



Prince of Wales School

September 2020 Newsletter

Principal - Mr. B. Mayhew

Administrative Assistant- Mrs. L. Jones



From the Principal's Desk

It has been such a pleasure to see our students returning to school throughout this first week. We have truly missed them and have been very impressed with their willingness to adhere to the "new normal" during the first few days.

As I'm sure you can imagine, our first priority will be to establish and introduce an assortment of safety protocols to maximize the health and well being of students, following the guidance of Niagara Public Health. These guidelines were shared with our community through email but are also available through our Board website, www.dsbn.org. At Prince of Wales, we have three priorities this year:

- 1) Student Safety
- 2) Student Well Being
- 3) Student Learning

Although this year is sure to look different, we have an outstanding staff who are committed to these priorities and will make every effort to meet the needs of students. Feel free to contact your child's teacher or myself if you ever have any questions or concerns throughout the year. I am available by email at: Brad.Mayhew@dsbn.org or by phone at (905)227-1321.

Looking forward to a terrific year ahead!

Mr. B. Mayhew
Principal

Prince of Wales 2020-2021 Staff

JK/SK1 - Mrs. Gracey/Mrs. Miller
JK/SK2 - Mrs. Marsili
Grade 1 - Mrs. Mcilroy
Grade 1/2 - Ms. Hentig
Grade 3 - Mr. West
Grade 4/5 - Mrs. House
Grade 6/7 - Miss Eccles
Grade 7/8 - Mr. Lowe
LRT - Mrs. Dixon
FSL & K Prep - Mr. Azzano
Primary Prep - Mrs. Vander Vloet
T-Librarian - Miss Baird

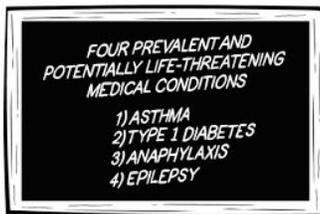
Educational Assistants - Ms. Godin, Mrs. Kajia
Educational Assistants - Miss Nugent, Ms. Frost
Social Worker - Mrs. Webster-Heinen
Youth Counsellor - Mrs. Crummey
ESL Teacher - Mr. Zaporzan
Lunch Supervisor - Mrs. Jenkins
Lunch Supervisor - Ms. McEachern
Secretary - Mrs. Wickham-Jones
Principal - Mr. Mayhew



Bell Times

Below are the bell times with fitness/nutrition breaks for each class.

8:50	Student Arrival
8:50 - 9:10	Entry into School
9:10 - 9:50	Student Learning
9:50 - 10:30	Student Learning
10:30 - 11:10	1, 1/2 Break
11:10 - 11:50	3, 4/5, 6/7, 7/8 Break
11:50 - 12:30	Student Learning (K Lunch)
12:30 - 1:10	1, 1/2 Lunch
1:10 - 1:50	3, 4/5, 6/7, 7/8 Break
1:50 - 2:30	Student Learning
3:00	Kindergarten Dismissal
2:30 - 3:10	Student Learning
3:10	Gr 1-8 Dismissal



Prevalent Medical Conditions

If you have a child with a prevalent medical condition (Anaphylaxis, Asthma, Diabetes, and/or Epilepsy or others) we want to make sure we have a current Plan of Care to support your child. All parents of children with prevalent medical conditions are asked to fill out the new Plan of Care and submit them to the school. You can download the forms at dsbn.org/prevalent-medical-conditions. For more information, please contact the school.

Allergies

We have a number of students who have a severe allergy to peanuts and peanut products. Parents are reminded to please have their children bring snacks that are free from nuts. Peanut and nut allergies are usually severe and can be fatal. Even tiny amounts of nut particles or residue can cause someone with a nut allergy to have a strong reaction.



Concussions

The DSBN has a concussion policy and procedures to support proper prevention, identification, management, and return to learn strategies. The DSBN engages in concussion education in a variety of ways, including recognizing Rowan's Law Day commemorated on the last Wednesday in September to raise awareness about concussions. If your child has sustained a suspected or actual concussion while not at school, please contact the school.

Safe Arrival to School

To report an absence please use the Safe Arrival System <https://dsbn.org/safearrival/> or call **1-866-606-5567**. With the pandemic upon us, this will be more important than ever to make sure you call ahead.



Little Caesars Fundraiser

Many of you ordered pizza through our Little Caesars fundraiser back in the spring. We were hoping that we would be able to provide them later in September. Unfortunately, this will not be the case. Consequently, we will be distributing refunds to all sellers during the week of September 21st. All online orders have already been reimbursed. Sorry for the inconvenience this may have caused.

Parent Council

Our first Parent Council meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 29th at 6:30pm. All parents are invited to attend. It will take place in the library on the second floor. We will be choosing this year's council during this introductory meeting. *Masks will be mandatory*. If you prefer to join us virtually, this will be done through Microsoft TEAMS. Please email me if you are interested in this option or in an executive position for the year.



PoW News Every Wednesday

Once again this year, I will be sending out weekly communication to parents every Wednesday beginning next week with updates related to student learning, health protocols or important DSBN information. Please make sure you add your email address to the verification forms that will be going home early next week in order to receive these updates. Thank you.



PoW Summer Enhancements

We were very fortunate to have a number of enhancements completed over the summer to our school. First, we have expanded our parking lot which should make it easier for parents to find parking before and after school. Also, we are very excited about our Kindergarten outdoor space located in the front of the school. This will allow our Kindergarten students to learn and explore in outdoor play through a variety of engaging activities. A special thank you to our Parent Council and to the DSBN for helping to fund this very worthy project.



DSBN Dress Code

Everyone has their own unique style and aesthetic. We celebrate students' individuality and respect their ability to express themselves.

Our only expectation is that all students come to school dressed appropriately for a learning environment.

When deciding on what clothes your child will wear, we ask that all members of our school community are mindful of:

- Health and safety considerations
- The dignity and well-being of all students and staff (i.e. clothing that is free of inappropriate or discriminatory imagery or wording)



Transportation

We strongly encourage all students to get into their routine right from the first day of school. Please visit www.nsts.ca and sign-in to the secure parent portal to get your child's student transportation information. To sign-in to the portal you will need your child's Ontario Education Number (OEN) which can be found on their report card. **Changes to home, pick-up and/or drop-off addresses must be made through your child's school.** Please contact your school or NSTS if you have questions regarding your child's transportation.



Mental Health & Well-Being

Mental health and well-being is an important factor in student success. Learning to form healthy relationships, maintain physical health, academic engagement, and educational achievement are all impacted by mental health and well-being. Students mental health and well-being is supported in a variety of ways:

- Helping students feel safe and included
- Instilling a sense of belonging and connectedness
- Working with them to feel confident in their identity

To learn more visit: <https://www.dsbns.org/well-being/home>.

Parents should also be aware that Pathstone walk-in clinics are open for either in person or video counselling sessions, free of charge. You can schedule an appointment by calling 1-800-263-4944.



Special Education

Special education supports and programs are responsive to the strengths and needs of each student ensuring a successful learning environment for all. Working together and collaborating with parents as a team to support our students is essential to achieving success. For more information please contact your child's homeroom teacher or Mrs. Dixon, our Learning Resource Teacher.

*Do Your Best, Do What's Right
and Great Things Will Happen!*

