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## Happy new year...

Happy new year! We hope that all members of our Stevensville community had a wonderful Winter break and we wish everyone health and happiness in this new year. Thank you to all who attended our holiday concert and added to the festive environment at Stevensville. Of course, thank you to all our wonderful teachers who had a hand (or hands) in making the concert what it was!

We have some new faces at Stevensville this month. Ms. Vani has taken over for Mme Sider and Ms. Swanson has taken over in Grade 7 for Mrs. Ferretti. Ms. Cowan has also joined us and she

will be here every other morning. Finally, Mr. James Willms is Stevensville's new principal. Read a little further to hear from him!

Please note that we have a Professional Activity Day coming up on Friday, January 20 and, as such, there will be no school for students. Term 1 Report Cards will be sent home on Friday, February 10.

This newsletter contains some timely information and upcoming events. Between newsletters, please check the Stevensville web site and, of course, the Homeroom app for important information and forms!

## A Message from our Principal

Happy New Year!

I hope you had a wonderful, restful break with your family and loved ones. I just wanted to say hello and introduce myself. My name is James Willms and I have been appointed as principal at Stevensville Public School to take over for Mr. Giancarlo. I am very excited for this opportunity and I have to say how much I have enjoyed this first week. You have much to be proud of, and I have appreciated the warm welcome from students, staff, and families I have met. When you are in the school, please come say hello and introduce yourself.

Mr. James Willms

## Pizza

Please note that with this new year, we have modified the process for ordering pizza. We now ask that you order for an entire month by the Tuesday that precedes the first pizza day of each month. The next due date is January 31! If your

child is absent on a pizza day, we will not reimburse because it is ordered well in advance. However, if it turns out that there is a school excursion or some other school event that is happening on a pizza day after payments have been made, then we will either

ensure students get their pizza that day or we will refund the cost of that day's pizza.

We encourage families to use School Cash Online to order but paper copies of order forms will be available in the office each month.



## Is the DSBN Academy a Good Fit for Your Child?

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. Come learn how our unique program prepares students to succeed at college and university and how your child can benefit from the opportunities offered at DSBN Academy. All families are invited to attend a parent information session in your community. Please see below for dates, times and locations.

### Parent Information Sessions

January 10, 2017	<u>Harriet Tubman, St. Catharines</u>	6:30 - 7:30pm
January 12, 2017	<u>Diamond Trail, Welland</u>	6:30 - 7:30pm
January 16, 2017	<u>Valley Way, Niagara Falls</u>	6:30 - 7:30pm
January 19, 2017	<u>McKay, Port Colborne</u>	6:30 - 7:30pm
January 24, 2017	<u>Senator Gibson, Beamsville</u>	6:30 - 7:30pm
January 26, 2017	<u>Peace Bridge, Fort Erie</u>	6:30 - 7:30pm
January 31, 2017	<u>Open House at DSBN Academy</u>	6:30 - 8:00pm



### Admission Requirements

- ⇒ DSBN Academy recruits and enrolls students from all 13 municipalities within the Niagara Region. Eligible applicants must meet the following requirements, both at the time of application as well as at enrollment:
- ⇒ Student must be entering Grades 6, 7 or 8 in September.
- ⇒ Student would be the first in their family to graduate from a college or university program. If a sibling of the student has attended a post-secondary institution but the parent(s)/guardian(s) have not, the student is still considered a First Generation Student.
- ⇒ Student must be achieving current grade level expectations or just below.
- ⇒ Student has demonstrated the potential for achieving "good" or "excellent" learning skills, particularly initiative, independent work and responsibility.
- ⇒ Student must be willing to attend a school location that may be out of his/her community.
- ⇒ Student understands that there is a mandatory after-school program which includes enrichment opportunities and academic supports.
- ⇒ Families must understand that it is a single track pathway beginning in grade 9 (Academic Level Only).
- ⇒ Families understand that there is a parent engagement requirement of 15 hours each year.
- ⇒ Applicants must submit a **completed** application by February 6, 2017.



