



Prince of Wales School

March 2021 Newsletter

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From the Principal's Desk



The return to in person learning has been a seamless transition for staff and students. With the added health measures in place, we are confident that we have created an environment that maximizes the safety of both students and staff. A special thank you to our parents and caregivers who continue to do a great job to help prepare children for the revised health protocols.

With a lot of instruction being lost over the last year due to the pandemic, our staff has made it a priority to ensure that we make every effort to enhance student reading levels over the next several weeks. Along with offering a comprehensive literacy program in all classrooms, Mrs. Dixon and Ms. Plat will be spending a large chunk of the day supporting students who may benefit from this level of support. Also, this coming week will see some students work with an online Brock student teacher using a reading intervention program as well. For more information, please contact myself or your child's homeroom teacher.

Friday, February 26th was the day where we recognized our Student of the Month recipients for February. Earlier that week we also had Pink Shirt Day, where we helped to promote anti-bullying throughout our school. We discussed the fact that, "Words Matter" with our students and we challenged them to use the month of March to always speak respectfully to everyone - their peers, their teachers and their families.

Finally, I wanted to remind you that the Ontario government has changed the time of March Break. Students will now be expected to be at school throughout the month of March but will have the week of April 12th off for a bit of a break. Parents will find a revised school year calendar in this newsletter.

Yours in education,

Brad

Mr. B. Mayhew
Principal



Revised Health & Safety Protocol

A friendly reminder to please make sure you are following Public Health's revised Covid safety protocol. Here is the link to review it:

<https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:91ba784c-2b56-4381-a0ca-5e471122472c>

Hi! I'm Barkley. Your child's Kindergarten sidekick.

I'm here to tell you that it's time to register for Kindergarten!

Normally I'd invite you inside one of our Kindergarten classrooms so you and your child could look around with me, but to keep each other safe, we have to wait to do that another time. What I can do is help you find all the information you need to register your child for Kindergarten at the DSBN!

I put it on www.dsbn.org/kindergarten for you.

It has important information like:

- How to register your child online
- A video about a typical day in Kindergarten
- A Kindergarten classroom 360° virtual tour
- An e-book about how I overcame my first day fears

Register today at www.dsbn.org/kindergarten.



Parent Virtual Speaker Series

The Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) is excited for March. The committee has a packed month, with 3 different presentations to look forward to in the PIC Virtual Speaker Series.

PIC kicks off March with Natasha Parent, a doctorate researcher from University of British Columbia, on **Wednesday, March 10th at 6:30p.m.** Natasha will explore how COVID-19 has impacted teens' mental health, while highlighting the role of technology use and screen time in fostering their feelings of connection to others. Applying a developmental framework, we will discuss how using technology can help teens meet their social goals and contribute to their overall wellbeing, while also touching on how to identify those who may be at risk. In addition, this webinar will feature some useful tips on how to help teens navigate their screen time and discuss some of the cutting-edge work that's currently being done in the field.



Please go to <https://www.dsbn.org/pic/speakerseries.html> to register for this informative webinar. Stay tuned for upcoming presentations later in March.



Counselling for Children

Call **1-800-263-4944** and either talk to a Pathstone counsellor on the line, or ask to make a walk-in clinic appointment via video. (this appointment can be on the same day, or in advance Monday-Friday). For more information, contact the main office.