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A New Term...

Monday, February 6 marks the beginning of Term Two. Students will be receiving their Term One Report Cards (or Kindergarten Communication(s) of Learning) on Friday, February 10th and some students have identified some personal goals to focus their learning toward the second half of the year.

Parents are always welcome and encouraged to contact the school if they have concerns or need more information about their child's academic or social progress.

Teachers will be continuing to work on refining their instructional practices to support student learning and our foci remain

literacy and numeracy.

Please note that we have an Professional Development Day coming up on February 17 and, as such, students will have no school.

This newsletter contains information about school functioning and upcoming events as well as recognition for some students who have had a great month in terms of extra curricular involvement.

Between newsletters, please check the Stevensville web site and, of course, the Homeroom app for important information and forms!

Communication of Learning/Provincial Report Card

The Kindergarten Communication of Learning and the Provincial Report Cards for students in Grades 1-8, will be arriving home on February 10th. The kindergarten report is a new version and is written with a focus on each student's Key Learning, Growth in Learning and Next Steps In Learning. On the Provincial Report Card, students in Grades 1- 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 relative to the curriculum in each of their subjects. 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. The Learning Skills and Work Habits are the same as the ones that were on the Progress Reports. These are essential skills that will help students be successful in both school and also as active members of their communities. The Learning Skills and Work Habits are: Responsibility; Organization; Independent Work; Collaboration; Initiative; and Self regulation. We hope that you are pleased to see the excellent work that our teachers are doing to ensure that the report card comments are written in parent-friendly language. Comments will identify: the learning focus based on curriculum, student strengths, and the next steps

that students should take in order to improve their learning.

We invite you to continue to communicate with us if you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress and achievement. While there is no formal interview day, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher to arrange an interview if you have any questions or concerns. You may receive a phone call from your child's teacher asking you to come in for a meeting to discuss your child's progress. Great schools ensure that families and schools work closely together to ensure the fullest potential is reached for all our learners.

Thank you for your continued support at home!

Cast of Annie hard at work

The cast of the Stevensville Public School production of Annie has been hard at work preparing for the April performances (which will be during the week before Easter)!

More information will be coming along soon relating to specific performance dates and times and how to secure tickets.

Annie—Kayleigh A
Miss Hannigan—Chloe B
Grace Farrell—Mya T
Oliver Warbucks—Morgan W
Rooster H—Tucker W
Lily St. Regis—Maya G

Orphans:
Molly—Molly D
Pepper—Claudia O
Duffy—Alexa L
Kate—Natalie W
Tessie—Courtney V
Judy—Phoenix M

Additional Orphans:
Kylie G
Kylie E
Kelly T
Jordan O

Bundles McCloskey—Tucker W
Apple Seller—Bo T
Dog Catcher—Ryley A
Sandy—Paige Z
Lt. Ward—Daniel S
Drake—Dakota P

Servants:
Cecille—Madison J-B
Annette—Jaime W
Mrs. Greer—Annie P
Mrs. Pugh—Mackenzie C

Additional Servants:
Allie O, Emma S

Star To Be—Kya S-P
Usherette—Taiya G

Bert Healy—Saffi C
President Roosevelt—Daniel S



Junior Co-Ed Soccer Champions

Our Junior Co-Ed Soccer Team led by Mr. Train were recently named champions in a DSNB Tournament held in Niagara Falls. In fact, the team was so cohesive that they didn't have a goal scored against them all day.

The Junior Co-Ed Soccer Team:

Alex H
Bo T
Caleb S
Dakota P
Emma P
Isaac Z
Jacob J

Jovi M
Kate P
Marcus E
Riley S
Ruby B
Teigan P
Tucker W

Way to go, Hawks and congratulations!

Intermediate Basketball

Our Intermediate Basketball teams (led by Mr. Kells, Mrs. Swanson, and Mr. Train) have been hard at work and are heading soon into playoffs. Their coaches would like to commend them on their hard work, continued improvement and perseverance.

Intermediate Girls:

Breanna V
Chloe B
Claudia O
Eileen S
Kara B
Marlayna G
Molly D
Mya T
Olivia V
Sydney F

Intermediate Boys:

Adam W
Arthur X
Coe H
Colton R
Erik P
Ethan M
Isaac dW
Kaleb A
Micah S
Robbie K





**See back page for more information!*



Inclement Weather

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.

