

Cherrywood Chatter

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Ms. S. Cocco, Principal

June 2020 (Final)

Principal's Message

A heartfelt thank you to all our students and families for working together over the past 3 months to make learning from home successful. We are so grateful for your support as we moved into the online learning format.

There is an email that was sent out to families containing important year-end updates and communication. Please make sure you read the email and complete the survey link provided in the email ensure your voice is heard.

We want to hear your thoughts and opinions to support our planning for the opening of schools in September 2020. We invite you to take our 'Opening of Schools-Parent/Guardian Survey' by clicking this link <https://forms.gle/DfSVyJVUwpggw8iv8> We value your input. We are committed to working with you to ensure that the transition back to school in September is successful. Thank you for sharing your ideas. **The survey closes June 26th.**

Have a safe and happy summer. We are looking forward to September!



**Last Day of Instruction
June 25**

**Final Day to complete
parent survey ... June 26**



**Final Report Cards will be
mailed on June 24th**

SCHOOL PROPERTY, THE PLAYGROUND AND THE OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

Now that the warm weather has arrived, we seek your cooperation in reducing school vandalism. Should you observe unusual activity at our school, please call in confidence either of the following emergency numbers:

905.682.8065

905.563.1293

We appreciate your assistance with this matter. As you can imagine graffiti and other damage is very costly to remove/repair, not to mention how unsightly it can be. This also applies to our outdoor classroom in front of the school.

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2020!

To the Graduating Class of 2020 ... your years at Cherrywood have created amazing memories and shaped our school culture! While we are sad to say goodbye, we are so excited for each of you, as you continue to discover your individual strengths and passions.

We wish you great successes as you carve your path in secondary school!

Mudasir A

William B

Sydney C

Penelope C

Emily D

Jaiden G

Jessica G

Tarynn H

Arivn H

Jamie H

Emmanie J

Osman K

Grace M

Sahar N

Avery P

Allanah Q

Kayla R

Ayden S

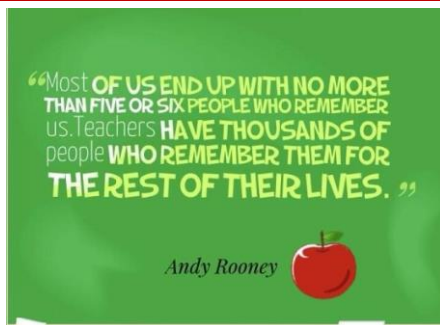
Aliya S

Vinnie T

Gabrielle V

Dorothy W

STAFF UPDATES



The end of a school year is always bitter-sweet for both students and staff. While we all look forward to the beautiful weather, relaxation and all the fun that summer brings, it is also a time that we say our GOODBYES.

We say goodbye to Mr. Stayzer and wish him an amazing new journey, as he begins his retirement. Over his 30-year career, Mr. Stayzer has positively impacted the lives of thousands of students. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to kids!

We also say goodbye to Mrs. Cochran, Mrs. Faber, Mrs. Ruller and Mr. Snow as they all continue their educational journey at new schools in September. We thank them for their caring spirit, dedication, and inspiration.

Remember "Once a Cheetah ... Always a Cheetah"!

With goodbyes come WELCOMES and HELLOS. We are happy to welcome Ms. Audibert, Mr. Elia, Ms. Tabbert and Mrs. Nagy into our Cheetah Family. The staffing process may continue during the summer and into September. We will confirm our new staff and class organization on the first day of school.

DSBN LEARN FROM HOME

During the summer months, we are encouraging our families to continue to access our [DSBN Learn from Home](#). There are many great sites that will continue to be available throughout the summer. Looking for ways to keep the learning going at home?

Our staff recommend:

- Reading each day - Block some time as a family to read together each day and talk about the books you are reading
- Dreambox - Our Grades 1-5 students continue to have access to Dreambox over the summer.
- EPIC - Many of our families signed up for EPIC. The access to EPIC will continue over the summer months.

GRADES K - 5 SUMMER LEARNING



The poster features a vibrant orange and red sunburst background. At the top left is the D2L logo. The main title 'K-5 SUMMER LEARNING' is written in large, bold, white letters. Below the title is a photograph of six diverse children of various ethnicities and ages, smiling and standing with their arms crossed. At the bottom, a blue banner contains the text '6 WEEK PROGRAM: JULY 6 - AUGUST 14' and 'ATTEND ALL 6 WEEKS OR ONLY ONE OF THE 3 WEEK PROGRAMS LISTED BELOW.'

K-5 SUMMER LEARNING

6 WEEK PROGRAM: JULY 6 - AUGUST 14
ATTEND ALL 6 WEEKS OR ONLY ONE OF THE 3 WEEK PROGRAMS LISTED BELOW.

3 Week Program 1: July 6 - July 24 | Morning

3 Week Program 2: July 27 - August 14 | Morning

A combination of online and independent learning.

We would like to personally invite your child to attend our DSBN Virtual Summer Learning Program this year for students currently in JK to Grade 5. The program will run from July 6 - August 14 in the morning for one hour.

When you register, you have a choice of attending for the whole 6 weeks or for the July or August, 3-week time slot. Students who register will be expected to actively engage in the learning or they may be removed from the course. Every day students will meet with a qualified teacher in D2L to work on their math and literacy skills, as well other fun and engaging activities including physical education, science, the arts and investigating Indigenous perspectives. A significant focus will be given to those areas of the

curriculum that may not have been covered due to Covid-19. In addition, there is an optional afternoon STEM program consisting of a coding camp for Grade 1 and Grade 2 students and a special app development camp for Grade 3 to Grade 5.

