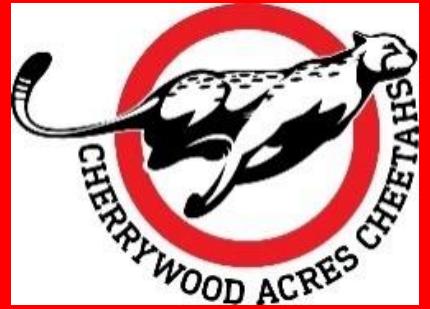


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**June 2021**

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

With the arrival of June, comes the hot weather. Although our school building is closed, our Learn at Home program continues. I have enjoyed visiting in virtual classrooms with our students, reading student work and connecting and supporting our families in many ways.

We will continue to send reminders and updates as we receive them. If you have any questions or require any support throughout the month, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher or directly to the school.

## MOVING BEFORE SEPTEMBER?

In order to assist us with making the best decisions possible with respect to class organization and student placements for Cherrywood Acres Public School for the 2021/2022 school year, we would appreciate if you would let the office know if your family is planning to move in the next few months. We thank you in advance for keeping us informed! School and classroom organization begins shortly so sharing this information with us now is very helpful for our planning for next year!

## CLASS PLACEMENTS 2021-2022

The staffing process for a new school year always continues through the remainder of the school year and often requires "fine tuning" during the first weeks of September. The teachers assigned to each class and class organizations have not been finalized at this point. When we organize classes, a great deal of consideration goes into the placement of students for the next year. The staff takes into account the children's needs in order to provide an appropriate academic and social environment.



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

PRIDE Month .....	All June
Indigenous History Month .....	All June
Pride Flag Day .....	June 1
PA Day .....	June 11
Grade 8 Graduation .....	June 18
World Refugee Day .....	June 20
Happy Father's Day .....	June 20
National Indigenous Peoples Day .....	June 21
Multiculturalism Day .....	June 27
Report Cards go home .....	June 28
Last Day of School .....	June 29

## PA DAY

On Friday, June 11 all DSBN schools will be closed for a PA Day in which teachers will be engaged in assessment and evaluation activities.



**I Matter At DSBN**

## GRADE 8 GRADUATION

Certificates are being printed, celebratory graduation items are being prepared and a multimedia “memory” is being created. Our plan is to celebrate this milestone in June, before our grade 8 graduates move on to a new adventure.

To ensure the health and safety of our students and their families, the District School Board of Niagara continues to closely monitor current Ministry and local COVID guidelines. Further details will be shared with you once we are able to determine the safest way to celebrate.

The tentative date for our Cherrywood Acres Grade 8 graduation celebration will be Friday, June 18, and a time will be shared once the nature of our event is finalized.

## JUNE IS PRIDE MONTH



**The DSBN is committed to providing environments that are inclusive and free from discrimination. Raising the flag for the month of June will demonstrate ongoing support to the LGBTQ+ community, raise awareness and show we all belong.**

## ONLINE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE - KINDERGARTEN AND ALL GRADES

Online registrations are available and are encouraged in order for us to keep up-to-date and current in regard to our students for September. To register for Kindergarten, please visit <https://www.dsbn.org/earlylearners/kickstart>. To register for Grades 1-8 at Cherrywood Acres, please [click here](#) to download and complete a registration form. Email completed registrations forms to [mary.desilest@dsbn.org](mailto:mary.desilest@dsbn.org). If there are any questions or concerns, please email us. The most accurate information will allow us to plan accurately for September.

## SCHOOL VANDALISM

Now that the warm weather has arrived, we seek your cooperation in reducing school vandalism. If you notice any vandalism or damages to DSBN schools or properties and are looking to report it, please call Password Protection Services. The phone number is 1-800-561-3099. Once notified, they will then contact the appropriate personnel at DSBN and the issues will be dealt with in a timely manner. Thank you for your support in keeping our school and community safe and for your help in keeping our building safe for when our students return!

## DSBN SUMMER PROGRAMS

Have you checked out the DSBN Summer Learning program offerings? There is something available for students in all grades.

### **Summer Heat - Students Currently in JK - Grade 3 (SK to Grade 4 in September)**

Summer H.E.A.T. is committed to enhancing student achievement by providing highly engaging activities that build numeracy and literacy skills, opportunities for meaningful parent engagement as well as focusing on healthy lifestyle choices. Above all, Summer HEAT will provide a fun camp style environment where students are continually encouraged and empowered to develop confidence, skills and self-efficacy that will help them achieve their full potential during the school year. Summer H.E.A.T is a summer learning program for DSBN students only.

The program will run from Monday, July 5th to Friday, July 23rd for students entering SK to grade 4 in the fall of 2021. It will run daily from approximately 8:30 am to 12:00 pm. This program is entirely FREE, but space is limited so please be sure to register early. Registration will open soon! Please visit <https://www.dsbn.org/programs-services/summer-heat/about> for more information.

### **Summer Learning for Success - Students Currently in Grades 4-7 (Entering Grades 5-8 in September)**

Experiential learning designed with projects and activities focused on numeracy, literacy, physical activity and technology. Click here for further information and registration.

