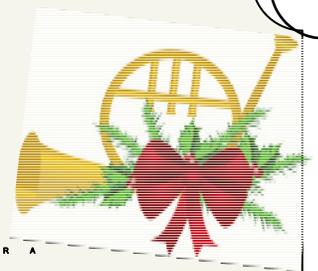




December 2016



D I S T R I C T S C H O O L B O A R D O F N I A G A R A

WE ARE WORKING VERY HARD!

Students need:

To bring all their items from home and be prepared for their day

To pack their agendas, writing material, books, P.E. clothes so they are ready for rotary classes

Be the best they can in the class, on the play-ground and on the bus!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

By the time you receive this newsletter the student-parent-teacher conferences will be completed. Of course you can contact your child's teacher at any time, to check on your child's progress.

A reminder to all to follow the parking signs, handicap parking and calling the school when your child will be absent. It really helps with keeping your children safe at all times. Your cooperation to support the needs of others is appreciated.

We are looking forward to our presentation of "Melton the Warm-Hearted Snowman", our winter break and the beginning of 2017! Any questions at all, please contact our office and we are happy to help!

What do students do in Kindergarten?

The document called "The Kindergarten Program" explains: "In the Kindergarten program, four "frames", or broad areas of learning are used to structure thinking about learning and assessment. The frames- **Belonging and Contributing, Self-Regulation and Well-Being, Demonstrating Literacy and Mathematics Behaviours, and Problem Solving and Innovating**-are designed to support an approach that aligns with the way children's learning naturally occurs and that focuses on aspects of learning that are critical to young children's development. It is a great program to observe children working!

Best Wishes!

The Staff of Prince of Wales Thorold!

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School Improvement Process: Mathematics is everywhere

Our front hallway, continues to fill with a variety of student work each month. Our school improvement process includes the great learning in literacy and a focus on mathematics. When you are in the school, have a look at the great samples of work!



Skating

Prince of Wales will be going skating on Dec. 13th. Grade 1-4 will be skating from 1:15- 2pm, and grade 5-8 will be skating from 2- 2:45pm . If you are available to supervise the walk over, or tie skates, it would be greatly appreciated! All are welcome to join us!

Winter Reminders

For your child's sake, please make sure that hats, gloves, footwear and clothing are clearly labeled before your son/daughter wears them to school. Many students come to school with similar boots, mittens, gloves, coats and hats. Please ensure that children are wearing their coats, hats and gloves to school. It gets very cold walking to and from school as well as during fitness breaks.



Snow

Students are not allowed to throw snow. Cold, Frozen snow presents a threat to student safety especially when thrown. Parents and guardians are asked to please review this policy at home and we will continue to remind students at school in class and on the announcements. Consequences for throwing snow include:

First: Warning; Second: writing lines; Third: In-school Suspension and if this continues, a formal at-home suspension may be essential.

Students are asked to stay off the mounds of snow on school property. Accidents and injuries can happen quickly. Your cooperation is appreciated. Thanks!



Melton the Warm-hearted
Snowman

When: Tues. Dec. 20th

11:30 –12:30 pm

and 6-7:00 pm

All are welcome to enjoy this wonderful play!



A very special thanks to:

- Mrs. Belding for coordinating the Poinsettia Fundraiser
- Our Breakfast Club Program Coordinators: Ms. Debbie, Mrs. Brooker; and our grocery shopper Mrs. Edwards
- School Advisory Council, lunch supervisors, & tuck shop Ladies for adding so many activities to our school days
- Our student secretaries that look after the school during our breaks
- Our parents that drove our athletes to our Volleyball games
- Lice Club for checking our hair monthly
- Our Student Morning Announcers
- Ms. Johnson and our spirit squad for their time and energy in planning events for us all!



Last Day of classes:
December 23, 2016



School is closed for the Winter Break :
December 26, 2016 to January 6, 2017

Classes resume:
8:45 am, Jan 9, 2017

Our staff wishes you a safe and wonderful holiday!



Bus Education

Prince of Wales Public School students participated in a highly engaging presentation about bus safety and etiquette. The K-3 students met Buster the Bus who was a 3-D automated bus that learned along with them. Buster would spin and talk to the students about being a good rider. He was very engaging and the students loved him. When he was done his presentation, he backed up into his spot, parked, said his goodbyes, closed his eyes and had a nap!

