



THE ACADEMY TIMES

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents, guardians and extended family members for doing your part to ensure that the start of the 2017-2018 school year was a successful one! There is so much to celebrate.

We want to thank you for the trust that you have in the DSBN Academy Faculty as you share your most precious gifts, your children, with us every day. We ensure you that your children are loved, respected, supported and guided each and every day while at DSBN Academy.

We take the responsibility of educating your children very seriously. We are so excited about the year that lies ahead for us. Together we will make great things happen for our students. They are our future. Each and every child is capable of having a grand impact on our world. They must be inspired to learn and they must believe every day that they are capable of achieving greatness. We had a wonderful BBQ evening on September 21 meeting new and visiting with returning families. It was awesome to see such a great turnout! Thank you for your support, your involvement and your encouragement.

Please help us by reminding your children about routines and expectations at school. Of particular note, it is crucial that your child's attendance is regular. When they aren't in the classroom, or arrive late, they miss valuable conversations, learning opportunities and experiences that can't be recreated.

What's Happening at DSBN Academy

- Oct. 2– Elementary Recognition Assembly
- Oct. 3– Grade 8s to Walker Living Campus
- Oct. 4– School Council meeting 6pm
- Oct. 5– Alternate Dress Day
- Oct. 5– Elementary Cross Country
- Oct. 6– PA Day
- Oct. 9– Thanksgiving
- Oct. 10-13 BATTLE of the GRADE Spirit week
- Oct. 10– Secondary Progress Reports Issued
- Oct. 12– Sec. Honours awards breakfast
- Oct. 17– Sec. Boys' Volleyball @ Great Lakes
- Oct. 17– Spirit Wear Shirt day
- Oct. 17– Gr. 7 Vaccines
- Oct. 26– Picture Retake Day
- Oct. 26– Gr 6-8 Bus Safety presentation
- Oct. 26– Sec. Boys' Volleyball @ EASS
- Oct. 31– Alternate Dress Day/Hallowe'en

REMINDER

Friday October 6 is a Professional Activity Day for teachers and Monday October 9 is the Thanksgiving holiday. There is NO SCHOOL for students either day.



September Forms

Thank you to all our parents that returned the first day September forms. We really appreciate your help. If during the school year any of your family information changes, please remember to call the office.

Absences

It is the responsibility of the parents/guardians to contact the school, if your child/ren is going to be absent from school. Please call the school office at (905) 684-8708 on the morning of the absence. An answering machine is available 24 hours a day for your convenience. When calling please leave the name of the student, grade and reason for absence. It helps immensely when doing our attendance. The safety of your child is our main priority, please ensure you call in all absences.



Youth Connection Nurse

The Youth Connection Nurse assigned to our school is Ms. Sue Garbutt. She will be promoting optimal health among our students and assisting us to develop a healthy school environment. Her role is to influence Niagara's children and their families to make healthy lifestyle choices. Our nurse will be on site at DSBN Academy on Monday from 10 am-2 pm.

Our nurse can be reached at:

The Niagara Region Public Health Department

1-888-505-6074 Monday-Friday, 8:30am—4:30pm



School Council

The School Council would like to welcome everyone back to school. Our first meeting will take place on Wednesday Oct. 4th at 6pm. All community members are welcome to join us. If you would like to join our council as a regular member, and have voting ability please fill out a self-nomination form. From this group our executive will be determined on the 4th. You can also be part of School Council via the internet through our website academy.dsbm.org, under the parent engagement tab.

REGISTRATION, FOOD & CHILD CARE are FREE!



SAVE THE DATE— Wed. Nov. 1, 2017

The DSBN Parent Involvement Conference is being

held on Nov. 1st at Eden high school, 4:00 to 8:15 pm. This is a wonderful evening of learning, sharing and networking for parents. Register online at www.dsbm.org/pic



I Matter as an Individual

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

**Aerielle R
Bashar
Kyden
Madison C
Aerielle**

I Matter as a Learner

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

**Alyssa
Aspen
Hailey
Kiosha
Logan
Mallory
Matthew R
Nacura
Olivia
Sandra
Yaman**

I Matter as a Community Member

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

**Ally I
Jesse T
Erin A
Leo U
Starr C
Danyellah R
Fatima H
Kayla Q
Zach
MacKenzie
Elias
Fahad
Avery
Thomas**

October is International Walk to School Month

Lace up your shoes or snap on those bike helmets for an active trip to school.

If you live far from school, park a few blocks away and walk part of the trip.

If you ride a bus take part by walking to your bus stop.

Tips to remember when walk or biking:

Look left, right and left again when crossing the street

Never run or dart out into the street or cross between parked cars



and crosswalks

Make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them and watch out for cars that are turning or backing up

It's always best to walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible

Cross streets at corners, using traffic signals

Watch out for cars coming out of driveways and alleys

If what you are doing has wheels, protect your brain – always wear a helmet

When riding your bike, ride in the same direction as the cars are driving

Tips from www.parachutecanada.org

VOLUNTEERING AT THE ACADEMY

“We want YOU at the DSBN Academy!”

Research overwhelmingly states that children whose parents are involved in their children's school and support the culture created at the school, achieve at a higher academic level and are more engaged. As a reminder, our parents are required to volunteer a minimum of 15 hours toward activities and events at the DSBN Academy. There are a number of different ways to make an impact on our young men and young women. Volunteering can take on many different forms such as:

- Logging onto or attend School Council meetings
 - Volunteering at School events or Activities
- Volunteering in classrooms or our nutrition program

If you have volunteered, please call or e-mail the office to log your hours.

We are in need of Breakfast Pro-



Junior Soccer Team



On Monday September 25th, 15 of DSBN Academy's newest Argos took to the soccer pitch. Despite extremely warm conditions, the young Argos went through the round robin stage of the tournament with a record of 2 wins, 1 draw and 1 loss. With this record and a great goals against average, the team headed to the semi-finals. Unfortunately, the heat of the day started to take a toll, and the team lost a hard fought game. The Argos ultimately won the consolation side of the tournament, resulting in a third place finish out of 10 teams. Hard work and fair play were demonstrated by all team members. Way to go Argos!

EQAO Spring 2017

The results are in from the EQAO assessment last spring. Our students continue to strive to do their very best on these tests. Thank you to the teachers who work together to ensure that our children are well prepared for these tests and make learning a priority for all.

Percentage of Students Who Achieved at Level 3 or 4:

	DSBN Academy	DSBN
Reading:	100%	85%
Writing:	95%	83%
Mathematics:	87%	59%

As a staff, we have reviewed the detailed reports and used information from these reports to plan for our current school year; improving classroom programs, instructional strategies and ultimately student understanding of the curriculum. EQAO results should be viewed in context, with other meaningful forms of assessment, like report cards and anecdotal reports from your child's teacher.