JK- Gr. 3 will be going from 12:45 – 1:45, and Gr. 4-8 will be going from 1:45 -2:45. All are welcome to join us!

Website

Please check out our website at www.dsbni.org/Schools.princeWalesS. Our newsletters, calendars and more information is always just a click away!

December Character Trait: Caring

At Prince of Wales, we are working hard to assist our students in developing a positive value system. We will continue to emphasize positive character traits with our students. We hope all families will support our emphasis. **Character matters for success!**

Carol Sing

Please join us on Wednesday, December 19th at 9:00 am for our "Carol Sing". All are welcome!

Dreambox Math Program K - Gr. 5

Prince of Wales has purchased Dreambox Learning's Math program, an online, Intelligent Adaptive Learning (tm) program that helps all students from **kindergarten to grade 5** achieve better, faster math proficiency.

Kindergarten to grade 5 students can access Dreambox Learning from any computer, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week using this link:

1. Go to <http://princewales.dsbni.org>
2. Select "Resources" on the top purple tool bar.
3. Select the "Dreambox Learning" logo to access the site.
4. Have your child select his/her class, name, and use their password to play.

Dreambox is a program that adapts to your child's learning needs, so it is very important that only your child uses the program. Please do not let other siblings use your child's program, or assist your child in finding the correct answers to questions, as this will change the results of the program, making it play at a difficulty level that is not appropriate for your child.

Dreambox is an online program- there's no software to download! All you need is a high-speed internet connection and Adobe Flash. Adobe Flash is free and is included with many internet browsers.

Reflex Math Program Gr. 6 – 8

The Reflex Math Program for grades 6 – 8 is a program that also adapts to your child's learning needs.

Grade 6, 7, and 8 students can access the Reflex Math program from any computer, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week using this link:

1. Go to <http://princewales.dsbni.org>
2. Select "Resources" on the top purple tool bar.

3. Select the “Reflex” logo to access the site.
4. Select “log in”.

Grade 8 Open House

You are warmly invited to attend Thorold Secondary School’s GRADE 8 OPEN HOUSE on Tuesday, January 15, 2013, from 6:30 -8:30 pm.

Snow

Snow is coming! The throwing or kicking of snow has the potential to jeopardize the safety of other children. In order to keep our school a safe learning environment for all students, the school expectation of “snow remains on the ground” remains in effect. This expectation is in place to protect all students in our care. Any snowball that strikes a person in the eye or ear can result in serious injury. A snowball with just one piece of ice or a stone in it can be potentially lethal. This expectation has been communicated clearly to students through P.A. announcements, assemblies and in discussion with classroom teachers. It has been routinely reinforced by staff members while on duty in the yard. Therefore, students who choose to disregard our school rule or are being deliberately defiant will be disciplined.

Lice

Please help stop the spread of lice by encouraging your children to not share hats, combs and brushes. Also please tuck your winter hats and scarves into the arm of your jackets. Every little proactive measure helps.

Taekwondo

Special thanks to Master Won Jeong who presented a fabulous Taekwondo demonstration for the kids of Prince of Wales. *Jeong’s Family Tae Kwon Do* specializes in working with children. Classes are divided by age and skill to provide the best possible match of teaching style to students’ needs. All children are taught at their own pace to develop their present capabilities and achieve their maximum potential. If you are interested in Taekwondo, please call Master Jeong @ 905-322-2000.

Youth Counsellor

Tracy Hofland is our Youth Counsellor. She is available to see students to discuss any issues that our children have. For more information, please contact the school.

October’s Students of the Month

Mayan Aljehani
Savannah LeDoux
Emerson Yager
Jesse Davies
Noura Brookes
Trey Baxter
Degen Forsey
Marissa Haine
Kayleigh Rush
Lucas Stewart
Madison Laybolt
Roan Paone
Novel Sztojka
Brenda Sztojka
Brianna Davidson
Reauna Grant
Brooklyn Mercer
Jason Smith
Kyla Thomson
Samentha MacKenzie
Diana Sztojka
Michael Brooker
Owen Locke
Carina Scott
Riley Senske

French

Sabine Knerr
Brooklyn Mercer
Charles Champion
Sophie Irving
Josh Kalogerakos
Carina Scott

Inclement Weather

All decisions concerning school closings are **made** by the Board Office, not the individual school. The announcements are made on local radio stations in time for the 7:00 a.m. news for morning classes. Please listen in the morning if you have weather concerns. Some local radio stations are: CKTB 610am, CHRE 105.7fm, and CHTZ 97.7fm. Information will also be posted on the DSBN website at www.dsb.edu.on.ca. **PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOL.** Phone lines are needed for emergency purposes.