## Head Lice

Parents are an important part of controlling head lice. Children are especially prone to these pests as they often play close together where heads may come in close contact.

Remind your children to put their tuques and other headgear in their lockers.

Long hair should be braided or pinned close to the head.

Hats, combs, brushes should not be lent or borrowed, and should be washed regularly.

Check your school age children once weekly for head lice.

Please notify the school immediately if head lice or nits are found.

When a student or students are found to have lice or nits, the parents/

guardians of that (those) child(ren) will be contacted directly. The school sends information home with all students in a class where head lice has been found. This is so that parents may be extra vigilant when inspecting their child(ren)'s head(s).

Thank you very much for your continued efforts to keep this common challenge under control.

## 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.**

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](http://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



## Math Minute(s)

At Stevensville we continue to encourage all students to spend at least 1 hour per week on Dream-Box Learning®'s Math Program (sessions should be at least 20 minutes in length). This program supports students in developing various models for thinking and reinforces important mathematical concepts.

In order to promote this very valuable program, we are continuing our DreamBox Challenge at Stevensville. For this challenge, we calculate average (mean) lessons completed during each month for each class. The classes (in each division) with the highest average for each month will earn a prize. December's winning classes were Mrs. Hennessy's Grade 2 class (the primary race was **close**), Mrs. Hein's/Ms. Davis' Grade 4/5

class, and Mr. Train's Grade 8 class. They will have pizza parties for their hard work. Check out the final results for all classes [here](#). The mean completed lessons among the students at Stevensville for the month of December was 15.

We also honour the students who complete between 20 and 28 lessons in a month because that means they completed (on average) 5 to 7 lessons per week. Those students will have their names posted in the front hall and their names have been entered into a draw to take place later this week. In December, we had 82 students who made that list and therefore have a ballot in the draw! These students are particularly impressive because they completed these lessons in a month with two weeks of winter break! We will draw one name from each division and the lucky winners will receive a Chapters gift

card.

We will also have a separate draw to celebrate students who worked hard on DreamBox over winter break. These committed students will be entered into the draw if they completed ten lessons (5 per week).

Our school challenge will continue in the coming months so please encourage your child(ren) to finish lessons and persevere...and please remind them that every time they make a mistake, their brains grow!

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



YOU & YOUR CHILD ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A

# KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, February 2, 2017 - 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.



During your visit you will:

- See a Kindergarten classroom
- Meet the Kindergarten Team
- Register for school
- Get a fun goodie bag with learning resources

**JUST WATCH ME!**  
KINDERGARTEN AT THE DSBN

Children who will be turning 4 before December 31, 2017 are eligible to start Kindergarten in September 2017.



**I Matter At DSBN**



## French Immersion Program Registration

The French Immersion program (offered at Garrison Road Public School) is open to all students in Senior Kindergarten. If you want your child to develop high proficiency and fluency in Canada’s two official languages, French Immersion has a great deal to offer.

Features of the French Immersion program:

- ⇒ Develops French language skills in speaking, listening, reading and writing from Grades one to twelve;
- ⇒ Designed to be a second-language program for children whose first language is NOT French;
- ⇒ Current enrolment of over 2,000 elementary students;
- ⇒ Certificate of French Immersion Studies awarded upon successful completion of the elementary and secondary immersion programs;
- ⇒ Promotes understanding of different cultures;
- ⇒ Provides additional opportunities for employment using French as the working language;
- ⇒ Increases the ability to communicate and interact with confidence in French.

[Registration opened on January 9th, 2017 and is open until 9 a.m. on Tuesday, February 21.](#)

For more information about French Immersion in the District School Board of Niagara visit [www.dsbni.org/fi](http://www.dsbni.org/fi) or speak to your school principal.

As previously communicated, a Parent Information evening will be held on **January 11 at 6:00 PM** at Garrison Road Public School.

