



Principal:

Mr. B. Hadfield

Vice-Principal

Mrs. D. Mikolic

Secretaries:

Mrs. C. Rees-Nelles

Mrs. V. Janzen

UPCOMING DATES

Return to School	JAN 7
School Council Meeting @ 3:30	JAN 15
Intermediate Assembly @ 2:20	JAN 17
PD DAY	JAN 18
Primary/Junior Assembly @	FEB 1

The Ferndale Flash



From your Admin...

January 2019

From the Principal's Desk

Happy New Year! I hope that everyone has enjoyed a restful holiday season and is feeling energized to move forward in 2019. It is a good time to reflect, celebrate our accomplishments, make resolutions and set goals for a great year ahead.

I just want to thank the Ferndale community for their generosity in supporting our families in need throughout the month of December. Many of you have donated time, money and some much-needed household items to help our families this holiday season. Your efforts and good citizenship are exemplary, and our families in need are very appreciative.

With only a month left in our first term, teachers are busy gathering data and preparing our first term report cards. It's a great time to talk with your child about their schoolwork and to discuss their strengths and areas for improvement. As always, we encourage you to contact our teachers if you wish to discuss your child's progress in more detail.

B. Hadfield
Principal

FALCONS HELPING FALCONS

We would like to send out a big thank you to all that had contributed food, clothing and toy donations! With the amazing amount of donations, in the month of November we had donated 179 pounds of food to Community Care and we were able to assist many Ferndale Community families that were in need this holiday season. Way to go Ferndale! Thank you for your incredible generosity and helping teach Ferndale students the importance of helping others. Thank you for making a difference.



INCLEMENT WEATHER

There may be times during the school year where inclement weather or other situations could cause transportation cancellations or school closures.

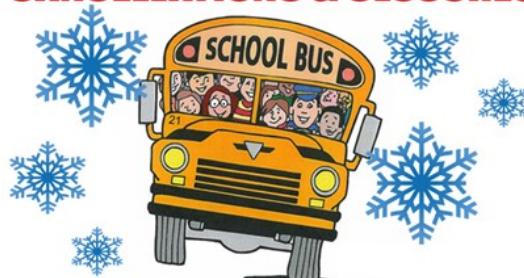
At times when students' transportation has been cancelled and schools remain open, the decision on whether or not to have children on that day rests with the parent or guardian.

Should you decide not to send your child to school in the event that the transportation is cancelled but schools remain open, or if your child is ill or will arrive late, please ensure that you report your child's absence through the Safe Arrival, school messenger reporting service.

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:

CANCELLATIONS & CLOSURES



WEBSITES:

www.dsbn.org
www.nsts.ca

SUBSCRIPTIONS 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
WAVE (94.7) Hamilton

CKOC (1150AM) Hamilton
CHML (900AM) Hamilton
CHAM (820AM) Hamilton
Y-108 (107.9 FM) Hamilton

CHRE (105.7 FM) St Catharines
CHTZ (97.7 FM) St Catharines

CKEY (105.1 FM) Niagara Falls/Fort Erie
K-LITE-FM (102.9 FM) Hamilton
GIANT FM (91.7 FM) WELLAND

TELEVISION STATIONS:

CH - Hamilton
CityTV Breakfast Television
CTV Toronto
Cogeco Channel 10

SAFE ARRIVAL SCHOOL MESSENGER

To enhance our existing absence-checking procedure, we have a more efficient student absence reporting system called **SafeArrival**. Thank you to all of the parents and guardians that have been using the Safe Arrival reporting system to report your child's attendance. This new system will reduce the time it takes to verify student attendance, make it easy for you to report your child's absence and easy for staff to respond to unexplained student absences.

With SafeArrival, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using any of these 3 convenient methods:



1. Using your mobile device, download and install the **SchoolMessenger app** from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>). The first time you use the app, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.
2. Use the **SafeArrival website**, at <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>. The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.
3. Call the toll-free number **1-866-606-5567** to report an absence using the automated phone system.

These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. ***Future absences can be reported at any time.***

This information is always available on our school website, under 'Report Absence'

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

School Cash Online

Paying school items just got easier!
Sign up to get started today.

What is School Cash Online?
School Cash Online is an easy to use, safe way to pay for your children's school fees.

Get Started Today Sign Into Your Account

A yellow arrow points to the "Get Started Today" button.

We will be using School Cash Online for ALL payments this year. 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.

Go directly to the website <http://ferndale.dsbn.org> (or hold ctrl and click on the link)

1. Click on the Cash Online icon on the top right hand corner (Please note: Internet Explorer is the most effective internet browser for Cash Online). 2. Create a profile for yourself (Parent/ Guardian). 3. Attach your student(s) to your profile (date of birth & legal name required). If you need any assistance or internet access please see Ms. Rees or Mrs. Janzen in the main office.

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Once the protective surface on the playgrounds becomes frozen, both playgrounds will be closed for the winter to ensure the safety of our students. Thanks for your cooperation in helping all our kids stay safe by reinforcing this before/after school hours as well.



