



The Ferndale Flash



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From your Admin...

January 2020

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 2020. 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.

D. Mikolic
Principal

UPCOMING DATES

Return to School	JAN 6
School Council Meeting @ 3:30	JAN 14
PD DAY	JAN 17
Primary Assembly @ 9:00 am	FEB 3

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 400 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. We would also like to thank a past Ferndale Falcon who had graciously donated a full holiday dinner, food and household items to a few of our Ferndale families.



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:

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

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

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

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

CANCELLATIONS & CLOSURES



SAFE ARRIVAL SCHOOL MESSENGER

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.

A banner for School Cash Online. It features a dark grey background with a yellow arrow pointing to the 'Get Started Today' button. The text reads: 'What is School Cash Online? School Cash Online is an easy to use, safe way to pay for your children's school fees.' To the right of the text is an image of a pair of orange sneakers. Below the text are two buttons: 'Get Started Today' and 'Sign Into Your Account'.

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.dsb.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 re-moved 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

WHEN TO KEEP YOUR CHILD AT HOME?

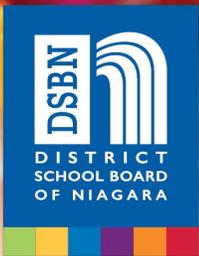
Please keep your child at home and away from others if she or he has any of these symptoms:

- *Fever
- *Diarrhea
- *Vomiting
- *Rash
- *Frequent coughing or sneezing
- *Yellow or green discharge from the nose, ears, or eyes
- *Sore throat

Contact your family doctor for advice about care and treatment. For more information, talk to your school nurse or go to www.niagararegion.ca/health



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



**REGISTER
ONLINE!**

DSBN.ORG/KINDERGARTEN



Thursday, January 30, 2020 • 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 Thursday, January 9th from 6:00 - 7:00 PM.

For more information please visit:

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

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



DSBN ACADEMY



DSBN
Academy

ACHIEVEMENT THROUGH OPPORTUNITY

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 DSBM Academy.

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

Application deadline is Friday February 14th 2020, applications are available online at, <http://academy.dsbm.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 24th 2020. 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>



ECO CLUB

This December Eco Club challenged all the classes to decorate their door for the holidays. The doors were judged based on being eco friendly, student created and holiday themed. On Friday, December 13th the doors were judged. The judges said it was really hard to pick a door because they were all so wonderful. The winning classes were Mrs. Nash's grade 6 class and Mr. Snider's grade 5 class. They won a class pizza party! Thank you everyone for participating.

Love, Eco Club
Written by the Eco Club member: Caitlyn K



RANKIN RUN



SAVE THE DATE!!! Ferndale School will once again be participating in the 15th anniversary of the Rankin Cancer Run on Saturday, May 23, 2020 and looking for students and families to join us. The Ferndale Falcons team will be online (www.rankincancerrun.com) in the new year and ready for your registration. Thank you for your continued support of this incredible and powerful local event. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Nash at the school.

FOREST OF READING

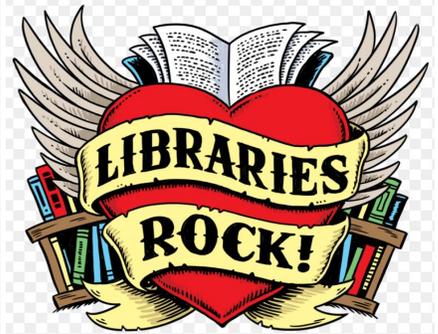
Once again, Ferndale is pleased to make available the Forest of Reading program for our students, beginning officially in January, 2020. Mrs. Freure and Mrs. Nash will be organizing the Red Maple (fiction for grades 7 and 8) and Silver Birch (fiction for grades 5 and 6) clubs, along with the new club Yellow Cedar (non-fiction for grades 5 to 8). Mrs. Mason will share the Blue Spruce titles with the younger grades. More information to follow in early January! Check out the Canadian authors and titles here: <https://canlitforlittlecanadians.blogspot.com/2019/10/2020-forest-of-reading-nominated-titles.html>