Attention Families—Help Needed!

We need your help to raise money for technology! We'll be hosting a trivia Night at the Fort Erie Golf Club on Saturday, April 22.

There are a few ways you can help us make this night a success.

⇒ Donate items for our raffle table.

⇒ Donate eight (8) identical prizes for winning teams. This helps us to keep costs down by not needing to purchase team prizes! (Examples from last year: Eight Tim's cards, Eight restaurant gift cards)

⇒ Bring a table of adults for an exciting night of trivia featuring the famous Quizmaster Kells! If you don't have a table of eight, you can still sign up to play and we'll get you a team.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Parent Council

Our next meeting will be at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, February 8 in our Learning Commons. All parents/guardians are welcome!

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.

For secondary schools it may become necessary to cancel late buses. Notice will be provided via school announcements and on the websites and subscription features by 11:30 a.m.

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

Phone:

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

Websites:

<http://www.dsbn.org/inclementweather/>
www.nsts.ca

Subscription Features:

DSBN Facebook or Twitter
NSTS Transportation Delay or Cancellation Alerts

Television Stations:

COGECO, Cable 10, CHCH Television, City TV

Radio Stations:

KLite 102.9FM, EZRock-105.7, FM, Y-108-107.9 FM, Wave 94.7 FM, CKTB 610 AM, CHML 900 AM, CHSC 1220 AM Hits 97.7 FM



Head Lice

Head lice are spread mainly by head-to-head contact or sharing hats, brushes, combs and anything worn or used on the head.

Lice do not jump or fly, but they crawl very fast. They can spread at

home, school and during after school activities.

Head lice do not spread disease, but can be a frustrating problem!

Parents can find helpful information on the Niagara Region web site by

following this link:

www.niagararegion.ca/health/schools/headlice/parents.aspx



Niagara Region

Parking Lot Safety...A Reminder

Our parking lot is a busy place at entry and dismissal! Please remember to take your time and be aware of students and families walking, entering and exiting vehicles, and the regular street traffic in front of the school. Staff are outside to supervise

students as they arrive and exit as well as boarding the bus, but we appreciate your care and support as students also move to cars in the parking lot and sidewalk areas. Students should only cross at the designated crosswalk, and we do not want them crossing the

street. If you are parked on the opposite side of the road, please take the time to meet your child and supervise them crossing. Thank-you for your support with this as we want to ensure everyone has a safe day at school!



Kids Are Sweet Enough Without Added Sugar

The *Niagara Healthy Kids Community Challenge* (www.healthykidsniagara.ca) has teamed up with communities across Ontario to launch the *Water Does Wonders Pledge Campaign*. Why Pledge? To be part of the solution! Kids are drinking way too many sugary drinks, which

has a negative impact on their health, their teeth, and their minds. We can all help by making water easier to access and by not serving sugary drinks to children. By taking the pledge, you are affirming your commitment to improved health for our kids.

Sign the pledge at www.waterdoeswonders.ca!

If you choose to be recognized, your family will be featured on their Hall of Pledges. Your pledge will also help Niagara earn Top Community status on the Hall of Pledges.



No act of kindness, no matter how small,
is ever wasted.

- Aesop



Math Minute(s)

Tips for fostering a positive attitude towards mathematics

“Whether you think you can or think you can’t you are right.” – Henry Ford

- ⇒ Be positive, and talk about the ways you use mathematics every day. Sharing negative experiences (by saying, for example, “I was never good at math”) will not encourage your child to engage in mathematics and be confident about taking risks as he or she solves problems. Instead, try statements like this: “We can solve this if we work it out together. What are you thinking?”
- ⇒ Let your child know that you think mathematics is important.
- ⇒ Point out the ways in which family members use mathe-

tics in their jobs and at home.

- ⇒ Let your child know that everyone can learn mathematics.
- ⇒ Praise your child when he or she makes an effort and understands something for the first time, and share in the excitement when you and your child solve a problem together.
- ⇒ Encourage your child to be persistent when a problem seems difficult.

