



Cheetah Chatter



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Dates To Remember
Pizza Day
Friday, February 10
Friday, February 24
Commissos Sub Day
Wednesday, Feb 15
Early Release Day Feb 17
Family Day February 20

From The Desk Of Mrs. Baggs

February is here and we are halfway through the school year. Our first report cards will be coming home February 9th. On this report card, students in grades 1 to 6 will receive letter grades (e.g., A,B,C,D) and students in grades 7 and 8 will receive percentage grades (e.g., 84%, 72%, 67%) to indicate how well they are achieving the curriculum in each of their subjects. The Learning Skills and Work Habits are the same as the ones that are on the Progress Reports. These are essential skills that will help students to be successful in both school and also as an active member of their community. In Health and Physical Education—students will receive both a Health mark and a Physical Activity mark, and in the Arts— Drama and Dance are being reported as two separate marks. If a particular subject or strand is not part of a student's program this term, then the NA box will be checked. This subject or strand will be reported on in June. Teachers have been working diligently to create report cards that tell you how your children are doing and what you can do to help your children succeed in school.

Although there is not an interview scheduled for this time of year, we want our families to know that we are always available to meet with you. A simple note or call to the school will allow you to make an appointment with any of our staff. We know that when parents are involved in education, support and promote the importance of school and learning, our students/your children do well in school. We thank you for checking agendas nightly, reading with your children, checking homework, reviewing work from school and working with your children's teachers to help them learn. We are very proud of the dedicated work of our students. All classes are working on creating work that meets high levels of success criteria. We are trying to teach our students to reflect on their own work and learning and improve their work to meet the standards set in class. We are seeing great learning here at Cherrywood!

Cherrywood Bingo
Location: Delta Bingo 4735 Drummond Road Niagara Falls, ON
Time: 11am - 3:30pm
Dates
Sunday, Feb. 19, 2012
Sunday, April 1, 2012
Sunday, May 13, 2012
Sunday, June 17, 2012
Sunday, August 5, 2012
Sunday, Sept. 9, 2012
Sunday, Oct. 21, 2012
Sunday, Dec. 2, 2012
Volunteers are always needed to run bingo. Please contact the school office if you are interested in helping out.

Early Release Day

Reminder that Friday, February 17 is an Early Release Day. All students will be dismissed at 12:15pm. Bus students will be picked up at this time.



Family Day

Monday, February 20 is FAMILY DAY. The school will be closed. Enjoy this time with your family.



Kindergarten Countdown

We are Counting Down to Kindergarten!

Children who will be four years of age or older by December 31 are eligible to enroll in Kindergarten starting September 2012.

Going to school for the first time is a major step for children and their parents. At the DSBN, families start that journey together at the 'Kindergarten Countdown' Open Houses. Families can visit our school, meet the kindergarten teacher, and receive a gift bag filled with fun learning resources and information that will help children develop school readiness skills.

Mark your calendar for Thursday, February 2, 2012 from 4-6 p.m. for our Kindergarten Countdown Open House. Visit www.dsbn.org and click on "Kindergarten Registration" for all the details!



Parking Lot Safety



We realize, like most schools, the parking lot is not big enough for 150 families to drive to school. The upper parking lot is for staff only. Staff need to be able to get parking spots after lunch to ensure they can get inside to teach students in the afternoon, and be able to leave right after school for team sports and workshops for our students. Please park in spaces, not blocking other cars. Parking is available on some side streets. If you need to be in the parking lot, please come early and park in an existing spot in the lot. Our small wheelchair bus and our taxis are the only vehicles allowed near the main sidewalk, handicap spot or the spot next to the handicap spot. This is to allow the bus/taxi to SAFELY pick up a student in a wheelchair and exit the parking lot safely. Thank you for following our parking lot rules carefully. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

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Looking for a way to beat those cold Canadian winter-blues.....well cheer up with others who are participating in "Sweater Day". Sweater Day is a sponsored event by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) Canada that was initiated last year...it challenges us to turn down the thermostat a couple of degrees and then invites everyone young and old alike to 'sport' a fun or favourite sweater to show their commitment to action on climate change.

Last year's event was a great success, seeing many DSBN schools filled with all sorts of 'favourite' sweaters on the day. Do you have a sweater that might be new, or from a decade past? Perhaps from a sports team? Or one that you have been saving for a special occasion?.....Then Sweater Day might be just right for you!

How can you get involved? Simply mark your calendars and on February 9th, turn down your thermostat by a couple of degrees and ask everyone to 'sport' their favourite sweater.....you might even find a creative way to celebrate the diversity of sweaters worn on this day.