WHITE GLOVE AWARD

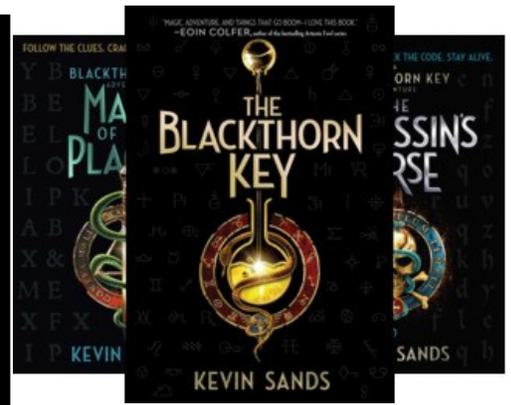
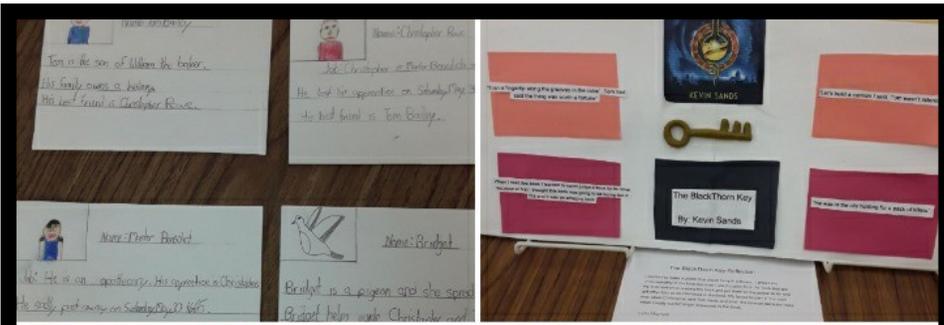


Congratulations to Ms Tabbert and Ms K Burton's grade 4 class for winning the white Glove Award. This award is presented by our caretaking staff to the class that has remained clean and tidy. Congratulations!!!



A wonderful day for grade 6 and grade 1 to learn about their community! Public transit, public library and farmer's market.

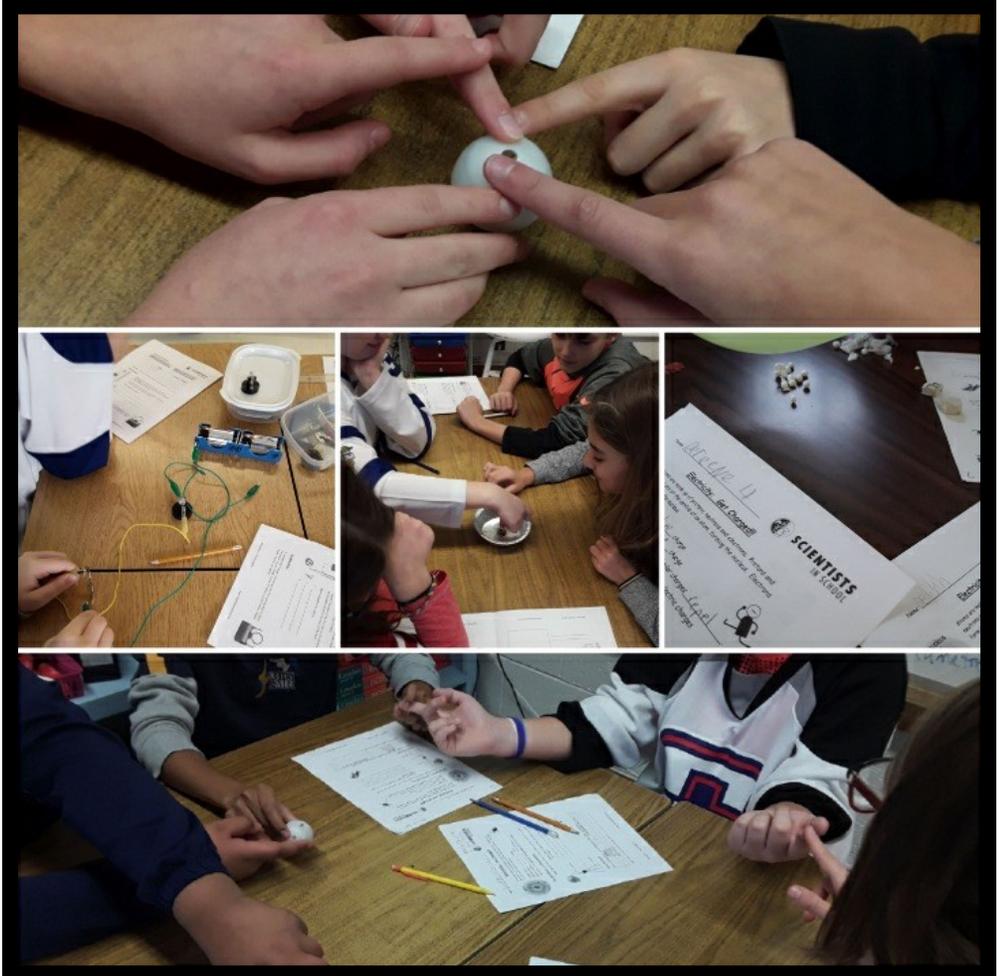




Celebrating The Blackthorn Key with Scientists In Schools



Getting charged with Scientist in Schools



FROM 6N



Scientists Lianne and Kay came to our class to talk and show us some really cool experiments! Hey Ferndale Falcons did you know Mrs.Nash's grade 6 class had an amazing presentation about electricity? - Keira H.