Students who view themselves as mathematicians (as well as readers and writers) are more likely to succeed and become confident learners.

*Information taken from the Ministry of Education Publication “Helping Your Child Do Mathematics”

Results of our DreamBox Challenge for January

Top classes: 2 Menard, 4/5 Hein/Davis, 8 Train. You can see monthly results by visiting our [web site!](#)

Total students honoured for completing an average of five lessons per week in January: 63 (Their names will posted within the school.) Those students have been entered into a draw to take place later this week. Our school challenge will continue in the coming months so please continue to encourage your child(ren) to finish lessons and persevere.

Please refer to the back page for login information! Using this information, you can monitor the progress of your children from home!

Reminder About Stevensville Calendar

The Stevensville Calendar can be found on our website. This digital calendar is updated as events are added so you will always have up-to-date information.

Calendar: Stevensville Website Calendar < February 2017 >						
Home - School Cal - Stevensville Website Calendar						
February 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29th	30th	31st	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
	DAY 1, Cycle 10 3:30 PM Annie practice (Scenes 8 and 9)	DAY 2, Cycle 10 8:00 PM Stevensville at John Brant (m B-ball, girls first)	DAY 3, Cycle 10	DAY 4, Cycle 10 10:00 AM Kindergarten Open House 4:00 PM Garrison Road at Stevensville (m B-ball, boys first)	DAY 5, Cycle 10 Pizza Day Scientists in Schools Grade 2 classes Pyjama Day at Stevensville	
5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th
	DAY 6, Cycle 10 Second Term Begins 3:30 PM Annie practice (Scene 10)	DAY 7, Cycle 10	DAY 8, Cycle 10 8:00 PM Parent Council	DAY 9, Cycle 10	DAY 10, Cycle 10 Term 1 Report Cards go home (1-5) Term 1 Communication of Learning go home (Kindergarten)	
12th	13th	14th	15th	16th	17th	18th
	DAY 1, Cycle 11 8:00 AM Intermediate Muskoka Woods Trip 9:30 PM Annie practice (Scene 11)	(Cont.) Intermediate Muskoka Woods Trip DAY 2, Cycle 11 Grade two Valentines Activity Morning	(Cont.) Intermediate Muskoka Woods Trip DAY 3, Cycle 11	DAY 4, Cycle 11	Professional Activity Day	
19th	20th	21st	22nd	23rd	24th	25th
	Family Day	DAY 5, Cycle 11	DAY 6, Cycle 11 Pink Shirt Day	DAY 7, Cycle 11	DAY 8, Cycle 11 Kindergarten Art Gallery visit in morning	
26th	27th	28th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
	DAY 9, Cycle 11	DAY 10, Cycle 11	DAY 1, Cycle 12	DAY 2, Cycle 12	DAY 3, Cycle 12	

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Please mark your calendar...

- February 8—Parent Council Meeting at 6 p.m.
- February 10—Term 1 Provincial Report Cards and Kindergarten Communication(s) of Learning sent home
- February 17—PD Day
- February 20—Family Day Holiday
- Pizza Days—February 3, 10, 16, 24
- *March pizza orders due February 28
- Spring Save-the-Date(s):
- Senior Kindergarten Celebration—Thursday, June 22
- Grade 8 Graduation—Friday, June 23

Staff

- K. Krutschke
 - R. Sensabaugh
 - C. Vanderklei
 - M. Morrish
 - A. VanderWerf
 - S. Hennessy
 - R. Menard
 - K. Kells
 - S. de Waard
 - A. Hein
 - M. Davis
 - B. Roach
 - M. Milton
 - B. Swanson
 - D. Simons
 - S. Train
 - R. Roach
 - H. Cowan
 - M. Lee
 - J. Saylor
 - S. Bullock
 - L. Fretz
 - N. Hamm
 - J. Meredith
 - A. Thomson
 - D. Vandenberg
 - D. Vani
 - L. Schuyler
 - T. Priestman
 - S. Turner /A. Gibson
 - J. O'Donnell
 - S. Weaver
 - K. Stuart
 - K. Noxel
 - J. Willms
 - K. Racey
- Kindergarten
 - Early Childhood Educator
 - Kindergarten
 - Early Childhood Educator
 - Grade 1
 - Grade 1/2
 - Grade 2
 - Grade 3
 - Grade 3/4
 - Grade 4/5
 - Grade 4/5/Prep
 - Grade 5
 - Grade 6
 - Grade 7
 - Grade 7/8
 - Grade 8
 - Teacher Librarian/Prep
 - Prep
 - Fundamental Skills
 - Structured Strategies
 - Educational Assistant
 - Educational Assistant
 - Educational Assistant
 - Educational Assistant
 - Educational Assistant
 - Educational Assistant
 - Learning Resource Teacher
 - French as a Second Language
 - Instructional Coach
 - Caretaker
 - Evening Cleaners
 - Lunch Supervisor
 - Lunch Supervisor
 - Youth Counsellor
 - Secretary
 - Principal
 - Vice Principal