## Update to Stevensville Calendar

The Stevensville Calendar that is found on our website has a new look. This digital calendar can be updated as events are added. Even though we will continue to do our best to give you as much information as possible at the beginning of each month, we will now be able to add items as they arise.

Calendar: Stevensville Website Calendar < January 2017 >						
Home		School Cal		Stevensville Website Calendar		Search Advanced
January		2017		Go		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1st (Contd.) Winter Break	2nd (Contd.) Winter Break	3rd (Contd.) Winter Break	4th (Contd.) Winter Break	5th (Contd.) Winter Break	6th (Contd.) Winter Break	7th
8th	9th DAY 7, Cycle 8	10th DAY 8, Cycle 8 My Life Online Presentations for grade 4-8 Bus Safety Presentations Pizza orders due	11th DAY 9, Cycle 8 Event	12th DAY 10, Cycle 8 Grade 6/7 Trip to Woodland Cultural Centre	13th DAY 1, Cycle 9 Pizza Day	14th
15th	16th DAY 2, Cycle 9	17th DAY 3, Cycle 9	18th DAY 4, Cycle 9	19th DAY 5, Cycle 9 Pizza Day	20th Professional Activity Day	21st
22nd	23rd DAY 6, Cycle 9	24th DAY 7, Cycle 9	25th DAY 8, Cycle 9	26th DAY 9, Cycle 9	27th DAY 10, Cycle 9 Pizza Day	28th
29th	30th DAY 1, Cycle 10	31st DAY 2, Cycle 10	1st DAY 3, Cycle 10	2nd DAY 4, Cycle 10	3rd DAY 5, Cycle 10 Pizza Day	4th

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## Please mark your calendar...

- January 11—French Immersion Open House
- January 12—Grade 6/7 Trip to Woodland Cultural Centre
- January 20—PD Day
- February 10—Term 1 Report Cards Go Home

Pizza Days—January 13, 19, 27

\*February pizza orders are due January 31!

## Staff

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|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| K. Krutschke         | Kindergarten                |
| R. Sensabaugh        | Early Childhood Educator    |
| C. Vanderklei        | Kindergarten                |
| M. Morrish           | Early Childhood Educator    |
| A. VanderWerf        | Grade 1                     |
| S. Hennessy          | Grade 1/2                   |
| R. Menard            | Grade 2                     |
| K. Kells             | Grade 3                     |
| S. de Waard          | Grade 3/4                   |
| A. Hein              | Grade 4/5                   |
| M. Davis             | Grade 4/5/Prep              |
| B. Roach             | Grade 5                     |
| M. Milton            | Grade 6                     |
| B. Swanson           | Grade 7                     |
| D. Simons            | Grade 7/8                   |
| S. Train             | Grade 8                     |
| R. Roach             | Teacher Librarian/Prep      |
| H. Cowan             | Prep                        |
| M. Lee               | Fundamental Skills          |
| J. Saylor            | Structured Strategies       |
| S. Bullock           | Educational Assistant       |
| L. Fretz             | Educational Assistant       |
| N. Hamm              | Educational Assistant       |
| J. Meredith          | Educational Assistant       |
| A. Thomson           | Educational Assistant       |
| D. Vandenberg        | Learning Resource Teacher   |
| D. Vani              | French as a Second Language |
| L. Schuyler          | Instructional Coach         |
| T. Priestman         | Caretaker                   |
| S. Turner /A. Gibson | Evening Cleaners            |
| J. O'Donnell         | Lunch Supervisor            |
| S. Weaver            | Lunch Supervisor            |
| K. Stuart            | Youth Counsellor            |
| D. Walters/K. Noxel  | Secretary                   |
| J. Willms            | Principal                   |
| K. Racey             | 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, January 20th**. There will be no school for students.

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.

We're on the web!

Visit us at [stevensville.dsbni.org](http://stevensville.dsbni.org)



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](mailto:support@dreambox.com).

Sincerely,  
Stevensville PS