



The Ferndale Flash



Principal:

Mrs. D. Mikolic

Vice-Principal

Mrs. J. Wittig

Secretaries:

Mrs. C. Rees-Nelles

Mrs. V. Janzen

**UPCOMING
DATES**

Primary Recognition Assembly	NOV 4
Grade 8 Day at Thorold Secondary	NOV 6
Remembrance Day Assembly	NOV 11
Parent Teacher Interviews	NOV 11 to 14
PD DAY (No School)	NOV 15
Junior Shout Out Assembly	NOV 18
School Council Meeting	NOV 19
Community Agency Night	NOV 21
Ferndale Craft Show	NOV 23
Thorold Secondary Open House	NOV 25
Grade 7 Immunization	NOV 27

From your Admin...

November 2019

As we enter the month of November, the school year is now in full swing. Progress Reports are out and this is a great time of year for parents to discuss next steps with their children. If you have questions about what can be done at home to support your child's continued progress, please discuss your concerns with your child's teacher. Parent-teacher conferences can be booked on-line this year. If you require an alternate meeting time for the parent-teacher conference, we will do our best to accommodate your schedule. It is important for parents to have the opportunity to discuss their child's progress and plans for further growth.

I would like to thank those parents who are volunteering their time to support our school programs. Whether you are on school council, helping out in the classroom, serving in our breakfast club, or driving students to various events, we are very thankful that you are here to help get the job done. Please join us for our next community event, the 5th Annual Craft Show, scheduled for Saturday November 23. It's a great opportunity to get into the holiday spirit and support local vendors. Once again, a special thank-you to our parent council for organizing another great community event!

D. Mikolic, Principal

Professional Activity Day

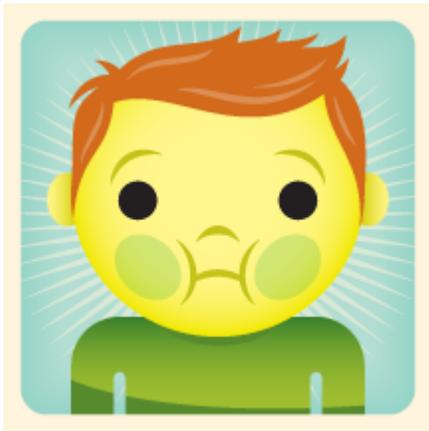
A professional activity day is scheduled for Friday, November 15th. Students will not attend school on Friday November 15th 2019. Students will return to school on Monday November 18th. Staff will be working hard on School Improvement Planning. We wish everyone an excellent long weekend!

FERNDALE BREAKFAST PROGRAM

We welcome a breakfast program at Ferndale five days a week! Volunteers run the program in the morning and it is open to all students in grade 1-8 starting at 8:30 AM. Any students needing additional food to start their day are most welcome to join us! Please just have them come through the back doors and head to the breakfast club room. We offer things such as fruit, yogurt, granola bars and even sometimes eggs and pancakes. We serve 3 food groups every morning and follow a series of nutritional guidelines.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact the school.

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

ATTENDANCE, APPOINTMENTS, EARLY DISMISSAL

Thank you to everyone who has been using the Safe Arrival System before 9:00 AM to report absences and lates for their children. It is very helpful to Ms Rees and Mrs. Janzen, saving them huge amounts of time doing attendance and call back procedures. ***Please note that the Safe Arrival System is available 24 hours a day / 7 days a week for your convenience to report your child's absence.***

Also we strongly encourage you to ***please use your child's agenda*** to communicate appointments, early dismissal or alternate arrangements with your child's teacher instead of calling the school, whenever possible.

If an unforeseen circumstance comes up and alternate end of the day arrangement needs to be communicated to your child, please try to ***call the school before 2:30 PM.*** This allows the office staff enough time to locate and communicate to your child in a timely fashion.

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 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 or 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.

For secondary schools it may become necessary to cancel late buses. Notice will be provided via school announcements and on the websites and subscription features by 11:30 a.m.

Information about transportation cancellations and school closures will be available as soon as it is available through the following channels:

Websites:

www.dsbns.org
www.nsts.ca

Subscription Features:

DSBN Facebook or Twitter
NSTS Transportation Delay or Cancellation Alerts

Phone:

Niagara Student Transportation Services 905-346-0290 Voice Auto Attendant

Radio Stations:

CKTB (610 AM) St. Catharines
WAVE (94.7 FM) Hamilton
CKOC (1150 AM) Hamilton
CHML (900 AM) Hamilton
CHAM (820 AM) Hamilton
Y-108(107.9) Hamilton

CHRE (105.7 FM) St. Catharines
CHTZ-FM (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

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

At DSBN High Schools, Students Are The Stars!