[Click here to Download Program Information](#) and [click here to register](#)

### **Reach Ahead Credits - Students Currently in Grades 7-8 (Entering Grades 8-9 in September)**

For students who want to get a headstart on secondary school! This program is an opportunity for students to earn secondary school credits. Credits include:

- Physical Education
- Civics/Careers
- Arts Experience
- General Learning Strategies

[Click here to Download Program Information](#) and [click here to register](#).

## MENTAL HEALTH AND 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 walk-in clinics and a call centre available for immediate support. Parents and students may phone the Pathstone Mental Health Crisis and Support Line at 1-800-263-4944. Please visit <https://pathstonementalhealth.ca/> for more information.
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](http://www.kidshelpphone.ca).
3. Youth Wellness Hub Niagara: <https://youthhubs.ca/en/sites/niagara/> or on Facebook and Instagram @YWHNiagara
4. Canadian Mental Health Niagara: <https://niagara.cmha.ca/>
5. Contact Niagara will be hosting one-hour Zoom sessions every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday for the next month to disseminate information about community resources for child and adolescent mental health and developmental services. Here is where you may find more information: <http://contactniagara.org/en/webinars>

### **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.](#)

## PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATES



# Niagara Region Public Health School Health Newsletter

## COVID-19 Update

As Public Health continues to ramp up vaccinations to eligible groups and individuals, please remember to follow the [safety measures in place to protect you, your family, friends and our community](#).

Check out Public Health's [Frequently Asked Questions about the COVID-19 Vaccine](#) to answer questions or concerns you may have.

For up-to-date information on COVID-19 and vaccine eligibility, please visit the Niagara Region Public Health's [website](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

## Identifying Ticks During Covid-19

Now that the warmer weather has arrived, so has tick season in Ontario. Regional Public Health offices are currently closed to public access, but if you remove a tick you can have it identified by:

- [Downloading a free app](#) and uploading photos of the tick for identification
- OR
- Take a picture of the tick and submit it to [inspect@niagararegion.ca](mailto:inspect@niagararegion.ca)



If more information is required once the tick has been identified, individuals can contact a Duty Officer directly at 905-688-8248 ext. 7590. Tick identification services will resume when our offices reopen to the public.

## Sun Safety

When enjoying the outdoors and getting some natural Vitamin D, Public Health would like remind kids and adults to use proper protection from the sun.

For sun safety tips and information, visit Niagara Region Public Health's [website](#).

## Supporting Parents During the Summer

[Niagara Parents](#) continues to offer free programs and services to support parents and families.

- Connect with a Public Health Nurse Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. through [phone, live chat, video call, or email](#). Live chat is available in 90 different languages.
- Niagara Parents hosts monthly Facebook Live events on a variety of topics such as parenting in a pandemic, breastfeeding, mental health, introducing solids and more. To see which event is coming up this month, visit our [Facebook page](#) under the "Events" section.
- Find Niagara Parents on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#) for different activities you can do with your kids, relevant resources and virtual events for parents.

## Celebrating the End of School

This school year has been one for the history books, and students have had to adapt to many changes this year. The Niagara Region Public Health School Health team reminds parents and caregivers to recognize and celebrate the successes students have achieved. From completing a new grade, graduating grade eight or graduating high school, milestones and transitions matter for children and youth. Below are some tips for safe celebrations. Remember to follow [provincial guidelines on gatherings](#).

## Tips for Celebrating Graduation During COVID-19

- **Create a Slideshow:** Include pictures and videos reflecting on achievements and memories. Encourage friends and family to add personal messages.
- **Take and Share Photos:** Taking pictures is a way to capture milestones and a great excuse to dress up.
- **Hold a Small Ceremony with your Household Members at Home:** Throw a graduation party in your living room or backyard with your family. Decorate with streamers and balloons that match school colours.
- **Host a Video Chat Party with Family and Friends:** Create a theme, decorate backgrounds (or use a fun virtual backdrop), and celebrate!

## CONTACT NIAGARA VIRTUAL SESSIONS

Contact Niagara will be hosting one-hour Zoom sessions every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday for the next month to disseminate information about community resources for child and adolescent mental health and developmental services.

Here is where you may find more information: <http://contactniagara.org/en/webinars>

Here are the links to register for the sessions this week:

- [Monday 3:30-4:30 pm](#)
- [Tuesday 5:00- 6:00 pm](#)
- [Wednesday 3:30-4:30 pm](#)
- [Thursday 5:00- 6:00 pm](#)
- [Saturday 1:00-2:00 pm](#)

## CONNECT WITH US!

In our busy lives, events can sometimes be overlooked. Technology allows us multiple ways to connect with families. The following is a list of ways we use to connect with families to ensure all families are aware of the many events happening throughout the year.

### SCHOOL WEBSITE - <http://cherrywood.dsbn.org>

Please take some time to visit the Cherrywood Acres Public School website. Our website includes current newsletters, school calendars, code of conduct, school council information, a school year calendar and bell times.

**SCHOOL MESSENGER** Using the School Messenger program, important updates and information will be shared through a phone call and/or email as they become available. If you are not receiving these phone calls and emails, please check your contact information with the office to ensure we have the most current information and that you are subscribed to receive emails. For School Messenger to be it's most effective, it is imperative that we have up-to-date phone numbers and email addresses.

### MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

All newsletters will be posted to the school website and sent via School Messenger through email on the first school day of the new month.