Elementary School Calendar 2016/17



September							October							November							December							January												
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Professional Development Day Holiday Early Release Day

IMPORTANT DATES

September 5, 2016	Labour Day
September 6, 2016	First Day of School
September 16, 2016	Early Release Day
October 7, 2016	PD Day
October 10, 2016	Thanksgiving Day
November 18, 2016	PD Day
December 26, 2016 - January 6, 2017	Winter Break
January 9, 2017	First Day of Class After Holiday
January 20, 2017	PD Day
February 17, 2017	PD Day
February 20, 2017	Family Day
March 13-17, 2017	March Break
April 14, 2017	Good Friday
April 17, 2017	Easter Monday
May 19, 2017	PD Day
May 22, 2017	Victoria Day
June 9, 2017	PD Day
June 29, 2017	Last Day of School for Students
June 30, 2017	PD Day

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Professional Development Day

It will be a Professional Development Day across the entire District School Board of Niagara on **Friday, February 17th**. There will be no school for students. In addition, there will be no school on Monday, February 20th due to the Family Day Holiday. We wish all of our families a wonderful long weekend!

The [2016-2017 Elementary School Year Calendar](#) can be found on the DSBN web site. There you can find dates of holidays and Professional Development Days.



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Stevensville PS has purchased DreamBox Learning's Math Program, an online, Intelligent Adaptive Learning(tm) program that helps all students achieve better, faster math proficiency.

Your student can access DreamBox Learning from any computer, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week using this link:

<https://play.dreambox.com/login/42cv/stevensvilleps>

DreamBox is an online program - there's no software to download! All you need is a high-speed Internet connection and Adobe Flash. Adobe Flash is free and is included with many Internet browsers.

To access DreamBox on iPad, go to <http://www.dreambox.com/ipad>, or search for "DreamBox Math" in the App Store. Download DreamBox Math Green and DreamBox Math Blue to ensure your student has access to the full catalog of DreamBox Learning Math lessons. When prompted in the app, use this School Code:

42cv/stevensvilleps

Review your student's academic progress with a DreamBox Parent Account. Please follow these steps to create your free Parent Account:

1. Go to <https://play.dreambox.com/login/42cv/stevensvilleps>
2. Have your student login to their profile just as they would at school.
3. Click *Setup Parent Access* at the bottom of the page.
4. Follow instructions to create a new login and password.
5. Read *Terms of Use* and *Privacy Policy*.
6. Click "Submit".

Log into your home account after set up:

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

If you have any questions, please contact DreamBox Client Care by calling them at 877-451-7845 (weekdays 5 a.m. to 5 p.m., Pacific Time), or email support@dreambox.com.

Sincerely,
Stevensville PS

Stevensville Public Presents...

The 2nd Annual

ARE YOU SMARTER THAN A
Stevensville Student?

Trivia for Tech



Saturday, April 22nd
Fort Erie Golf Club
Doors open at 6pm



Quiz Master Kells will begin Trivia at 7pm sharp!

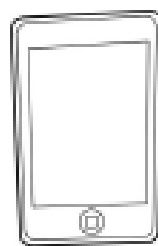
\$20.00 per person

Tables of 8

Adults Only

Pizza will be served at
the recess bell!

Contact the school for more information or email
mallory.milton@dsbn.org to reserve your table today!



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PROCEEDS
WILL GO
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SCHOOL!**