November 25-28, 2019

See all the opportunities schools offer to help students achieve success and #Instafame.

See you on the red carpet!

Grade 8 Students and Parents: Mark Your Calendars!

Starting high school is a huge step in a student's life.

While it's definitely an exciting time, it also brings with it many questions, such as "What's life in high school really like? What programs and options are available to help me achieve my goals?"

A great way to have your questions answered is to attend an open house. Grade 8 students and their families are invited to attend High School Open Houses from November 25 to November 28.

THOROLD SECONDARY
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 25TH 2019

6:00 PM



GRADE 8 DAY AT THOROLD SECONDARY

Thorold Secondary School welcome Grade 8 students!

November 6th - Grade 8's visit Thorold Secondary School

*Experience high school for a day

*Participate in activities presented by staff and students





MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

A.N. MYER
Nov. 28 | 6:00 pm

BEAMSVILLE
Nov. 27 | 6:00 pm

E.L. CROSSLEY
Nov. 26 | 6:00 pm

EASTDALE
Nov. 28 | 6:00 pm

EDEN
Nov. 28 | 6:30 pm

**GREATER
FORT ERIE**
Nov. 28 | 6:00 pm

GRIMSBY
Nov. 26 | 6:00 pm

GOVERNOR SIMCOE
Nov. 26 | 6:00 pm

LAURA SECORD
Nov. 27 | 6:00 pm

PORT COLBORNE
Nov. 27 | 6:00 pm

**SIR WINSTON
CHURCHILL**
Nov. 25 | 6:00 pm

**ST. CATHARINES
COLLEGIATE**
Nov. 26 | 6:00 pm

STAMFORD
Nov. 26 | 6:00 pm

THOROLD
Nov. 25 | 6:00 pm

WESTLANE
Nov. 25 | 6:00 pm

**WELLAND
CENTENNIAL**
Nov. 28 | 6:00 pm

dsbn.org/highschoolopenhouses

TOONIE TUESDAY

The Grade 8's will be running Toonie Tuesday's every Tuesday. The Ferndale student community from K-8 will be able to purchase an additional healthy snack that could include; baked chips, popcorn, cookies, and other fun healthy options. The Grade 8 students will be setting up a concession stand outside of the gymnasium during both first and second breaks. The cost for all items is...a Toonie.

REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY



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Lest We Forget

On Monday, November 11th, Ferndale students will be honouring the men and women who served and sacrificed for our country with a Remembrance Day Assembly. The assembly will begin at 9:40am in the gym. Anyone in our Ferndale community is most welcomed to join us for our assembly.

ECO CLUB

Eco club has signed up for the Ontario Schools Battery Recycling Challenge (OSBRC). The OSBRC is a recycling competition between 200 elementary and secondary schools across Ontario. Since 2014, OSBRC schools have recycled more than 8 million single-use batteries. The OSBRC prize pool has paid out more than \$80,000 to winning schools every year, 10% is donated to the SickKids Children's Hospital.

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WHAT KINDS OF
GROUPS, TEAMS
AND ACTIVITIES
DOES TSS HAVE?

WHAT
PROGRAMS AND
OPTIONS ARE
AVAILABLE?

WHAT'S LIFE
IN HIGH
SCHOOL
REALLY LIKE?

A great way to have your questions answered is to attend our Open House.

Grade 8 students and their families are invited to attend Thorold Secondary School:

Monday, November 25th, 2019

6:30 p.m.

Find out everything you need to know about being a Golden Eagle!



Can your child benefit from reading or math support?

Winter 2020 Programs: January 27th - April 2nd

*Excluding Feb. 17th-21st and Mar. 16th-20th

*Locations subject to change

Reading Rocks Jr.

Small-group early literacy intervention program
ELKP - Grade 1

St. Catharines
Harriet Tubman School
Tuesdays & Thursdays
6:00 - 7:00pm

Fonthill
St. Alexander School
Mondays & Wednesdays
6:00-7:00pm

Niagara Falls
Forestview School
Tuesdays & Thursdays
6:00-7:00pm

Niagara Falls
Father Hennepin School
Mondays & Wednesdays
6:00-7:00pm

Fort Erie
St. Josephs School
Mondays & Wednesday
6:00-7:00pm

Let's R.E.A.D.

