



# 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 2018-2019 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 Meet the Teacher evening on September 20 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.

We would like to welcome Ms. M. Tantcheva who is now teaching our grade 6 students French and our grade 8 students History/Geography, and say congratulations to Mrs. S. Clutterbuck who is now taking on our elementary Guidance role.

### What's Happening at DSBN Academy

- Oct. 1– Orange Shirt Day
- Oct 2—Intermediate Soccer Tournament
- Oct. 3– School council meeting 6 pm
- Oct. 3– Elementary Cross Country
- Oct. 5– PA day
- Oct. 9 Thanksgiving Monday
- Oct. 12– Spirit Wear day
- Oct. 15– Gr. 8s to Walker Living Campus
- Oct. 25– Picture Retake day
- Oct. 25– Gr. 7 Vaccines
- Oct. 25- Secondary Dance
- Oct. 31– Alternate Dress Day
- Nov. 2– Random Act of Kindness Day

### REMINDER

Friday October 5 is a Professional Activity Day for teachers and Monday October 8 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 or text in to (905) 328-0273. 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.



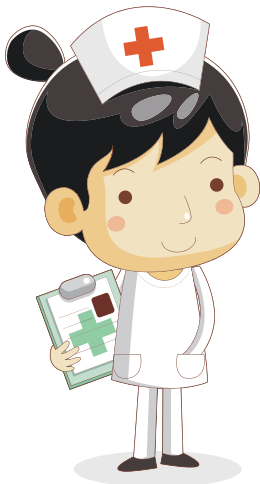
## Youth Connection Nurse

The Youth Connection Nurse assigned to our school is Ms. Cassandra Grandilli. 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. 3rd 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 available in the office. Our Executive will be determined from this group at our first meeting. You can also be part of School Council via the internet through our website academy.dsbn.org, under the parent engagement tab.

REGISTRATION, FOOD & CHILD CARE are FREE!



**SAVE THE DATE— Wed. Nov. 7, 2018**

The DSBN Parent Involvement Conference is being held on Nov. 7th 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.dsbn.org/pic](http://www.dsbn.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)

Reese M

Curtis W

Taneika T

## I Matter as a Learner

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

Haiden B

Carson D

Wesley R

Kai W

Mackenzie P

William T

Anastasia M

Maria B

## I Matter as a Community Member

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

Gram W

Dalen S

Azka S

Anthony B

Hisham D

Larissa E

Lucia A

Sara M

Aidan L

Fatima H

Jennifer M

Kiera W

Kestrel G

Tyrel W

Linda R

Autumn B

## Keeping our School Safe and Healthy



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2018

If you have a child with a Prevalent Medical Condition (Anaphylaxis, Asthma, Diabetes, and/or Epilepsy) we want to make sure we have a current Plan of Care to support your child.

The Plan of Care form is a new document that replaces the Emergency Action Plan. All parents of children with Prevalent Medical Conditions are asked to fill out the new Plan of Care and submit to the school.

You can download the forms here [dsbn.org/prevalent-medical-conditions](https://dsbn.org/prevalent-medical-conditions).

For more information, please contact the school.

On September 26, Rowan's Law Day was observed by our school. This is a day to increase awareness about the danger of concussions, and to positively promote injury prevention.

Rowan's Law was created after Rowan Stringer, a 17-year old student died after sustaining two concussions. Because she did not tell anyone about her injuries or how she was feeling with her family, coaches, or friends her concussions went untreated.

By observing Rowan's Law Day each year and educating our school community about concussions, we hope to promote a culture of safety at our school.

Purple was Rowan's favourite colour, so we asked students to wear purple to school on September 26 – anything from a purple shirt, socks, a ribbon – something to represent Rowan.

## 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 Program Volunteers.**



## EQAO Spring 2018

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:	99%	87%
Writing:	93%	84%
Mathematics:	83%	61%

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.