For more info and ideas stay connected with WWF Sweater Day online @ http://wwf.ca/takeaction/sweater_day/

DSBN Academy

What is DSBN Academy? DSBN Academy was born out of the recognition that education plays a vital role in helping children to overcome the effects of life's challenges. The comprehensive social and academic support provided by DSBN Academy is key to empowering students to become the first in their families to graduate from a post-secondary institution.

The DSBN Academy Student:

- Is currently entering Gr 6, 7 or 8 for September 2012
- Will be the first in his or her family to graduate from a college or university program
- Demonstrates motivation, achieves at or just below grade level expectations, and has the potential to attend college or university
- Has potential for achieving good or excellent learning skills, particularly initiative, independent work and responsibility.

Tom Reynolds, Principal DSBN Academy, 20 Duncan Street, Welland

<http://academy.dsbn.org> 905-735-5764



News From Our School Council

If you have not been out to a School Council meeting yet, please join us at our regular meeting Tuesday, March 6 at 6:00pm. We will be discussing parent surveys and Assault Prevention Programs and any other school fundraising at this meeting.

Make Change For Children Campaign 2012

February 21 – 24



The Education Foundation of Niagara is the DSBN charity and all funds raised go directly back to our students for program enhancements and poverty relief. The Poverty and Emergency Relief Fund supports the extraordinary, emergency, personal and school related needs of individual students brought about by financial hardship.

Since 2008 over 3000 DSBN students have been assisted with \$65,000 in support.

We all know at least one of these children....torn windbreaker that is worn as a jacket throughout winter, worn shoes, no lunch, absent from every field trip. And, all too often, a tragedy touches one of our students by the way of fire, illness, or death in the family.

To continue to do our best at helping children in need we are engaging in this year's campaign and invite you to participate in a small way. During the week's campaign, please send a **Toonie** with your child or just **make some change** and do what you can to help us help the kids. Email efn@dsbn.org or visit www.efnonline.ca for more information on how they support our youth. We look forward to working with you to raise the funds needed to support students-in-need!

District School Board of Niagara Expanding French Immersion for 2012



The District School Board of Niagara is pleased to now offer French Immersion beginning at the **Grade 4** level across the system. In addition, as of September 2012, we will be implementing a Grade One French Immersion Pilot at John Marshall. As well as the new grade 4 entry, Grade 5 entry will continue across the Board for the 2012-2013 school year. PLEASE NOTE: This will be the last year for Grade 5 entry.

Information re: entry levels and the application process is on the DSBN website www.dsbns.org. Click on the Parent Tab, under Programs, click on French and International Languages, click on French Immersion Registration. Applications for Grades 1, 4, 5 and 7 (at select schools) will be online.

Please remember that if your child is currently in one of these grades (SK, Grades 3 or 4), this will be your only opportunity to apply to the French Immersion program. For example, students currently in Senior Kindergarten cannot apply to French Immersion program when they are in Grade 3. Like many School Boards across the province, French Immersion will become a full Grade 1 to 12 program.

Parent Information Evenings will take place during the weeks of January 30 – February 10. If you wish to find out more details about the French Immersion program, please attend one of the Information Evenings listed below or call your school.







Prince Philip (NF)	February 1, 2012 6:30pm-7:30pm For students currently in grade 3 and 4 (grade 4&5 in 2012/2013)
John Marshall	February 8, 2012 6:30pm-7:30pm For students currently in SK (grade 1 in 2012/2013)

On Line Applications will be taken until February 29th at www.dsbns.org



FEBRUARY 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Day 4 Int Basketball VS Simcoe	2 Day 5 Kindergarten Open House 4pm-6pm Dance Unit 6,7,8	3 Day 6	4 
5	6 Day 7 Dance Unit 6,7,8	7 Day 8 Carousel Players Gr 1 to Gr 3/4	8 Day 9 Pizza Money Due Today	9 Day 10 SWEATER DAY Sub Day Money Due Today Report Cards Go Home	10 Day 1 Pizza Day Dance Unit 6,7,8	11 
12	13 Day 2 D&T Gr 6/7	14 Day 3 Happy Valentine's Day Wear Red/ Pink/White Day	15 Day 4 Commissos Sub Day 	16 Day 5	17 Day 6 Early Release Day Dismissal 12:15	18
19 Cherrywood Bingo 11am-3:30pm	20 FAMILY DAY	21 Day 7 Make Change For Kids Grad Photos	22 Day 8 Pizza Money Due Today	23 Day 9	24 Day 10 Pizza Day 	25
26 	27 Day 1	28 Day 2 D&T Gr 6/7	29 Day 3	Next School Council Meeting Tuesday, March 6, 6pm		

Help Cherrywood Be More Environmentally Friendly

If you would like to receive your newsletter via email instead of receiving a hard copy please fill out this form:

Student Name: _____

Teacher: _____

Parent's Email Address: _____