Small-group reading support program
Grades 2 - 4

St. Catharines
Harriet Tubman School
Tuesdays & Thursdays
6:00 - 7:00pm

Port Colborne
St. Therese
Mondays & Wednesdays
6:00-7:00pm

Niagara Falls
Forestview School
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Fort Erie
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6:00-7:00pm

Reading Rocks

One-on-one literacy-based tutoring program
Grades 2 - 10

St. Catharines
Brock University
Mondays & Wednesdays
6:00 - 7:00pm

St. Catharines
Brock University
Tuesdays & Thursdays
6:00 - 7:00pm

Welland
Alexander Kuska School
Tuesdays & Thursdays
6:00-7:00pm

Beamsville
Jacob Beam Public School
Tuesdays & Thursdays
6:00-7:00pm

NEW! JUMP Math

One-on-one numeracy tutoring program
Grades 1 - 8

St. Catharines
Sir Winston Churchill High School
Mondays and Wednesdays
6:00 - 7:00pm

Welland
Centennial High School
Tuesdays and Thursdays
6:00 - 7:00pm

B.E.S.T.

Small-group self-advocacy & coping skills program
Grades 3 - 5

St. Catharines
Harriet Tubman School
Wednesdays: 6:00 - 7:30pm

Questions? Call our office at (905) 641-1021 or email
info@ldaniagara.org

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Applications open
November 25th
at 6:00 am
LDANIagara.org



FERNDALE ANNUAL VENDOR FAIR

Ferndale's Parent Council have been working very hard getting prepared for the annual Vendor Fair, which is being held here at Ferndale School on Saturday November 23rd 2019 from 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM. Admission to the vendor fair is a non-perishable food item. Please support your school and stop by to see all the wonderful items and services being offered.

DSBN ACADEMY PARENT INFO SESSION

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DATE	WHERE	TIME
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25 TH , 2019	PEACE BRIDGE P.S. - FORT ERIE	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26 TH , 2019	VALLEYWAY P.S. - NIAGARA FALLS	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
MONDAY, DECEMBER 2 ND , 2019	DIAMOND TRAIL P.S. - WELLAND	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
TUESDAY DECEMBER 3 RD , 2019	PLYMOUTH P.S. - WELLAND	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
MONDAY, DECEMBER 9 TH , 2019	HARRIETTUBMAN P.S. – ST CATHARINES	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10 TH , 2019	SENATOR GIBSON P.S. - BEAMSVILLE	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
MONDAY, DECEMBER 16 TH , 2019	MCKAY P.S. - PORT COLBORNE	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17 TH , 2019	PRINCESS MARGARET P.S. - NIAGARA FALLS	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
OPEN HOUSE		
MONDAY, JANUARY 20 TH , 2020	DSBN ACADEMY – ST CATHARINES	6:00 PM – 7:30 PM





FOOD FOR FINES

Got Fines? Give Food

November 5 - 30, 2019

Library patrons are invited to bring commercially packaged, unexpired and undamaged boxed or canned non-perishable food items to the Circulation Desk at any library location. Patrons can have up to \$50 waived in library fines per library account during this campaign.

How it works:

- 1 donated food item = up to \$5.00 fine waived, 2 donated food items = up to \$10.00 fine waived etc.
- Non-nutritional food items such as candy bars, soda and ramen will not be accepted. Please refer to Community Care's "most needed items" list available at the Circulation Desk or on the Library's website.
- The Food for Fines promotion is only applicable towards existing fines. Credit cannot be given for future fines.
- Food collected will be donated to Community Care.
- This campaign does not apply to replacement costs for damaged or lost items, or collection agency fees.

Reduce your overdue fines and help your community!

For more information please call 905-688-6103 Ext. 210.

SOCKTOBER



Socktober was a huge success and everyone in the Me to We club

is proud to say that the Ferndale community is amazing and generous. We collected 346 socks, mits and scarves for homeless people.

Me to We will give all the collected items to Salvation Army, Southridge shelter and St.Alfred's. The winning class with 85 items donated is Mr.Snider's, a close second is Mrs.Walton's class with 66 items and Mrs.Campbell's class taking third place with 60 donations. Thank you Ferndale families!

Learning Disabilities Association of Niagara

The Learning Disabilities Association of Niagara offers programs for literacy, mathematics and Social Skills.

Winter 2020 Registration opens November 25, 2019 at 6:00 a.m. Programs fill up fast, so register early.