PLAYING OUTSIDE EVERY DAY



Each and every day, unless there is a severe winter weather alert, we will endeavor to get our students outside to play and get some fresh air. Children need 60 minutes a day of physical activity, and there is no better way to keep them active through the winter than by getting outside. Please send your child with appropriate warm winter gear. Hats are essential for warmth and when dressed properly, kids can really enjoy our Canadian winter and have fun! While not at school, try skating, hiking, building a snowman or go tobogganing.

SNOW POLICY

Now that the kids are dressed warm, Ferndale's policy with respect to snow is "**Please leave it on the ground**". To ensure the safety of students on our playground during the winter months, it is necessary for us to ban the throwing/kicking of snow/ice, sliding on ice, as well as the use of the playground equipment. Children are also not permitted to slide on the ice for their safety. Children who are unsafe with the snow and ice will be temporarily removed from recess, and if further infractions occur, they will have an office detention, followed by calls home and if necessary, even a potential suspension for repeated infractions. The students are constantly reminded of our snow rules. We just want to make sure that everyone is safe. After school, kindly keep your children off of the equipment as well for their safety, as even if there is no snow on the equipment, the ground is frozen which no longer allows for the proper cushion should a child fall. Children will be notified when the equipment is safe to play on again.



INDOOR SHOES



Just a reminder that with the cold, wet weather it is recommended that students keep a pair of indoor shoes to wear in the classroom and during physical education. This is a safety issue as well as helps keep our school clean and tidy. Thank you

INDIGENOUS EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

On behalf of the District School Board of Niagara, parents are invited to attend the 2018-2019 Indigenous Education Advisory Council (IEAC). If parents are interested, please email indigenous@dsbn.org. Meeting dates are provided below.

November 15, 2018	12:00 - 3:30 p.m.	District School Board of Niagara
January 24, 2019	12:00 - 3:30 p.m.	Niagara Regional Native Centre
April 18, 2019	12:00 - 3:30 p.m.	Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre
June 6, 2019	12:00 - 3:30 p.m.	Métis Nation of Ontario, Thorold

KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE

 **SAVE THE DATE FOR
KINDERGARTEN
KICKSTART
AT THE DSBN**

See a Kindergarten classroom

Meet the Kindergarten Team

Register for school

Get a fun goodie bag with learning resources



**NEW THIS YEAR!
REGISTER ONLINE
DETAILS COMING SOON**



Thursday, January 31, 2019 • 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

FRENCH IMMERSION

Parents and Guardians of Senior Kindergarten students interested in attending French Immersion in Grade 1, next September are invited to attend an information session at Jeanne Sauve Public School, located at 91 Bunting Road, St. Catharines on Wednesday, January 9th from 6:00 - 7:00 PM.

For more information please visit:

<https://www.dsbn.org/programs-services/french-immersion/home>

Online registration begins January 7th and closes on February 19th through the DSBN website: <https://fiapplication.dsbn.org/>



DSBN ACADEMY



DSBN Academy is a grade 6 to 12 program designed to prepare and successfully transition students to post-secondary school, with a focus on students who will be the first in their families to graduate from college or university. Eligible students across Niagara may apply to DSBN Academy.

For more information, please visit, <http://academy.dsbn.org/admissions>

Application deadline is Friday February 1st 2019, applications are available online at, <http://academy.dsbn.org/home> (Applications once completed must be returned to Ferndale)

IMMUNIZATION RECORDS

Is Your Child's Vaccination Record Up to Date?

The *Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA), Amending Reg. 645 of R.R.O. 1990*, requires Public Health to collect and maintain immunization records for all school-aged children in Niagara. At the beginning of December 2018, letters were mailed to parents/legal guardians of elementary and secondary school students who have **incomplete immunization records on file at Public Health**.

If you received this **Immunization Notice** in the mail please ensure that you provide the required immunization information to Public Health in order to avoid suspension from school. Suspension will take effect in March 2019. If you have any questions or concerns, we encourage you to call the Vaccine Preventable Disease program at **1-888-505-6074 or 905-688-8248 ext. 7425** Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For more information please visit,
<https://www.niagararegion.ca/health/vaccinations/children/records.aspx>

To report a vaccination online please visit,
<https://www.niagararegion.ca/health/vaccinations/children/records.aspx>



ME TO WE

Me to We Club Food & Gift Drive

Great job Ferndale! Not only did we reach our goal of 500 items; we exceeded it! Ferndale staff, students and their families collectively brought in over 1300 items for St. Catharines and Thorold Community Care and some local families in need. *Me to We Club* would like to thank everyone for their support and enthusiasm during the drive. It was a great success!

Each class did a great job. Here are the top 5 classes. Each of these classes received a medal for their classroom from *Me to We Club* for their outstanding job.

Class Results

- 75 Items: 5th place - Mrs. Osowiec and Mrs. Robins' Class (KO)
- 82 Items: 4th place - Mrs. Meger's Class (5M)
- 85 Items: 3rd place - Mrs. K Burton's Class (4B)
- 266 Items: 2nd place - Mr. Snider's Class (4/5S)
- 272 Items: 1st place - Ms. Richards' Class (7R)

Stay tuned for more exciting events from Ferndale's Me to We Club in 2019!



FERNDALE HIGHLIGHTS