Questions That Could Promote Thinking

- ✓ Tell me about what you are doing?
- ✓ What makes you think that?
- ✓ What do you think would happen if we....?
- ✓ I wonder how you could....?
- ✓ What else does this remind you of?
- ✓ What are you investigating?
- ✓ What are you exploring?
- ✓ How do you know?
- ✓ What do you notice about.....?
- ✓ How are these the same?
- ✓ How is that different?
- ✓ What are you wondering about?

Reserved Parking

Please note that Prince of Wales has a designated handicapped reserved parking spot. Please be courteous and respect the needs of others. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Parent Council

The parent council was busy in the month of November with the garage sale and the Thorold Santa Claus parade. The garage sale was a huge success, exceeding all expectations. Thank you to everyone who donated items and to those who helped out. A special thanks to the Robitaille family for all your donations! It took a lot of effort to sort and price the items, and a special thanks to Mrs. Haine and her mother, Mrs. Jiggles, for their tireless work over many weeks.

This year's Santa Clause Float was a huge success!! Mrs. Brooker and Mrs. Smith had over 30 children attend the parade, some sat on our float and worked at Santa's Toy Shop and others walked wearing our school spirit wear!! A Huge thank you to all the kids that came out to show school support, and a huge thank you to the parents, volunteers, and to Mrs. Brooker and Mrs. Smith. We couldn't have done it without you! We can't wait to do it again next year!

We look forward to even more activities in the New Year!

**Happy
Holidays!**

WORD Q

Word Q is a simple, yet effective writing tool for students of all ages. Some of the program features include built in word prediction, text to speech reading as well as internet reading. The text reading feature is a valuable tool for not only assisting students with their writing and reading comprehension but also with editing and proofreading as documents can be highlighted and read aloud.

This software is licensed by the Ministry of Education for DSBN staff and students to have for free at home. The Word Q product code must not be posted online or distributed to anyone that is not staff or immediate family of a DSBN student. This would be a violation of our software agreement.

Word Q is available in both Windows and Mac versions.

How to Download At Home

Download directly from the Word Q website:

1. Go to <http://www.gogsoftware.com>
2. On the homepage, click on "Free 30 day trial" button at top of screen.
3. On the next screen please select the "Windows" or "Mac" version you want to download. Also, at the bottom of this screen, please select the "North American English" voices. (Heather & Ryan) Once the voice package is selected, click on "Next."
4. This last screen is your download page – Please click on the "Download" button to begin the install process.

After the download is complete, you can at any time add other voice packages – (i.e. French Canadian Louise – for those students requiring French dictionaries) These voice packages by following the link at the bottom of the www.gogsoftware.com website.

This is the **only** way to add the french voices. They are not available on the installation discs in the schools.

Important Note:

The trial that is downloaded is both the Word Q and Speak Q programs. When the 30 day trial is finished, you will be prompted to enter a serial registration code.

The Word Q product code you will enter is 152-562809-224

Once the serial registration code is entered, the use of Word Q is unlimited. There is no license for the companion Speak Q program.

How to Install from a Word Q CD

1. Please request a copy of the Word Q CD from the school.
2. Insert the CD into your computer CD drive and follow the download prompts.
3. **You will be prompted for a Word Q product code. The code is 152-562809-224**
4. Complete the install prompts. Please return the Word Q CD to the school.

Helpful Links

Word Q Homepage - www.gogsoftware.com

30 Day Trial - www.gogsoftware.com/trial

Tutorials - www.gogsoftware.com/resources/videos

Additional Language Pack -

www.gogsoftware.com/product-details/voice-download