THE WOLF CALL

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February 2018

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From the Principal's Desk

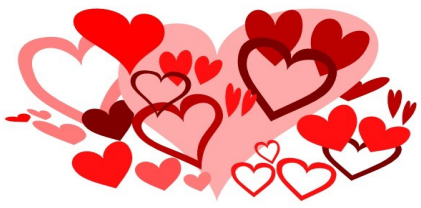
We are now at the half-way point of the school year! First term report cards will be coming home next week, providing students and parents with valuable feedback. It is a good time of year to re-visit and perhaps revise some of our goals as we enter the second term. When setting goals with your child, we encourage you to discuss an action plan for reaching those goals. A good action plan will identify specific actions that the student will take. These actions should be easy to monitor. Avoid action plans that involve the words "trying harder", as this is an action that is difficult to see, measure and monitor. It is better to ask what does "trying harder" look like? The answer to this question will help provide the basis for an effective plan. Referring to the Learning Skills section of the Report Card is also a good place to start when setting goals.

MISSED THE DATE!

February 1st is the beginning of JK registration. If you can't make it on February 1st you can stop by the school anytime after that date and register in the office from 10am-3pm.

Upcoming Events

February 1st - Kindergarten Open House 10-6pm
February 6th - Grade 8 Grad Photos
February 7th - Pizza Day
February 9th - Report Cards go home
February 14th - Pizza Day and Valentine's Day
February 16th - PA Day - No School
February 19th - Family Day - No School
February 21st - Pizza Day
February 22nd - Grad 3's to Walker Living Campus
February 28th - Pizza Day, Pink Shirt Day and Monthly Assembly



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Immunization Record Review

Is Your Child's Vaccination Record Up to Date?

The *Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA), Amending Reg. 645 of R.R.O. 1990,* requires Public Health to collect and maintain immunization records for all school-aged children in Niagara. At the beginning of December 2017, letters were mailed to parents/legal guardians of elementary and secondary school students who have **incomplete immunization records on file at Public Health.**
If you received this **Immunization Notice** in the mail (blue form) please ensure that you provide the required immunization information to Public Health in order to avoid suspension from school. Suspension will take effect in May 2018. If you have any questions or concerns, we encourage you to call the Vaccine Preventable Disease program at **1-888-505-6074 or 905-688-8248 ext. 7425** Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Snowballs

Students at John Brant Public School are not allowed to throw snow while out on the school yard. Cold, frozen snow presents a threat to student safety especially when thrown and/or kicked. Sliding on the ice presents a safety risk often resulting in many injuries.

Parents/Guardians are asked to please review this policy at home and we will continue to remind students here at school.

We all thank you for your support in helping to keep the school yard safe!

Snow Days/Busses Cancelled

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 is cancelled but schools remain open, or if your child is ill or late, please ensure that you call your child's school to inform them of your child's absence.
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: Subscription Features:
www.dsbn.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
CHCH TV
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

PINK SHIRT DAY! February 28th!

Bullying is a major problem in our schools, workplaces, homes, and online. Over the month of February, and throughout the year, Pink Shirt Day aims to raise awareness of these issues, as well as raise funds to support programs that foster children's healthy self-esteem. In today's digital world, it can be impossible to escape online bullying, whether it takes the shape of harassment, spreading rumours, sharing embarrassing information or threats. This year, Pink Shirt Day is encouraging others to combat cyberbullying by thinking twice before posting something negative, and instead using the internet to spread kindness because we know that Nice Needs No Filter!

GRAD PHOTO DAY!

GRADE 8
GRADUATION PHOTOS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2018

REMINDERS

⇒ **When your child is going to be absent or late please call the school at anytime. Our automated service is available 24hrs**

⇒ **When your dropping your child off after the bell goes please have them sign in at the office and with the little ones we will escort them to their class-rooms if needed. We need to make sure that all students arriving late arrive to their classroom with the least interruptions to their class as possible.**

SCHOOL CASH ON-LINE

Signing up for our School Cash On-line will set you up for your child's duration with the DSBN.
From JK– Gr. 12 you will have the opportunity to purchase items and pay for trips and also give your child's permission to go on trips.
Sign up is fast and easy and you will be notified by e-mail when there is an item available to be purchased or a permission form to be signed.
DSBN.ORG/SCHOOLCASH
Any questions please call the school.

