



Prince of Wales School

February 2020 Newsletter

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From the Principal's Desk

Despite the current disagreement between the provincial government and the Teachers' Union, our goal continues to be on teaching and learning in the classroom. I will continue to provide updates to our parent community regarding upcoming events and activities. A newsletter went home last week indicating that unless an agreement is reached, school will be cancelled next Thursday and Friday (February 6th and 7th). As a result, we will be moving Pizza Day from Thursday, February 6th to Wednesday, February 5th.

K-5 classes had an enjoyable time participating in the Rocks and Rings program recently. Students were engaged in the activity and had a blast aiming for the centre of the "house" with their rocks. I'm sure we will be bringing this event back next year.

Pasta Day held last week was a big success as well. Students raved about how tasty the meatballs were and ended the lunch hour with full stomachs. Special thanks to Mrs. Jones for arranging this activity.

Our character trait focus for February will be on responsibility. These important traits will be introduced during our Recognition Assembly on January 31st. Students will be encouraged to demonstrate responsibility and to learn about taking ownership for his/her actions.

Wishing all of our families a wonderful month of February!

Mr. B. Mayhew
Principal



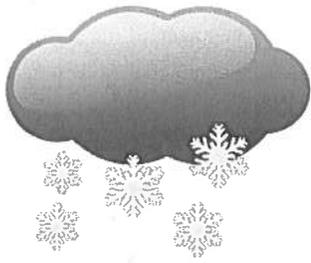
Kindergarten Kickstart

It was wonderful to meet many of our future JK students at our recent Open House. If you have a child who has yet to register, please go to dsbn.org/kindergarten for more information.



Allergies

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.



AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES

There may be times during the school year where inclement weather or other situations could cause transportation cancellations or school closures. At times when student transportation has been cancelled and schools remain open, the decision of whether or not to have children in school on that day rests with the parent/guardian. Should you decide not to send your child to school in the event that transportation is cancelled but schools remain open, or if your child is ill or late, please ensure that you call your child's school to inform them of your child's absence.

A key resource in any emergency is the DSBN Emergency Information form that you filled out at the beginning of the school year. Please let the school know of any changes in contact information or procedures you wish to be followed throughout the school year. Information about transportation cancellations and school closures will be available as soon as it is available through the following channels:

Websites: <http://www.dsbn.org/inclementweather> or www.nsts.ca

Subscription Features: DSBN Facebook or Twitter NSTS Transportation Delay or Cancellation Alerts

Phone: Niagara Student Transportation Services 905-346-0290

Radio Stations: CKTB (610 AM) St. Catharines CHRE (105.7 FM) St. Catharines CHTZ-FM (97.7 FM) St. Catharines CKOC (1150 AM) Niagara CHML GIANT FM (91.7 FM) Welland Y-108(107.9)

Safe Arrival to School

To report an absence please use the Safe Arrival System <https://dsbn.org/safearrival/> or call **1-866-606-5567**.

February Dates to Remember

<i>4th - Grade 8 Grad Photos</i>	<i>6th & 7th - Teacher Job Action (no school for students)</i>	<i>13th - Red and Pink Day</i>
<i>14th - PD Day (no school for students)</i>	<i>17th - Family Day</i>	<i>28th - Recognition Assembly (11:20am)</i>

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

MEMORANDUM

TO: Educational Facilities in the Niagara Region

FROM: Niagara Region Public Health and Emergency Services Infectious Disease program

REFERENCE: Novel Coronavirus (2019 – nCoV) Question & Answer

DATE: January 28, 2020

Niagara Region Public Health and Emergency Services (NRPH&ES) is closely monitoring an outbreak caused by a novel (new) coronavirus first identified in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China. The total number of cases internationally are changing daily.

What is Coronavirus?

- Coronaviruses (CoV) are a large family of viruses that cause illness ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases such as Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS-CoV) and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS-CoV)
- The new (novel) coronavirus is a new virus in this family which we have not previously seen

What is the Risk from the New Coronavirus

- Our assessment, and the consensus of international experts, is that the risk for Canadians is low
- Only those who have travelled to Wuhan City in China are at greater risk
- Canada has no direct flights from Wuhan City in China, and the number of travellers arriving indirectly from Wuhan City in China is low
- If you **have travelled to Wuhan City in China in the past 14 days and have recently developed respiratory symptoms**, avoid contact with others and contact your health care professional immediately. **Call ahead to allow health care staff to take appropriate precautions.**

What is the Severity of the New Coronavirus?

- Across the globe, we are seeing the majority of cases having mild to moderate illness
- Elderly people and those with underlying medical conditions are often experiencing more severe illness

What is being done locally to protect from this New Coronavirus?

- NRPH&ES is closely monitoring the evolving Novel Coronavirus outbreak in east Asia, and the developments in North America
- NRPH&ES is actively collaborating with local hospitals, primary care, emergency services, the Ministry of Health, Public Health Ontario, and other provincial and federal partners to protect Niagara residents

What Are the Symptoms of New Coronavirus?

- Common signs of infection include respiratory symptoms, fever, cough, shortness of breath and difficulty breathing

- In more severe cases, infection can cause pneumonia, and rarely, death

How Can I Prevent Becoming Ill?

- Wash your hands often
- Avoid contact with persons who are sick
- Practice proper cough and sneeze etiquette
- Keep your distance from people who are sick

How is the New Coronavirus Transmitted?

- The virus transmits from person to person through coughing and sneezing, just like the common cold or flu

What Travel Precautions Should I Take?

- If you are planning to travel you should consult the [Health Canada Advisory](#)
- Canadians should always tell their health care providers about their travel if they become ill after returning to Canada

What Airport Screening Protocols Have Been Implemented?

- Canada has a number of standard border measures in place to prevent the entry of infectious diseases in Canada
- All international travelers arriving in Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver international airports will be asked additional screening questions to determine if they have visited Wuhan City in China
- Those experiencing flu-like symptoms will be referred to the public health agency's quarantine officer

Is There a Vaccine That Protects Against Coronaviruses in Humans?

- Currently, there is no vaccine that protects against coronaviruses in humans

For further information, please go to www.niagararegion.ca/health or contact Niagara Region Public Health & Emergency Services, Infectious Disease program at **1-888-505-6074 or 905-688-8248 ext. 7330**