Students may attend only one of these sessions during the summer. Check out what weeks they will be offered.

- June 29 - July 3 App Development (Grades 3-5)
- July 6 - July 10 Coding with Lynx (Grades 1-2)
- July 13 - July 17 App Development (Grades 3-5)
- July 27 - July 31 Coding with Lynx (Grades 1-2)
- Aug. 3 - Aug. 7 Coding with Lynx (Grades 3-5)

Registration will fill up fast so we encourage those interested to sign up as soon as possible using the following link: <https://forms.gle/luxymCWiPwu5kyxZR7>.

GRADES 6-8 SUMMER LEARNING



Join us this **SUMMER**

to get ready for the next level!



- * Literacy/Language
- * Mathematics
- * Time Management
- * Organization
- * CONFIDENCE

Super in 7 * For students entering Grade 7 in September 2020

Gr8 in 8 * For students entering Grade 8 in September 2020

HIGH SCHOOL Headstart * For students entering Grade 9 in September 2020

An illustration of school supplies including a blue pencil, a grey backpack, a ruler, and a red alarm clock.

For more information visit
www.dsbni.org/summer
call 905-687-7000
email summerschool@dsbn.org

Register Here

Only students from publicly funded schools are eligible to participate.

COMMUNITY HOURS...GRADUATION GRADE 8 STUDENTS

The District School Board of Niagara encourages all students to explore a wide variety of community experiences and activities in order to develop an understanding of the various roles they can play in their community and to help them develop a greater sense of belonging within their community. As part of the Ontario secondary school diploma requirements, every student is required to complete a minimum 40 hours of community involvement. These activities may be completed at any time starting the summer before a student enters Grade 9 and after reviewing the expectations and regulations. Students are encouraged to complete their hours early in their high school career.

For more information on the process of earning community involvement hours, examples of eligible activities and a list of resources to help find suitable opportunities in the community use the following link OR visit your future DSBN secondary school website. [DSBN Community Involvement Hours](#)

YEAR-END COMMUNICATION WITH FAMILIES

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA

YEAR-END COMMUNICATION WITH FAMILIES FROM THE PRINCIPAL

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING FROM HOME

As this unique school year comes to a close, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our students and families for working together over the past 3 months to make learning from home successful. We've always known that the partnership between families and our school is key to providing the best educational experience for our students; this collaboration has been essential to our success!

OUR TECHNOLOGY BORROWING PROGRAM: LEARN FROM HOME

The DSBN is pleased to continue supporting your child's learning from home with our Technology Borrowing Program over the summer.

If you borrowed technology and your child will be returning to any DSBN school in September, we will share details in August about the return process. The DSBN Learning from Home website will continue to provide learning opportunities during the summer months.

Families with internet service being provided at home will continue to have the service until the start of the new school year.

If your child will not be attending a DSBN school in September, please contact the school to arrange for the return of any loaned technology by the end of June.

REPORT CARDS

This year, you will receive your child's report card in the mail. Families can expect them to arrive within the next two weeks. Please email the school/principal if you do not receive your child's report card by July 10th.

PREPARING FOR OPENING OF SCHOOLS: SEPTEMBER 2020

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OPENING OF SCHOOLS: UPDATES DURING THE SUMMER

This summer, we will be providing updates about our preparations for school opening in September. A link to our summer updates will be posted on our school website when they become available.

These will include:

- Our preparations for a safe return to school in consultation with Public Health and the Ministry of Education.
- A "Frequently Asked Questions" section for you to visit for the most up-to-date information.
- Registration information. All families will be required to declare whether their child is returning to our school in September. This information will be essential for organizing homeroom classes. Details of this process will be shared on our website.

We wish you a safe, healthy and happy summer.



MENTAL HEALTH & WELL-BEING SUPPORTS

If you have any concerns about your child's mental health or well-being, please connect with your child's teacher. Although we are not in our school building, there are still many supports we can offer.

How can I access mental health support in the community?

1. Pathstone Mental Health has closed its walk-in clinics until further notice. For immediate support, parents and students may phone the Pathstone Mental Health Crisis and Support Line at 1-800-263-4944.
2. Support from Kids Help Phone can be accessed by calling 1-800-668-6868, texting CONNECT to 686868, or live chatting at www.kidshelpphone.ca.
3. Youth Wellness Hub Niagara: facebook.com/ywhniagara
4. Canadian Mental Health Niagara: cmhaniagara.ca/ourservices/immediate-services/walk-in-counselling

How can I support myself and my family in coping during COVID-19?

The National Association of School Psychologists has provided a link with tips for talking to your kids about COVID-19.

- [A Parent Resource: Talking to Children about COVID-19 \(Coronavirus\)](#)
- [Supporting Kids During the COVID-19 Crisis](#)
- [Video: How to Talk to Kids About the Coronavirus](#)
- [Mental Health and COVID-19.](#)

The District School Board of Niagara is working closely with Niagara Public Health on Coronavirus (COVID-19) communication to ensure students and their families receive relevant and timely information to keep them healthy. If you would like information, please use the following contacts:

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Info Line

905-688-8248 ext. 7330

Toll free: 1-888-505-6074