One of my favourite experiments was when we had a heavy ping ball that had metal on it and we would all hold hands and the ball would make noise and light up.I was an amazing chance to learn about electricity and 6.N wants to say thank you to Scientist.Lianne and Scientist.Key - Addison H.



Mrs. Mason, our choir teacher, gave the choir a great opportunity to go to the Pen Center and sing. We sang "Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree", "Feliz Navidad", "Deck the Halls" and "Walking in a Winter Wonderland". After we were done we got gift cards to the Pen centre for all our hard work. We all really enjoyed it but we enjoyed spreading our holiday cheer more. By Rachel M.



This month is the month where volleyball begins! On this team this year we have Hayleigh, Chase, Easton, Taylor, Daniel, Stefan, Sopie, Trinity. We played 5 games in total, going to Westdale once, and Connaught once, and the rest of the games we stayed at Ferndale. Even though we tried to play, we still lost most games, but played pretty well. We practiced quite a lot in a week, and played games on Mondays and Wednesdays. Even though it was tough, it was fun! By Sopie N.

We only had 3 girls on the team so they were on the floor the whole time. Our coaches were Mrs. Nash and Mrs. Burton and they did a great job coaching the team.We started off not that good but they helped us improve a lot. By Taylor H.



Hello Ferndale Falcons! Today I'm going to talk about the grade 6's field trip to the Central library and the Market along with their buddies, the grade 1's. The trip was on Dec 10th and it was REALLY fun! We took a CITY BUS to the library! When we arrived at the Central library, we sat in a room with 2 librarians named Sam and Diana. They informed us of some library rules, then we had to split up into 2 groups, grade 6's with Diana and grade 1's with Sam for a tour of the library. Diana showed the grade 6's both upstairs and downstairs of the library.

She also showed us things around the library like desks, computers, a history room with old maps and books, and more. After the tour, the students got to explore the library and the grade 6's were allowed to take out books! After about 30 minutes or an hour, we walked to the Market which was around the corner from the street. When we arrived inside the Market, we were told to sit down in a large square at the corner of the Market. When we all sat down, the teachers Mrs. Nash and Ms. Bezotosny offered everybody some apple cider, which was delicious. After everyone got some, the students were allowed to go to the stands and buy a few things for themselves. The most popular stand was a stand called Canalside Soda. Almost everyone in my class bought soda from there, the most popular soda was Orange Cream. Finally, we went back on the City bus and arrived at school. I really enjoyed our trip to the Central library and the Market and I hope we go there again! By Aisha E.



FROM 6N

Quotable Quotes

"Within minutes, the public bus arrived (personally, me writing this i've never been on one before, so I was nervous). Everyone hopped on and it was packed! The grade ones had to sit down while the grade 6's sat or stood up. There was 2-3 people on the bus already but they were squished in the back. I felt bad for them."

By Autumn T.

"After getting an amazing tour of the big library, we headed to the market, there was the usual market stuff, like apple cider, and cheese, but there was one stand that stood out. It was a drink stand, to be honest, it was the most delicious pop I've had. After that, we waited for the public bus, but this time, going back to Ferndale, we had an empty bus, all for us it kind of felt like a limo but bigger."

By Delilah M.

"When we left the library we went across the street to the market. The people there were so amazing and a person named Joe gave us some free apples and we bought from him apple cider. Some people buy some items, there was jewelry, food and drinks. All the grade 6 and 1's loved the trip and some might go in our Christmas break."

By Hayleigh F

"Before the students in grade 6 got to sit down we needed to make sure all of the grade 1s were sitting. I got to stand which was pretty cool." "After that we got to do a book search, i got two cook-books and my dad got a football book."

By Sydona B.

"The Central Library is a much bigger than the Merit branch library because they need more space for all the books."

By Taylor H.



**TRY TO BE A RAINBOW IN
SOMEONE'S CLOUD.**

FROM 1B & 1/2M

