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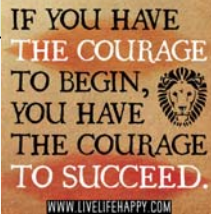
D I S T R I C T S C H O O L B O A R D O F N I A G A R A

Students need:

To dress for the weather. We suggest layers of clothing, a warm coat, mitts or gloves, winter boots, indoor shoes/running shoes.

To remember the No Body Contact rule

Character Trait :



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

November will prove to be a very packed month of Grade 8 visit and Open House at Thorold Secondary School, Report Cards home, Remembrance Day Assembly, bus safety, PIC conference, Volleyball Games and continuing our academic programs. Our School Improvement Process will be focusing on the mathematics classroom. Our EQAO scores showed these results:

Subject	Grade 3	Grade 6
Reading	84	50
Writing	68	80
Mathematics	63	40

We will be continuing our best practices in all classrooms and working hard to improve student scores in Mathematics using a variety of teaching strategies. We have workshops monthly and this provides an opportunity to learn together as a staff!

Mr. Roepke and I have been working diligently to prepare our Learning Commons so that we can open the circulation and begin lending books to our students. The furniture is placed but a couple of more items are ordered. The books are catalogued, inventoried and on the shelves. The white interactive board is working. Area carpets are being chosen and a common sitting area is taking shape. The students will be so pleased to have this room available to them this year!

Courage is our focus for November's Character Trait!

Thank you all, so much! Sincerely, *Mrs. S. Lawrence*, Principal

Remembrance Day Assembly 10:30 am in our Gymnasium

Our assembly focuses on the reason for Remembrance Day.

We honour our servicemen and women. Our assembly will also include slides with music, choral readings, a roll call of our relatives' names (from any branch of service) while classes lay wreaths on our cross, followed by a moment of silence and Last Post. It will be about 45 minutes and we ask that there is no applause. If you would like your family members mentioned in the Roll Call please complete the form attached and return it asap.

As well, the Thorold Legion will provide each student with a poppy. Donations will be accepted in the office until November 11th. Thank you !



SKATING

Our first skating day is Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2016. Both permission slips must be returned in order to participate. Grades 1-4 will depart at 12:45 and will skate from 1:15-2:00 pm. Grades 5-8 will depart at 1:30 and will skate from 2:00-2:45. Volunteers are welcome!

Grade 8 Students and Parents: Mark Your Calendars!

Starting high school is a huge step in a student's life. While it's definitely an exciting time, it also brings with it many questions, such as "What's life in high school really like? What programs and options are available to help me achieve my goals?"

A great way to have your questions answered is to attend our Open House. Grade 8 students and their families are invited to attend Thorold Secondary School:

Tuesday, November 29th, 2016
6:30 p.m.

Find out everything you need to know about being a Golden Eagle! #YouGotThis

Reporting Absences

In the interest of student safety, it is important that we account for each student's absence at Prince of Wales School. It is imperative to contact the school to report an absence before 8:50 am. The phone number is 905-227-1321. We have an answering service at all times.



Terry Fox
We donated almost \$100 to the Terry Fox Foundation. Our run/walk was held on a great day and our school received a banner for 15 years of support. Way to go Knights!

Village Community Church

Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 20, 2016. The Village Church is hosting a community supper and family activity at POW. All are welcome!

Upcoming Dinner/ Activity Dates:

VOLLEYBALL

The Intermediate co-ed volleyball team is off to an incredible start to their season! Combining boys and girls from grades 7 and 8, the team has shown dedication, teamwork and skill to begin their season with 5 wins and 0 losses. Mr. Sacco is especially proud of the sportsmanship the team has shown throughout each game and practice. The team eagerly awaits their playoffs.

Members of the team include:


Mercedes Agahzadeh
Nolan Brookes
Dustin Cormier
Maddy Davidson
Tyler Dobrindt
Devonte Grant
Will Harper
Abdi Khalif
Preston Mercer
Brenda Sztojka
Noval Sztojka

FREE and EDUCATIONAL!

