



Cherrywood Chatter

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Principal's Message

Thanks to our incredible partnership with Delta Bingo, we have received \$40,300 since May 2013!!

This would not be possible without the dedication and support, over the years, of our amazing parent & staff volunteers!



Bingo donations directly support our kids and classrooms. In the last few years the donations have been used to purchase: Scientist in Schools class programs, technology, sports equipment, new team uniforms, flexible seating, and bussing for field trips!!

Contact the office if you are interested in becoming a member of our Bingo team!

WELCOME TO TEAM CHEETAH!

We are happy to welcome Mr. Adams to our team! Mr. Adams is our new head custodian!



- Graduation Photos: SK & Grade 8 Feb. 5
- 100th Day of School Feb. 7
- Valentine's Cake Raffle Feb. 13
Red, White, and Pink Day
- P.A. Day (No School).....Feb.14
- Family Day (No School).....Feb.17
- Pink Shirt Day Feb. 26

It's Cake Raffle Time!!

Our Annual cake raffle is always a big hit!

This year's cake raffle will be held on Thursday, February 13th.

Ticket cost is 2 for \$1.00 and are purchased the day of the raffle.

Thank you to our families donating cakes! **A reminder that all items must be nut free.**



WE HAVE A WINNING ARTIST!



Congratulations to Chloe D. (grade 2) on having her artwork selected as a winner in our Director of Education's: Mr. H's Artisan Card Contest! Chloe submitted a painting to celebrate Chinese New Year 2020 - The Year of the Rat.

SHOP WITH GIFT CARDS

FlipGive

CHRISTMAS MIGHT BE OVER, BUT THE FUNDRAISING IS JUST GETTING STARTED.

Support **CHERRYWOOD ACRES** by purchasing everyday items such as coffee, gas and groceries. A percentage of each dollar spent through Flip Give will go directly to our school.

STEP 1:



Go to flipgive.com or download the mobile app

STEP 2:

Create your **FREE** personal FlipGive account



STEP 3:



Search **Cherrywood Acres Public School**
Join the team using invite code: **TGX5V9**

STEP 4:



Purchase gift cards or shop online through the website or mobile app.

Thanks to everyone who purchased gift cards through FlipGive during the Christmas season!

So far you have helped to generate \$352 for our school!

Inclement Weather: Bus Cancellations

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 has been cancelled and schools are open, please ensure that you **REPORT YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE** due to bus transportation cancellation/weather. Please report their absence by using the **SafeArrival System** or calling the school.*

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.

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

Websites and Subscription Features

www.dsbns.org DSBN Facebook or Twitter
www.nsts.ca NSTS Transportation Delay or Cancellation Alerts

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

Radio Stations:

CKTB (610 AM) St. Catharines	CHRE (105.7 FM) St. Catharines	CHTZ-FM (97.7 FM) St. Catharines
CKEY (105.1 FM) Niagara Falls/Fort Erie	WAVE (94.7 FM) Hamilton	K-LITE-FM (102.9 FM) Hamilton
CKOC (1150 AM) Hamilton	CHML (900 AM) Hamilton	Y-108(107.9) Hamilton
CHAM (820 AM) Hamilton	GIANT FM (91.7 FM) Welland	

FRENCH IMMERSION REGISTRATION CONTINUES ...

On-line applications began January 6th for the French Immersion program beginning September 2020 at Prince Philip for students going into Grade 1. Go to <http://www.dsbns.org> and click on the French Immersion button to complete the registration. **Registration closes February 18th.**

If you have any questions, please contact our office or the office at Prince Philip.

DSBN ACADEMY APPLICATIONS

The DSBN Academy is a Grade 6 to Grade 12 public school designed to support and empower students to be the first in their family to graduate from college or university. The faculty and student body are committed to excellence and the belief that, with hard work, they can achieve their dreams.

The DSBN Academy is located at 130 Louth Street in St. Catharines.

Students that are interested in applying to the DSBN Academy must submit their completed application by February 11, 2020 to the Cherrywood office. If you have any questions, please direct them to Ms. Cocco at the office.

KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS WANTED-NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

Do you know a child who will be turning 4 during before December 31, 2020?

If so, spread the word that Kindergarten registration is here! Our Kindergarten Open House was held on January 30. If you missed it, please come visit Mrs. Desilest at the office to register and get ready for Kindergarten! Alternately, you can complete the registration online by visiting dsbn.org and selecting the Kindergarten registration button.



PINK SHIRT DAY!

Anti-Bullying Day, also known as Pink Shirt Day is recognized on the last Wednesday in February in Canada. On February 26, we encourage all members of the Cherrywood community to wear something pink to symbolize that we at Cherrywood are working together to stop bullying.

What is bullying?

Bullying is aggressive behaviour that is typically repeated over time. It is meant to cause harm, fear or distress or create a negative environment at school for another person. Bullying occurs in a situation where there is a real or perceived power imbalance.

Is conflict the same as bullying?

People may sometimes confuse conflict with bullying, but they are different. Conflict occurs between two or more people who have a disagreement, a difference of opinion or different views. Conflict between students does not always mean it's bullying. Children learn at a young age to understand that others can have a different perspective than their own, but developing the ability to gain perspective takes time and the process continues into early adulthood (Stepping Stones: A Resource on Youth Development, page 26).

The above information is taken from www.ontario.ca/page/bullying-we-can-all-help-stop-it

ATTENDANCE MATTERS: WHY IT MATTERS IN THE EARLY YEARS

My child is in Kindergarten or Grade 1. Does their regular attendance really matter?

"If children don't show up for school regularly, they miss out on fundamental reading and math skills and the chance to build a habit of good attendance that will carry them into college and careers. Preliminary data from a California study found that children who were chronically absent in kindergarten and 1st grade were far less likely to read proficiently at the end of 3rd grade." (attendanceworks.org.)

How many days is considered chronically absent?

A student that misses 18 days during the entire school year is considered chronically absent.

If you require some assistance improving your child's attendance, please contact your child's teacher or the school office at 905-356-2801.

Who can read on Grade Level after Grade 3?



64% of kids with good attendance in Kindergarten and Grade 1 (missed 9 or fewer days both years)



43% of kids with at-risk attendance (missed more than 9 days both years)



41% of kids chronically absent in Kindergarten or Grade 1 (missed 18 or fewer days one year)



17% of kids with chronically absent in Kindergarten and Grade 1 (missed 18 or more days both years)