

THE ACADEMY TIMES

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Spring has arrived and as we all anticipate the warmer weather, great things in education continue to happen at DSBN Academy. Student achievement is at the forefront of everything we do. Teachers continue to work together in professional learning teams to find the best strategies to meet the needs of the students in their classes. Increasing understanding of mathematics instruction, incorporating thinking skills to improve students' ability to make informed decisions, and improving our students' ability to reflect on their learning, needs and progress in all subjects are some of the main goals teachers and students are working on together. We all continue to encourage our students to focus, put forth their best effort and exemplify our CORE values. Parents can help by checking your child's organizer daily, communicating with their teachers if there are any questions, talking with your child when they get home about what questions they asked that day and to have them explain the concepts they learned. The best homework that students can do is daily reading of everything from novels to magazines to newspapers, and review of their lessons from the day by re-teaching someone at home.

What's Happening this Month

- April 3-** Raise the Flag for Autism
- April 4-** Grade 7 & 8 Vaccines
- April 7-** Fancy Alternate Dress Day
- April 10-** Spirit Shirt day
- April 10-** Sec. Badminton Tournament
- April 12-** Sec. Badminton Tournament
- April 14-** Good Friday
- April 17-** Easter Monday
- April 19-** Sec. Badminton Tournament
- April 20-** Sec. Badminton Tournament
- April 21-** Spirit Shirt day
- April 24-** Full School assembly
- April 25-** Sec. Badminton Tournament
- April 25-** Elementary Track & Field
- April 27-** Sec. Semi formal
- April 28-** Semester 2 Mid-term reports issued
- April 28-** Alternate Dress Day

Prom Project 2017

Giving students the opportunity to select formal wear free of charge to attend their proms, grads and formals!

Saturday, April 8th, 2017 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

at:

St. Catharines Collegiate Secondary School

Fort Erie Secondary School

Beamsville Secondary School



Prom Project Niagara is a one day fun free formal wear extravaganza for girls and guys! Students can select their perfect head-to-toe look for their prom, formal, or graduation for FREE!

No registration is necessary. Come and join us on April 8th!

Keeping your Child's Teeth Healthy

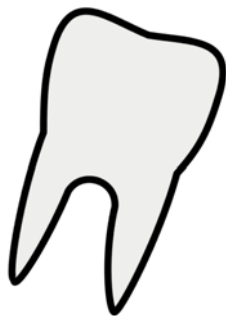
Children can receive a free fluoride varnish application from the Niagara Region Public Health dental program. Fluoride varnish is a protective coating that is painted onto the teeth with a tiny brush. It helps reduce cavities if applied twice a year.

Why do we recommend fluoride varnish?

- Tooth decay is the number one chronic disease of children
- In the 2015/16 school year over 25, 000 school-aged children were screened by Public Health. 39% of those children were identified as having cavities
- Untreated cavities can lead to difficulties eating and sleeping, self esteem issues, decreased school performance and attendance, pain, discomfort, infection and poor overall health
- Fluoride is not added to Niagara's drinking water

Tips to keep your child' teeth healthy....

1. Brush teeth **two times** per day
2. **Use** a pea-sized portion of **fluoride** toothpaste
3. Spend **two minutes** brushing each time with help from an adult
4. Floss daily
5. Provide a healthy diet and limit sugary drinks, sticky candy and snacks. **Water is best.**
6. Schedule regular dental check-ups at least once a year (cleaning, fluoride varnish application and sealants).



For more information on dental services and programs please call the Dental Health Line at 905-688-8248

or 1-888-505-6074 ext 7399 or visit www.niagararegion.ca/health

**REMEMBER TOOTH DECAY IS A
PREVENTABLE DISEASE!**



The Canadian Foundation for the Advancement of Orthodontics (CFAO) is putting smiles on children in need of orthodontic work.

The goal of Smiles4Canada is simple and heartfelt-to put a smile, both figuratively and literally, on a young person with significant orthodontic need and whose family does not have the financial resources to pay for the procedure.

The CFAO recognizes that orthodontic treatment can be a life-changing experience for many people. It is also aware that many patients who could benefit from the services of an orthodontist are not able to afford the treatment.

Children from low income families can apply prior to their 14th birthday and, if they qualify, participating orthodontists will provide all diagnosis and treatment free of charge.

Thanks to the generosity and expertise of members of the Canadian Association of Orthodontists (CAO), smiles4Canada is changing the world one smile at a time.

For more information visit

www.Smiles4Canada.com





SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our School Council met on Wednesday, March 29th. The minutes from this meeting can be found on our website. We discussed past and upcoming events for the students and had our first Family Fun BBQ committee meeting. We still have a few planning items that could use a few pairs of hands. If you are available to assist in planning this terrific family event please contact our Chair Jackie at

jacqueline.harrietha@hotmail.com

SAVE THE DATE:

Our Family BBQ is scheduled for Tuesday, June 13th.

Our next council meeting is scheduled for April 26th at 6 pm. All are invited to join us.



Autism Awareness Day

April 2, 2017

On Monday April 3, 2017 we will be **Raising the Flag for Autism Awareness.**

Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is a life-long neurological disorder that affects the way a person communicates and relates to the people and world around them. ASD can affect behaviour, social interactions, and one's ability to communicate verbally. ASD is a spectrum disorder, which means that while all people with ASD will experience certain difficulties, the degree to which each person on the spectrum experiences these challenges will be different. You can read more at: <http://bit.ly/1GxqxGI>



I Matter as an Individual

(shares thoughts, viewpoints and experiences in a respectful, insightful way while acknowledging and respecting the beliefs of others)

Alvi M.

Katie P.

I Matter as a Learner

(consistently/exceptionally exhibits critical thinking and/or a desire to learn and grow)

Linda R.

Olivia R.

Hayden P.

Ayva M.

Sam G.

Sarah L.

I Matter as a Community Member

(seeks to make a positive impact in the classroom, school and community)

Nigel R.

Rylee S.

Taylor J.

Maddi B.

Wyatt W.

Danielle H.

Adrina B.

Hinkal P.



Helping Parents/Guardians Help Students

This repository of practical tips, activities, and resources can be used to inform parents about how they can support their children in the learning of mathematics.

Topics include:

Art and Math

Communicating with Children Using Math Language

Sorting, Matching and Making Patterns – Video Podcast

Talking About Math:



Everyday Mathematics:

Daily Decisions

Holiday Math: Take advantage of math in the world

Growth Mindset in Math

Homework Help for Students Grade 7 to 10

Learning to Count

Literacy and Numeracy on the Fridge – Video Podcast

Mathies.ca

Math Tips for Parents

The Ontario Mathematics curriculum on... A Balanced Approach

The Ontario Mathematics curriculum on... Math Skills for the 21st Century

The Ontario Mathematics curriculum on... Number Facts

Partnering with Your Teen in Mathematics

Thinking Tools for Mathematics

Wrong Answers, Great Learning

Available through EduGains Mathematics K-12, or at the link below:

http://edugains.ca/newsite/math/schoolleader/ideas_for_school_leaders.html