For more information go to:

ldaniagara.org/programs

To register go to:

ldniagara.org/programs/program-application-form/

FROM 6N

STUDENT VOTE

Hello Falcons today we are going to talk about Student Vote! Student Vote is great because it lets kids that are not the legal voting age have a chance to vote and experience what it's like to vote and how to vote! Most schools all around Canada are participating in Student Vote. This program teaches kids about being **an informed voter**. *Being an informed voter means to not just pick anyone but learning about the leaders and about their plans and what they are going to do for Canada. Schools all around the world should have a vote day where we try to replicate the actual voting experience!*

By Keira H. 6N

The Student Vote was really fun and I learned a lot of new things. Did you vote? I learned that voting is very serious and you need to be an informed voter in order to have the candidate you want. Some things I enjoyed about the student vote was that it was like a real vote so it made me feel mature, I also liked how we talked about it for so long, we even talked about it after the Student Vote. This experience has changed my opinion because it made me realize that voting is important and we all need to vote in order to get a good candidate.

By Sydona B. 6N

“quotable quotes”

“...it actually felt like I was truly voting for Canada and that I learned a lot about the politicians that were running for Canada (including the one I wanted to vote for).” Aisha E.

“I learned that being an informed voter truly is important because your vote could change everything.” Callie M.

“I enjoyed voting and knowing ... I can have an opinion on our leader for Canada.” Izzy R.

“One thing that this experience has changed me is that when I turn 18+ I can't wait to go vote because I know what kinds of things I should look in an elections” Daniel N.

“What I did learn is how much you can affect your family's opinion because someone in my family might not have voted but I told him how important it is to vote and on that day he cast his ballot.” Hayleigh F.

CROSS COUNTRY



Our XC team this year did an outstanding job! We took 30 runners to our first and only race. At the DSBN run we took 12 runners from Ferndale to Fireman's Park. To train for this running our Ferndale team ran all around the field every day, plus Run Club. Great job to our top 20 finishes: Portia W. 7th, Layla G. 8th, Cody R. 11th, Abigail B. 16th, Natasha J. 18th and Maddy D. 20th. All of the runners came out of the forest running with all that they had left and had amazing finishes. Also, it was so caring and awesome how much our school cheered each other on. Good job all our Ferndale runners. By Hayleigh F. 6N

FLAG RUGBY

Flag rugby

Hey! Do you know flag rugby is a sport? Let me tell you how to play. So let me tell you about offence. You have the ball and you have to score to make a point and say if you get flagged four times then it's the opponent's ball and now you are on defence. You have to make a wall so they don't get past you and so they don't get a point. Also once you flag them four times it's your ball. Now let me tell you about the rules. Rule number one: kick ball is that if you drop the ball and you kick it forward that's kick ball rule. Number two: running behind so if one of your teammates has the ball and runs behind your teammate then you are ready to catch a pass. Rule number 3: (this one's hard) a forward pass so say if I have the ball and I pass it forwards that's a forward pass and a turnover. One more: you also have shifts in each game and that's how you play the game.

By Stefan A. 6N

Our flag rugby season has begun, October 25th was our first flag rugby tournament. In the games we had played we have lost all games except one, we had tied that one game 6 to 6. Our Ferndale team had a really hard time trying to get to a win. We played 5 games during the day. For our next games we will be hosted on November 6th after school. We will be traveling to Richmond school.

By Sopia N. 6N



GRADE 6 DAY



Hey Falcons today I am going to talk about the grade 6 class field trip to Thorold Secondary School! When we first arrived, we went to the gym and they did a quick announcement then we went to the computer lab for a math quiz. It was challenging and fun! Next, we went to a math class and you had to finish the math questions and get them right to get more gummies and toothpicks. Whoever built the highest tower wins! We had some yummy pizza and then we had art class we made some stamps it awesome! We headed back to the school.

By Keira H. 6N

I had so much fun at TSS, here's what we did. First, we played a math game on the computer it was called Desmos.com it had things like fractions, multiplication and more. It was really fun. Later this school year we're going to play that same game again. After that, we did some more math but it was way different. They gave us 5 jube jubes and some toothpicks and every time you get the right answer to a question you get more jube jubes and toothpicks according to how many it says in the question. Last but not least, we did an art project, it's called printmaking. So you draw anything you want on a piece of paper I drew a popsicle, then you trace it onto a piece of sticky foam paper, and then peel the sticky backing off and put it onto a piece of cardboard and there is this sticky paint like thing and you roll on to the sticky foam and let it dry. I had a really fun day at TSS but I have some questions: what time does their school day start/end? How don't they get lost? Does everyone have to climb all those stairs all the time? I really enjoyed the day we had at TSS and look forward to going again.

By Sydona B. 6N