School Advisory Council

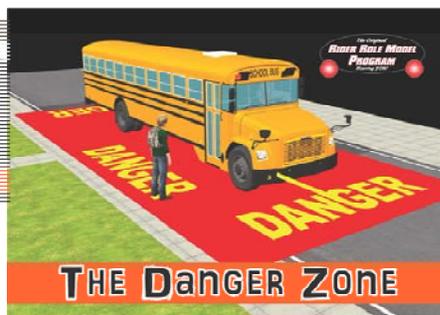
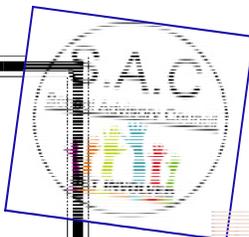
With the DSNB Parent Council Conference on the 2nd, at Eden High School, our SAC members attended and participated in the various workshops available.

The trade show is always a highlight for schools looking for new fundraising ideas.

Our November 22nd meeting included discussions about our Fun Fair in June; verbal and physical bullying and next steps; and ending with another tour of the Learning Commons' updates.

We will continue to discuss needs of the school, fundraising updates and planning for the January 31st meeting @ 6 pm in the POW Staff Room.

We welcome interested parents/guardians to any of our meetings. Meeting agendas and minutes are posted on our school website for you to review. Please call the school if you would like further information.



The Grades 4 to 8 classes had a different presentation that was still linked to bus safety. They participated as two teams. The Western team battled with the Eastern team in a competitive game show using buzzers and answering questions about the bus safety presented. 100% of the students asked, remarked how fun and engaging the presentation was!

I loved the presentation because I liked it when we had to compete to learn! It took someone to decide what would be fun and learning at the same time! Evan, Grade 5

Riding the bus is character education in action!
No bullying! Perseverance! Respect! Responsibility!

French Immersion Registration

The French Immersion program (offered at French Immersion sites) is open to all students in Senior Kindergarten interested in enrolling for the 2016-2017 year. If you want your child to develop a high proficiency and fluency in Canada's two official languages, French Immersion has a great deal to offer.

Features of the French Immersion program:

- Development of French language skills in speaking, listening, reading and writing from grades one to twelve;
- Designed to be a second language program for children whose first language is **NOT** French;
- Current enrolment of over 2,500 elementary students;
- Certificate of French Immersion Studies awarded upon successful completion of the elementary and secondary Immersion program;
- Promoting understanding of different cultures;
- Providing additional opportunities for employment using French as the working language;
- An increased ability to communicate and interact with confidence in French.

REGISTRATION: January 9/17 at noon to February 21, 2017.

For more information about French Immersion in the District School Board of Niagara visit www.dsbni.org/fi or speak to your school principal.

OPEN HOUSE: Parent Information evening session will be held in January:

School	Information Evening Session
Jeanne Sauvé French Immersion Public School Principal: Mme C. Sitko Vice-Principal: Mme B. Lancione 91 Bunting Road, St Catharines, L2P 3G8	Thursday, January 11, 2017, 6:30 p.m.





HOMWORK HELP

Brock University's Concurrent Education Student Association is running a free Tutoring session called Homework Help. It's a program running every Wednesday from 6-8 PM in Thistle Hall 307. Students from grades 1-8 are welcome to drop in and receive help from our Concurrent Education Students with their homework, projects and studying.



Dec. 11 POW FAMILY EVENT 4:30 -6:00 pm

Join us for dinner at POW School, and then you are invited to "Christmas in the Village" at 6 pm at Richmond School. Rides will be provided if needed.



Volley Ball Season Results



The co-ed team had a very successful season.

They have worked as a team and it is very exciting to see the volleying back and forth over the net continuously. After our intra-school games, POW was invited to attend the DSBN Coed Intermediate Tournament on Nov. 17th.

The team consisted of: Tyler, Nolan, Preston, Will, Noval, Abdi, DeDe, Maddy, Dustin, Mercedes and Brenda. Special thanks to the following coaches that supported the team to a successful completion on Nov 17: Mr. Sacco, Mr. Harding and Ms. Hentig. We are pleased to have Mr. Sacco back at school, following his recovery from a concussion.



INCLEMENT WEATHER

There may be times during the school year where inclement weather could cause transportation cancellations or school closures. At times when student transportation has been cancelled and schools remain open, the decision on whether or not to have children in school on that day rests with the parent or guardian. If you keep your child home, please call us at 905-227-1321. Please do not call the school to see if we are open. Please check the DSBN website, & radio or tv stations for up to date information.