Wanted: Parents of Prince of Wales
 Please consider joining us for this Parent Power evening. It is hosted by the DSBN Parent Council and it is a wonderful information sharing event. Supper is provided, vendors are available to share with us what is available for fundraising and other services and then presentations are given about a variety of sessions. You have the opportunity to choose what workshop you would like to attend. Register as soon as you decide, to avoid disappointment!
Nov 2, 2016

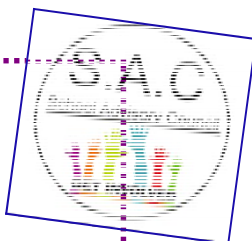


SAVE NOVEMBER 2, 2016 ON YOUR CALENDAR!



Mark your calendar for the 2016 DSBN Parent Involvement Conference, at Eden High School in St. Catharines. Join us for an evening of free workshops for parents of DSBN students of all ages. For more information about the event visit www.dsbn.org/pic

School Advisory Council



Our second meeting was held on Tues. Oct. 25 @ 6 p.m. in our School Staff Room.
 Chair: Liz Brooker /Meghan Neilson
 Secretary: Karin Carroll
 Treasurer handled through School Banking
 Fundraisers: One for the Breakfast Club Little Caesar's (Fall and Spring) due Nov. 18 Fun Fair to be decided; plans have begun

With the DSBN Parent Council Conference on November 2nd, our SAC and any Prince of Wales parents are invited to join us! This evening is in lieu of our November meeting held at POW. Next meeting: Jan 31, 2017 with photographers present

We welcome interested parents/guardians to any of our meetings. Meeting agendas and minutes are kept in the school office for you to review. They too will be posted on our school website. Please call



November 11 pm

POW will be having an assembly about Bus Safety. The primary students enjoy the interactive presentation with Buster the talking bus. Following this assembly, the junior / intermediate students will be participating in a game show teaching transportation safety throughout.



Ask your child about their learning at the end of the day. Students are happy to participate.

STOP the spread of Infection

- ✓ Stay home if you are sick and return when you are well
- ✓ Wash your hands with soap and water or use a hand sanitizer
- ✓ Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue or in your sleeve
- ✓ Keep your distance
- ✓ Get a flu shot



For more information , talk to your school nurse or go to [www. niagararegion.ca/health](http://www.niagararegion.ca/health)

T H E E L E M E N T A R Y P R O G R E S S R E P O R T

On November 10th, your child will bring home their Elementary Progress Report. The format was created after years of consultation with parents, teachers, principals, and students across the province. Although it looks much like the Report Card, this report has a very different intent. The purpose of the Progress Report is to share early and specific feedback on your child's development of work habits and learning skills as well as his/her progress towards achieving the curriculum standards by the end of the school year.

Traditionally, when reporting to parents about their child's progress, teachers have prepared by *looking back* over the work done. The teacher evaluated your child's progress from the beginning of the school term to the current point in time, and reported on the highlights of achievement as they compare to overall curricular expectations. Teachers continue to report on Provincial Term One and Term Two Report Cards in this manner.

Reporting on the Progress Report is about *looking forward*. The purpose is to set the course for the learning journey ahead. Based on the evidence teachers see, as well as what teachers know about learning at this grade level, the report communicates the path your child is on towards achieving the grade level expectations by the end of the year. For students who are on a modified Individual Education Program, the teacher uses those modified goals when determining whether a child is progressing well, progressing very well, or progressing with difficulty.

All subjects that are part of your child's program in the first weeks of school will be assessed according to the following indicators:

Progressing Very Well: In the first weeks of school, evidence shows that the student is demonstrating consistent progress and is on track to meet and/or surpass the provincial standard set for the end of the year.

Progressing Well: In the first weeks of school, evidence shows that the student is demonstrating consistent progress and is on track to meet the provincial standard set for the end of the year.

Progressing with Difficulty: In the first weeks of school, evidence shows that the student is experiencing difficulty towards meeting the provincial standard set for the end of the year.

For subjects in which your child is Progressing with Difficulty, the teacher will discuss specific next steps plans needed for success. We look forward to partnering with you and your child for a year of great learning and growth.