AWARDS FOR JANUARY 2018

In January, John Brant staff were on the lookout for students who consistently demonstrated OPTIMISM. The students listed below met that criteria and set a positive example for others in the John Brant community. They showed a positive attitude, the resiliency to bounce back from adversity and hope for the future. We do our part to make the world a better place. They will be recognized at an assembly on January 31st and they will have their pictures placed on John Brant's *Student Recognition* bulletin board in our lower hall.
Congratulations, Wolves!

Next month we will be looking for students who best demonstrate Perseverance!

TEACHER	OPTIMISM
KDG1 – Redekop	Ella M., Ainsley F., Isaac S.
KDG 2 – Gaverluk	Emily C., Violet F., Ashton K.
KDG 3 - Garbutt	Camryn B., Colton G., Connor T.
KDG 4 – Visser	Nikki H., Sedrik F.
Grade 1 – Schultz	Daniel M., Jason P.
Grade 1 – Belanger	Tricia G., Abraham C.
Grade 1/ 2 - Screen	Cameran S., Clara E.
Grade 2 – Beam	Indy J.
Grade 2/3 – Puhl	Nina N., Izhaan G.
Grade 3 – Darragh	Alexis D., Hunter H.
Grade 3 – Fitzgerald	Sienna M., Anaya G.
Grade 3/ 4 – Elder/Louwerse	Carson R.
Grade 4 – Carlson	Arlie M.
Grade 4/ 5 - Stayzer	Abby K., Elijah E.
Grade 5 - Gohm	Jordynn F., Sydney S., Evan M.
Grade 5/6 - Maione	Scarlett I., Alexei T., Noah G.
Grade 6 – Thomas	James H. and Kaidyn S.
Grade 6 - Henneberger	Sean M., Addisyn K.
Grade 7 - Foster	Abbie L. and Landen L.
Grade 7 - Velocci	Lilly D., Zoe M.
Grade 8 – Bianco	Riley P.
Grade 8 - Fazekas	Jackson O., Cameran B.

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Parent Login

Quick Access to Your Family Insights Dashboard

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome back! We've partnered with your child's school, which has begun using DreamBox Learning Math, a rigorous and highly adaptive math curriculum that students access online. It meets the educational needs of each individual learner, adjusting and re-adjusting in the moment as they engage in a fun learning environment.

Initial Placement

Students are assessed by using the data collected from their completed lessons. To ensure accurate assessment, encourage your child to complete lessons, even if they find them too difficult or too easy, rather than abandoning them mid-lesson.

Family Insights Dashboard

The DreamBox Learning® Math Family Insights Dashboard enables meaningful school and home connections that raise awareness of the curriculum, strategies, and progress of your child in real-time, so teachers and family learning guardians can work together for your child's success. Dashboard alerts surface where attention is needed and when to congratulate success.

Families receive information that highlights important learning milestones and educational resources that encourage learning and extend conversations about math beyond the classroom to fully support and encourage deeper understanding and comprehension.

Learn more about the reports available in your Dashboard at:
www.dreambox.com/reporting/family-reports

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Tips for home usage

1. Allow for 15 to 20 minute sessions throughout the week.
2. Encourage completion of every lesson that is started. Mistakes are OK. Your child should not shy away from incorrect answers, as they help find the right lesson to build learning progress.
3. We know it's difficult, but please resist the urge to help with answers so that your child doesn't move ahead before he or she is truly ready.

Student Access

Your child can access DreamBox Learning Math 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from a desktop, laptop, or iPad by logging in through the school's District portal (an Internet connection is required). To access DreamBox from an iPad, go to www.dreambox.com/ipad, or search for DreamBox Math in the App Store. Once you have downloaded the app you can log into your child's profile through the District portal.

To set up your free Family Insights Dashboard, follow these steps:

1. Go to your child's District portal.
2. Have your child login to his or her profile just as it would be done at school.
3. Click Setup Parent Access at the bottom of the page.
4. Follow the instructions to create a login (email) and password.
5. Read the Terms of Use and Privacy Policy.
6. Click Submit.

To log into your Family Insights Dashboard (after it is set up):

1. Go to http://play.dreambox.com.
2. Enter your email and password.
3. To see student progress, click the Family Dashboard button.

For problems logging into your District's portal, please contact your District for assistance.

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DreamBox Learning Client Success

Questions? We've got answers. Contact us at support@dreambox.com or call 877-451-7845.