



THE FERNDALE FLASH



From your Admin...

June 2020

From the Principal's Desk,

It is hard to believe that this is our last newsletter of the 2019-2020 school year.

I would like to thank all of the staff, students and parents for making Ferndale such a great place to work and learn. Although the last few months are not what I had envisioned the school year to look like when we welcomed students to school last September, I feel that we can still reflect and find many positives to look back on. I couldn't ask for a better community to support and be supported by. We all have appreciated your patience and commitment as we navigated teaching a "new" world!

As June draws to a close, we celebrate all of our students' achievements! A special Congratulations to all of our Grade 8 Graduates. I wish them all the best as they move on to high school!

In light of the continuing uncertainty about public health risks, the Ministry has asked school boards to prepare for three possible structures including normal school day with enhanced public health protocols, modified school day based on smaller classes, and at-home learning. As the situation unfolds, DSBN and school websites will continually be updated over the summer. Detailed communication to families will be forthcoming in August. Parents/guardians are asked to please make sure we have your most up-to-date contact information (phone numbers, email) to ensure you receive updates regarding the 2020-21 school year in a timely fashion.

Even though the summer will begin next week, we are not going anywhere. Please never hesitate to reach out via email, fer@dsbn.org or phone 905-684-1101, should you have any questions or concerns over the summer months. I check the school email and voicemail regularly.

On behalf of the Ferndale staff, we wish you a safe and happy summer!

Sincerely,

Danielle Mikolic
Principal

FROM THE OFFICE

We will be using School Cash Online for ALL PAYMENTS and various forms and permission slips for the 2020-2021 school year. If you have not already done so, please register at <https://www.dsbni.org/schoolcash/> and add your student. Please see page 3 for additional information.

For 2020/2021 student class placement, parent(s)/guardian(s) will receive an email with school information including which class they will be in and who the students teacher will be. Please make sure the school has a current email address on file for the student. If you need to change or add an email address please contact the office at fer@dsbn.org.

The first day of school for the 2020/2021 school year is Tuesday, September 8th 2020. Have a fabulous summer!

Grade 8 Community Involvement Hours

Community Involvement Hours for Graduating Grade 8 students Summer 2020

The District School Board of Niagara encourages all students to explore a wide variety of community experiences and activities in order to develop an understanding of the various roles they can play in their community and to help them develop a greater sense of belonging within their community. As part of the Ontario secondary school diploma requirements, every student is required to complete a minimum 40 hours of community involvement. These activities may be completed at any time starting the summer before a student enters Grade 9 and after reviewing the expectations and regulations. Students are encouraged to complete their hours early in their high school career.

For more information on the process of earning community involvement hours, examples of eligible activities and a list of resources to help find suitable opportunities in the community use the following link OR visit your future DSBN secondary school website. [DSBN Community Involvement Hours](#)

FAREWELLS AND WELCOMES

We would like to take this time to say farewell to Ms Tabbert, Ms Petro, Ms Robins, Ms K Burton, Ms Campbell, Ms Town and Ms Kaufman. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to the Ferndale students, school and community. You will be greatly missed by Ferndale staff and students, we know you will do amazing things at your new schools.

We would also like to take this time to welcome Ms Little, Ms Hogan, Ms Madill and Ms DeGroot who will be joining the Ferndale Falcons Family this coming September.

2020 eLearning Summer School

Thank you to all those families who applied to the DSBN Virtual Summer Learning K – 5 program. Each family will receive a confirmation email next week with all the details about the program for their child/children.

We would like to take this opportunity to inform you of various programs offered by the DSBN during the summer. Programs such as Super in 7 and GR8 in 8, are programs that are a great opportunity for students going into grades 7 or 8, to help improve their math and language skills. Reach Ahead gives Grade 7 & Grade 8 students the opportunity to earn credits early at a High School in their community. Courses are available in Physical and Health Education, Fitness, Integrated Arts, Robotics and Civics/Careers. High School Head Start helps students going into grade 9 get ready for their first year of secondary school. Students will gain organizational and time management skills, develop language and math skills and increase their confidence in preparation for Grade 9. For further information or to register for any of the offered programs, please visit, <https://dsbn.org/programs-services/lifetime-learning/EarnCredits/SummerPrograms>

Special Education Summer Learning

Special Education Summer Learning Opportunities PLEASE REGISTER BY JULY 1st, 2020

<https://dsbn.org/programs-services/special-education/summer-learning>

2020 2021 New School Registrations

If you know of any school age children that live in the Ferndale boundary and will be starting school in September that have not yet registered, please let them know that the DSBN now offers online registration for JK/SK students at, <https://dsbn.org/earlylearners/registration> To register students that will be starting in grade 1—8 please complete the registration form located at, <https://www.dsbn.org/docs/default-source/default-document-library/studentregistrationform.pdf> and email it back to the school at, fer@dsbn.org.

Nutrition Program

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the corporations and volunteers that help make our nutrition program possible, without them we would not be able to assist the children and families in our community. In particular Niagara Nutrition Partners for all their generous donations and Ms Wing for running our nutrition programs. For the 2020—2021 school year the breakfast program will run from 8:30 AM to 8:50 AM. Please note students should not arrive at school before 8:35 AM as there is no staff supervision for students before that; unless they will be attending the breakfast program which is supervised by volunteers and starts at 8:30 AM.

School Cash Online

We will be using SchoolCash Online for all payments and various forms and permission slips for the 2020/2021 school year. If you have not already done so please go to, <https://www.dsbn.org/schoolcash/> to register, or go directly to our website <https://ferndale.dsbn.org/>

1. Click on the Cash Online icon on the top right hand corner
2. Create a profile for yourself (Parent/ Guardian)
3. Attach your student(s) to your profile (date of birth & legal name required).

Once you have registered, you will receive email notifications for items that are available for you to purchase (ie. Trips, pizza etc) and reminders when the item is about to expire. If you are new to Ferndale coming from another DSBN school, your previous login information is still valid. If you are new to school, have not previously signed up or are coming from another board you will be required to register. If you require any assistance please contact Ms Rees or Ms Janzen in the main office.